CHANCES ARE GOOD

Oregon Republicans Confident of Success This Year.

PARTY UNITED IN ALL SECTIONS

Gold Standard and Expansion Draw Votes From the Populist and Democratic Banks.

According to reports received, the pres pect for Republican success in Oregon th June and Nevember is exceedingly flattering. Victory is not doubted, and the only question appears to be as to the ma-jorities of the Republican numbers. The party is compact in all sections of the finte, and contests, if there are to be any. it is not surprising that the sentiment

of Republicans is unanimous for the gold standard. Not only regular Republicans, but former Silver Republicans, Democrats and Populiets are living up for the mone-tary policy of the Administration. They have lived to see the error of their ways and will vote the Republican ticket in June and November, Prosperty and the increase of the gold supply under the gold standard have been the principal causes of the alternation of a considerable un and silver to the Republican ranks. themselves in their race to get back into

is no doubting the strength of from both Democrats and Populists. Republicans do not seem to take seri-sually the suggestion of fusion between the Democrats and the Populist. The freschery of 1898 appears to be a bar to an alliance this year. Singly, neither Democrats nor Populists stand any show of currying the State. Fused, they can-not deliver the votes this year any more

their vote would be many thousands below the Republican strength. Doubless there will be fusion on local officers in many counties, and with the inevitable result— Democrats will capture such offices as can be got and the Populists will land motifies. There is no tendency to overconfidence on the part of the Republicans. All resilize that only the best men should be mominated for office, and that no effort

THEAMOOK ALL RIGHT. Mid-Time Democrats Getting Into Line for Expansion.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Feb. 24.—The situation in Tillamook is all right. Tillamook was Republican "befork the wah," and hus never since falled to give a Republican majority at any State or National elec-

We are all for expension, especially in the Philippines. We have gone West until stopped by the waters of Old Pacific, and have ever since been fretted by that obstacle to further growth. And now that the flag has been raised beyond the man, we see no more reason for waiting on the consent of the Tagals than we did in the case of the Modocs or Stukes, and harow no reason why Aguirado's standing differs from that of old King Philip. Even the clams of Tillamook recognize the necessity for expanding, their boun-

tries, as they grow.
We are for sound money, plenty of money of all kinds, and all as good as

We are for protection, believing that the revenues ought to be raised in such

the revenue ought to be raised in such a manner as to give the wage-sarner in America a little the best of it.

Ferhaps one-tenth of our people would be willing to see the flux hauled down; but they don't say so. Porhaps one-tenth still believe that some way can be found to make money chang when you take in and dear when you pay it out; and perhaps another tenth would be willing to cheapen American wages and products to the average rate of the world, in order to make their own purchases a little to make their own purchases a little deeper. These and a few chronic mal-Republican party this year.

heir first leve, and many old-fashioned

tilation is largely of foreign birth. These pacpic at first know little of our institu-tions, and are liable to vote any way; but after a few years' education in our language and the principles of our coun-try, they mostly become good Republicans and stay that way. T. B. HANDLEY, Republican State Committeeman.

LANE FOR GOLD STANDARD. Republican Cinks Gain Members From the Opposition.

EUGHNE, Or., Fob. 21.—Lane County to for the gold standard, and the centiment has majorially circumstanced along that line within the past few months. The condition of the masses is considerably improved, money being easier among the farmers, although very many of them

QUESTION OF MAJORITIES. Republican Success Assured in

Washington County. Washington County.

HILLSBORD, Or., Feb. 24.—The prospects of Republican success in Washington County in both the June and Presidential elections was never better. The generally prosperous condition of the people will be for the benefit of the Republican party, and the electors will be leth to cast their votes for a change. It is not a question of electing the Republican ticket, but marging a question of what will be the majority of that ticket.

