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ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

Last week Judge Sumner and Commissioner Howard visited the northern part of the county for the purpose of determining if the county court would bridge Trout creek and construct a road up Hay creek canyon. Since their examination they are convinced of the necessities of these improvements, but have not determined to commence them immediately.

These improvements should have been made years ago, for at least two thirds of the freight and wool of the county have had to pass over this route, and it would have been to the interest of a majority of the taxpayers to have had the road put in the best possible condition. But at this time it is questionable if the court would be justified in appropriating a large amount of money for this purpose.

The decision furthermore explicitly induces boycotting, for which workmen have been imprisoned at various times in New York and elsewhere. What only excuses it in the particular case under review, but sanctions it in terms broad enough to cover almost any conceivable manifestation hereafter.

The trouble between France and Spain is becoming serious, and a war seems inevitable. The French minister has been ordered to leave Bangkok. In turn France is proceeding to close the Siam ports, England and Germany having interest along the southeastern coast of Asia will object to France's actions and will come to the relief of Siam. This will force Russia into the dispute, and a general European war may result.

Fresno county, California, has reason now to favor three-fourths rule in the finding of verdicts by juries. The superior court has devoted six weeks to the trial of Dick Heath for the murder of L. B. McWhirter. The jury stood eleven for conviction of murder in the first degree and one for acquittal. This obstinate juror, who was an enemy of the murdered man and who is accused of swearing falsely in order to get on the jury, held the balance of power, and his opinion outweighed the judgment of eleven others who were convinced the accused was guilty of cold-blooded murder.

The woolen mills at Salem are running day and night, employ 72 hands, and pay out \$3000 in wages each month. That's in a section where they don't know anything about raising wool, and where they have to ship their raw material hundreds of miles; but the people of the capital city had enterprise about them, secured the location of the mill by offering proper inducements, and are now reaping a financial harvest. But these mills are in the wrong location. They ought to be in the heart of the wool-producing country—on Deschutes river for instance—where the raw material could be carried to the door of the factory on the backs of the sheep. When we get a railroad we may expect such factories, though on a larger scale than those at Salem. The unlimited water power of Deschutes and the natural facilities for manufacturing in this country will not long lie idle after we have transportation facilities. "There's a good time coming," and it's almost here.

It is stated that President Cleveland has, through one of the most competent officers of the government, made a thorough canvass of both houses of congress on the silver question. The conclusion arrived at is that there will be a long and bitter contest in both houses over the repeal of the Sherman law, that the repeal may be accomplished, but not readily. The extra session will likely run into the regular session without settling this disturbing question.

A REMARKABLE DECISION.

The supreme court of Minnesota holds the boycott and the blacklist are entirely legitimate when employed by capitalists against the public. The decision plainly implies that similar privileges will be extended to workmen, although by the judgment of state and federal courts elsewhere the trades unionist who attempts to boycott an employer is subject to fine and imprisonment.

The latest decision is notable in more respects than one. The question was whether a lumber dealer's trust could legally boycott a firm belonging to it for selling below the price charged by retail dealers. The court holds that it can, and further, that "any one, unless under a contract obligation, or unless his employer charges him with some public duty, has a right to refuse to work for, or deal with, any man or class of men he sees fit, and this right, which one man may exercise singly, any number of men may exercise jointly."

The far-reaching nature of this ruling hardly needs pointing out. It abandons the common law doctrine that combinations in restraint of trade are illegitimate, as against public policy. The action of the Northwestern Lumber Association in enforcing high prices would have been considered sufficient, if attempted in London a few years ago, to bring its members to Newgate. We do not know an instance in which such a conspiracy—which is the technical legal term for it—has been sanctioned by an American court before.

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When Oregon quits importing so much and begins to manufacture a little more of what she consumes we may expect to see better times. And we expect so many articles that could easily be produced here that Eastern people almost question our sanity. For instance, a Pendleton paper says one saloon in that city consumed 2700 gallons of Eastern beer in two months. Now if Oregonians must have beer, they ought to produce it. The principal ingredient of beer is water, and it is absurd for us to buy this Lake Michigan and Mississippi river water half way across the continent just because some Milwaukee or St. Louis brewer has made it palatable by mixing a little barley and hops with it. We pay enough freight on this water in five years to build a capacity sufficient to flood the state with beer.

Governor Pennington has suffered damn's little. His reception of Vice-President Stevenson was a little more cordial than that extended to President Harrison when he visited the state. He is beginning to learn that even a governor should be polite to "obscure" citizens, such as presidents and vice-presidents, when they arrive on the coast.

Since January 1st two hundred national banks have failed, of those that failed were United States depositaries, but the government will not lose anything by the failure of such banks that are government depositaries, because the federal funds deposited in the banks are the government's money. It is allowed to carry.

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