At a corresponding period two years ago the opposition had openly, for some time, been corresponding period two years ago the opposition had openly for some time, been corresponding plans for fusion, and had the definite well erranged for carrying the same into effect, but at the present time no manifest evertures have been made in the direction of a fusion of the country to by the said experience of the fusion forces at the hands of the people in this Country two years ago, and the utter hoppiessness of any better success at this time. However, it is reasonable to presume that fusion of all the opposing forces will yet be consumeded. enajority of that ticket.

license of this County are a unit as to the gold standard and expansion, while not a few of the fusionists have been known to timent is practically unanimous, and no man carry wasco County on a platform that advocates free silver or the surry in opposition thereta. A few of the Silver Republicans have already signed the Silver Republicans have already signed the rolls of Republican clubs, and it is

number, while hesitating to publicly knowledge their mistake, will, on elecday, cast their votes for the straight Re-Republican State Commit

JACKSON COUNTY. Republicans Confident of Electing

Their Entire Ticket. JACKSONVILLE, Or., Feb. M.-The outlook in Jackson County at present favote the Republican party for several rea-tions, the principal of which is the general prosperity of the country under the present Administration. Our banks have more money than they can loan, interest is low and good security much sought after. The money has come out of the old stocking and from under the stump, and is seck-ing investment. All of this leads me to ing investment. All of this leads me to believe that Bryan and free silver are things of the past. All of our products are in demand and at advanced prices, with the single exception of wheat, and we do not raise much of that to export. This winter has been very favorable for the miner, and the yield of gold should be read.

The majority of our people are for gold standard and expansion, and are, you might say, unanimous for the construction of the Nicaragua canal.

The Republicans will certainly carry the

The Republicans will certainly carry the election in June as well as the Presidential election. Their gains will come from the gold-standard Democrats, the increase of immigration and the return of many former Republicans who went astray on silver. There will be no fusion this year, consequently there will be three tickets in the field-Republicans, Middle-of-the-Road Populists and Democratic or say. consequently there will be three ticsels in the field—Republicans, Middle-of-the-Road Populists and Democrats or any old road Populists. Four years ago the Demo-Populists elected their entire County ticket, with one exception, and gave Bryan a majority of nearly 1000 votes. Two years new the Demoklogues secred their entire. ago the Republicans elected their entire County ticket, with three exceptions, and this year we intend to elect the entire blican ticket and give the Presiden-

tial electors a majority.

H. E. ANKENY,
Republican State Committeeman.

GAINS IN POLK. Populists Like Prosperity, and Join

the Republican Ranks, the Republican Ranks.

The Republicans of Polk County are practically unanimous for the gold standard and expansion. They favor prosecuting the war to a successful termination, regardless of cost.

The prospects for a Republican victory both at the State and National elections are bright. We have gained some votes since last election, coming mostly from

are bright. We have gained some votes since last election, coming mostly from the Populist party. The Democrats and Populists fused at the last two elections, but the arrangement did not prove very satisfactory to the Populists. They furnished a sufficient number of votes to elect quite a number of Democrats to office, but failed to get any "ple" for themselves. It is not likely that they will fuse seain. Summing up the notifiwill fuse again. Summing up the politi-cal situation briefly, I will say that the Republicans will most likely carry this County, both in June and November; not altogether on account of the great schievements of the Republican Adminis-tration, but partly owing to the indescrib-able stupidity of the Democrats in cling-ing to the free coinage of silver and opdition to the war in the Philippine

islands.
The business conditions are not very satisfactory, is an agricultural County like this, when wheat—the main staple product of the farmer—is produced with-out profit, and hops are preduced at an actual loss, when everything the farmer buys has advanced from 25 to 100 per cent buys has advanced from 25 to 100 per cent in the past 15 months, it is not surprising that the farmers, as well as the business men, are not prosperous. These conditions, however, cannot be changed by legislation, but might be greatly improved if the farmers would not depend on wheat alone, but turn their attention, in part, to the stock and dairy business.

IRA S. SMITH,

Republican State Committeeman.

WALLOWA COUNTY. Republican Chances Are More En-

couraging Than Ever. ENTERPRISE, Or., Feb. 24.—The ponore encouraging to the Republican party han it has been for several years. The Democrats are making strenuous efforts o regain their position, in County politics, For several years past they have never put out a full ticket, but would make a deal with one or the other of the other parties and manage to step a man into office With the passing of the Populist party the Democrats begin to see where they are at, and want to lead the opposition to the Republican party. There are a few office-bolders who got their tobs th Shelr first love, and many old-fashloned
Democrate have determined to live up to
the expansion and sound-money principles
of Jefferson, even if, in order to do so
they must call themselves Republicans, as
Jefferson did.

We gain in another direction. Our poptilation is largely of foreign birth. These County, in their own minds, are not office-seekers. There is a move on foot, how-ever, to fuse the Democrats and Popullars, and it is probable it will be carried out, unless they disagree over the division of the offices. The Popullar party has here-tofore been strong enough to carry the County afone, but in seeking fusion with the democrats is an acknowledgment of

their loss of strength.

The general prosperity in this county that has prevailed since the Republican party returned to National power has done wonders toward convincing the sensible Popullet and Democrat that their cher-lahed doctrines of free silver, free trade and free soup were eroneous and vision The Republicans have gained very perceptibly since 1896, and they have ever hope of currying this County next June The reorganization of the Republican slubs throughout the County shows some accessions from the Democratic and Pepulis ranks. I think an attempt to fuse the Democratic and Pepulis will be made, but how successful they will be is hard to predict at this time.

With careful, judiclous nominations at our County Convention, the Republican party should have no trouble in electing its smile ticket in this County at the June election, and my optaion is, Lane County will be for McKinley at the November ejection.

S. B. EAKIN, Republican State Committeeman. tred world and the true Filipines, not the maurading bands of bandits under Aguin

Considering the situation from every standpoint the Republican party has a good chance to win in the County, CARL ROE.

OUTLOOK IN WASCO. Only a Revolution Could Defeat the Republicana.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. M.—Nothing short of a revolution is likely to keep the Republicans of Wasco County from carrying the County at the coming State and National elections by a majority as large

on of all the appealing forces will yet be apparamented.

I think I can safely say that the Republished I can safely say that the can be concerned in the can be c

placed it. There is no better index of pub-ile opinion than the country press. Wasco County has six newspapers. Five of them are for expansion and the gold standard

are for expansion and the gold standard, and one, which talks to deaf ears. Is for Bryan and Aguinaide.

Free silver, as a political issue, is dead as Hestor, and is never mentioned seriously but to be laughed at. Of the two or three hundred Republicans who voted with the fusionlets in 1806 and 1806, so many have been converted from the error of their ways by the lorder of excepts and many have been converted from the error of their ways by the logic of events and so many returns to affiliate with a party that is certain to make anti-expansion a cardinal doctrine of its faith, that it is practically certain that no convention will be held and no effort made to organise the Free-Silver Republican forces for the coming campaign. In point of fact it is doubtful if such a convention could muster a dozen delegates. The mass of Free-Silver Republicans will return to their former allegiance, and the few-and very few at that—who are constitutionally the victims of political dyspensia and impervious time of political dyspepsia and impervi to the logic of evenis, will become polli-cal guerillas or go over body and breeches to Populism. As to the question of fusion of Democrats and Populists, nothing at this time is cortain, except that a few loading Democrats openly oppose fu-sion and urge their brethren to go it alone. But, as neither party has the slightest prespect of accomplishing anything by the self-nor unitedly for that matter-uith-mate fusion is more than probable. The Gold-Standard Democrats are not

saying much, but what they do say is at least significant. Said one of them to the writer, in answer to an inquiry as to the political outlack in his district: "My dear air, the country is hopelessity presperous."
Said another: "Why should I any longer affiliate with the Democratic party when I am thoroughly opposed to it on every leading issue of the hour, and as thoroughly in accord with the Republican party on these issues?" Said still another: "I'm a Republican. Thunder and lightning! What's the use in hanging on to a party that simply stands in the way of human progress and howis calamity?" The writer gave it up and the conundrum is passed on to the readers of The Oregonian.

HUGH GOURLAY.

POPULISTS COMING BACK. Sherman County Republicans Re-

cruiting Their Forces. MORO, Feb. 24.—It has occurred to a great many Republicans, and, perhaps, to others, although not publicly announced, that a very large majority of Populists in Shorman County who were Republicans originally are coming back to their former affiliations and will cast their votes in June and November with the Republican party. Among these I could mention quite a number possessing in a large degree fine traits which makes the good American citizen; that is, frank, cutspoken, self-reilant, aggressive men, truthful in essentials, hating shams and deadly in earnest when they feel the hand of duty on them. Men who actually fell down over persistent shams, but when awakened to a realizing sense of the situation appreciated their position. Populists in Sherman County who were of the situation appreciated their position, and have only awaited a favorable op-portunity to retrace their record. Republicans of Sherman County stand

Republicans of Sherman County stand square up with the Administration, notably in its foreign policy. They believe in holding Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines, as America has held every noquisition of territory, from the 12 colonies to date. They believe it to be the duty of Congress to settle this matter of annexation without any further delay, believing that the dawn of our industrial freedom can in no way be more greatly reedom can in no way be more greatly indered than by neglect to take immeliste action in the matter of complete

insexation.

Republicans in Sherman County are so far pleased with Hon. M. A. Moody in Congress that they scout the idea of any man's privilege to set him selde for "ro-tation in office." No other possible excuse could be advanced for wanting a change

n this Congressional District.
We have no "silver republicans," so-called, in Sherman County. In addition called, in Sherman County. In addition to what I have said above concorning Populists who were drawn from the Republican party several years ago, many of them voted the Republican ticket two years ago, and we believe they are going to do it this year. Ever since the money question became an issue, the Republicans of Sherman County have been a unit for the gold standard. In 1896 the delagates the gold standard. In 1895 the delegates from this County voted for the minority report from the committee on platform, which was for the gold standard without

recommendation, too, that in all the past, present and future, included so far as I am able to discern, that Sherman County goes and comes regularly to all the con ventions, State and Congressional, with-out any slate. We go about politics up out any slate. We go about politics up here as we go about any matter of mo-W. H. MOORE.

A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN. Morrow County Republicans Confident of Success.

HEPPNER, Feb. 24. - Morrow County Republicans are preparing for a vigor-ous political campaign, and there is every indication that they will carry the Coun-try, at both the June and Presidential elections. Factional differences that have hitherto benefited the Democrats are now forgotten, and party harmony exists, while many of the Gold Democrats who in 1886 voted for McKinley, will now cooperate with the Republicans. From con-versation with some of the Itading Dem-ocrats and Populists of the County, the idea is gained that fusion will be repulsive to both purties. The Populiats claim that the Democrata forget their fusion pledges at the time of election, and the coult has been that the Democrats alone the farmers, although very many of them have not yet sold whicat or hops, in fact, bare not yet sold whicat or hops, in fact, wary little of these two commodities has changed hands in this County.

The reorganization of the Republican clubs throughout the County shows some generally. As to expansion, there is a wish to get back to the notifier the activation of the Republican school of the present condition of things are thoroughly sails and the present condition of things are thoroughly sails and the present condition of things are thoroughly sails and the present condition of things are thoroughly sails are thoroughly sails are thoroughly sails and the present condition of things are thoroughly sails are thoroug have guined by the union. Some of the office-seckers among the Dimocrats would wish to get back to the position the party occupied before it became tainted with

The principal industry of this section s sheep and cattle-raising, and the stock-nea of the County feel so prosperous that many of them have refused to contract their Spring clip of wool at 17 cents per pound, while under Democratic times they were glad to got from 6 to 10 cents. The armets have arrived at the conclusion that the price of silver does not regulate the price of wheat, and the present low price of wheat is charged to no other cause than that of supply and demand. There is but little discussion over the money question. Both Democrats and Republicans seem to accept the verdict of 1896 as decisive of that question, and are disposed to let it rest. The people of Morrow County are strongly in favor of the Administration policy of expansion, and, conservatively speaking, the County will go from 100 to 250 Republican.

(L. W. PHELPS,

State Committeeman.

BRIGHT IN HARNEY, Bryan and King Pluralities Will Be

Wiped Out This Year. BURNS, Feb. 21.—Never before has Harnoy County been in a more prosperous condition. This County is a stockproduc-ing section, and the high prices that are riding for livestock have made the productrs very independent. With 30-cent wool and \$40 cattle our stockmen are centainly prosperous, and consequently the entire County, more especially Burns, the County seat, which in four years has grown from a village of 500 to a live, bust-ling town of 1000. The improvements in

the County have been of a substantial and permanent nature. As for the political situation in the County, the prospects of Republican suc-

Republicans are making stead) gains, as is shown by the large member-ship of the McKinley and Hobart Club-Several leading Democrats of the County have added their names to the roll.

I think the situation in this County can be summed up by the remarks of a prom-inent Democrat, who said that if the Demperatic party nominated Bryan on a plat form of free silver and anti-expansion he would vote the Republican ticket. While the Republicans are in the minor-ity, the conditions are such that it is more than probable that Harney County will be in the Republican column in the coming election. J. J. DONEGAN.

WHEELER COUNTY. Apparently No Populists and Demo

crats Are to be Found. POSSIL, Feb. 24.—The prospect is fine or grand Republican victories in Wheeler County next June and November. This County next June and November. This prospect is justified, first, by the returns of last election in the various precincts of Grant, Crook and Gilliam Counties, that now comprise the new County: second, by the fact that a considerable immigration influx has been largely Republican; and third, because the present Republican National Administration has brought unvanied presently to the stocker size in exampled presperity to the stockrasing in-terests, that are the mainstay and prac-tically the only large industry of the

sentiment in favor of the gold The sentiment in tayor of the gold standard has grown wonderfully since actual experience has utterly demolished the false dictions and theories of Bryan. One hears no more of that anomaly, the "Silver Republican," and the leaders of what Democrats we have in this County are now pronounced gold-standard men. The Populists, as a party, are practically to more, where they have more is partly The Populiets, as a party, are practically no more: where they have gone is partly explained by the circumstance that quite a number of their names are pointed to with pride on the 190 roll of membership of the Fossil Republican Club. There will be no County Populist ficket in the field, the Democratic will not fuse with them, consequently, if they vote at all they will perforce cast their votes for one or the other of the great historic cartiExpansion is a nonular chord here, and Expansion is a popular chord here, and in that issue alone a victory would be assured for the Republican party in this ed for the Republican party in this day, JAMES S. STEWART.

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Riggs, Miss Lettle Scott, Miss Mury A. B. CROASMAN, P. M. Want Connection With Union Pacific.

SIOUX CITY, Peh. 25.—A case of great interest to this section—that of the Credits Commutation Company, and the Combination Bridge Company, against the Union Pacific Railroad, will come up in the United States Supreme Court at Washington temperature. The contention of the ington tomorrow. The contention of the Commutation and Bridge Companies is for a business connection with the Union Pacific Radirond, under an act passed by Congress in 1862. The Credit Company and

POSITION OF ASTORIA AND LOWER RIVER CHANNELS.

View of the Situation From Astoria's Standpoint-Misdirection of Improvement Work,

ASTORIA, Feb. M.—Portland is deeply interested in Astoria's harbor. It is of wime importance to her commerce that thips should have the best and most quiet samps should have the best and most quiet harbor when they come in and when they go out at the mouth of the Columbia. Portland is as much interested in Asioria harbor as London is in that of Southimpton, at the mouth of the Thames. The only safe harbor at the Columbia's mouth is that on the south side, where the fee shore protects against the winter winds from southeast to continue of the south side. he winter winds from southeast to south west, and the mountains on the north side of the river protect from the prevailing summer winds of the northwest. It is therefore Portland's interest to see that therefore Portland's interest to see that every aid to navigation shall be given to Astoria harbor, and to correct all false moves in river improvement that hurt that harbor. The jetty at the head of Woody Island channel above Tongue Point, made a few years ago, has injured Astoria harbor by diverting the flow of water to the middle and north side chanwater to the middle and north side channels. They have deepened, while the Artoria channel has narrowed. That jety
closed the Prairie channel to navigation,
and did the same, practically, for the
Woody Island channel. The purpose of
that jetty was to deepen the north side
channel and thus get rid of the "Hog's
Back" sand bar. But it failed of its purpose and overleaped itself by injuring
Astoria harbor, without any benefit
whatever to commerce. This great mistake should be corrected, and the purpose of this article is to make the "whys" pose of this article is to make the "whys" and "hows" of that proposition plain to every mind.

Tongue Point is the key to Astoria har-

bor. It is a narrow headland at the up-per end of Astoria Peninsula, that pro-lects far into the Columbia at a great bend in the river. It separates Astoria Bay from Cathlamet Bay, and is a most unique point, overlooking the entire situa-tion for a distance of 30 miles from the mouth of the river. Above and east of it are three ship channels—the Prairie channel on the south side, the Woody Island channel in the middle, and the North Shore channel, Prior to the construction of the Snag Island jetty, the waters of that channel made direct and in full vol-ume for Tongue Point, where they me the waters of Prairie channel and North Side channel, and the impulse sunt the united waters around Tongue Point into the main ship channel of Astoria harbor. At this junction, a mighty swirl is created, and the channel is more than 120 feet deep. It was thought that this Snag Is-land jetty would reduce the size of that middle channel, and by diverting its wa-ters, make a better channel on the north ide, which was thus made the only ship hannel. Of course, all the water that uns out to the ocean via the middle hannel is merely wasted.

The Need of the Bour.

The North Side channel is valuable be hough wholly impossible as a seaport be-ause of its exposure to the fierce sea wells made by the winter winds. That channel, however, has plenty of water for river steamboats already, and the great need of Portland's commerce is to turn all the water possible into the As-toria ship channel below Tongue Point. The United States Engineers say this can be done at a cost of not more than \$10... 000, by means of a training pile jetty just north of the Point. Instead of restor-ing the Woody Island channel, though, its waters should be diverted into the its waters should be diverted into the Prairie channel, at a point just west of Marsh laland. Woody Island channel is of no value to commerce. But the Prairie channel can be made of incatculable value to Portland in developing export lumber mills. The reason underlying this important fact develops the reason why Tongue Point is an ideal site for an export sawmill. Like the other pertions of Astoria Bay, the west side of Tongue Point is perfectly sheltered from the prevailing winter winds. The mountain ranges of the north shore also protect it from the roughness of heavy sea swells due to the summer winds from the northwest. Still, while shipping is not disturbed by those winds, they make Astoria west. Still, while shipping is not dis-turbed by those winds, they make Astoria harbor a little "choppy" and at times cause commetted is log booms. East of Tongue Point, in Cathiamet Bay, how-ever, is the lee shore of those winds, and, besides, if a wind from that disasting.

Boers Alwars Ellipsia. besides, if a wind from that direction should disturb the log booms it would only drive them against the shore. The great fact applies to all of Cathlamet Bay, to which Prairie channel bears the same relation that the main ship channel does to Astoria Bay. Diversion of the waters of Woody Island channel, then, into Prairie channel, would convert it into the main ship channel, and make Cathlamet Bay even a more important and secure harbor than Astoria harbor.

Canal Across the Point. A feature of special value at Tongue Point is the further fact that a canal across the neck of the Point would enable the cawmill to float its logs from the zafe log boom in Cathlamet Bay to the mill located on the Astoria Bay front, adincont to the deep-water ships and to the railway tracks. This canal would not af-fect the ship channel, either, as some might fear. It would only drain the wa-ters of the John Day River and of Bear. Mary's, Ferris and Big Creeks, which would at the same time increase the vol-ume of water in Astoria Bay to its advantage. Practical sawmill men consider that the Tongue Point location is, for these reasons, an ideal site for an export sawmill; but the change of Prairie chansawmill; but the change of Prairie channel into the main ship channel, as indicated, by closing up Woody Island channel
and diverting its waters, would add 10miles and more of equally valuable sawmill sites to this harbor. At the same
time it would rid Portland of the "Hog's
Back" sand bar. It would also build up
a great island north of the Prairie channel, that would make it completely landlocked and would protect that harbor
from any possible wind. The present tide
lands would be recialmed, and the water
front of Cathlamet Bay would be extendfront of Cathlamet Bay would be extend-ed out to the margin of the Prairie chan-nel, leaving the inside steamboat channel (made by the creeks) open to run out through the Tongue Point canal.

This brief description will disclose the important fact for Portinna that Tengue Point is indeed the key to Astoria harbor, and to the sawmill situation of the Lower Columbia. Of course, every foot of the 70,000,000,000 feet of timber in that great timber region is easily tributary to the marville that may be located either. great timber region is ensily tributary to the sawmills that may be located either at Tongue Point or on Cathlamet Bay. It is superior to all other bays in the Northwest, and to Puget Sound as a lumber center, not only in the extent of its timber supply but also in its fresh-water log booms and its accessibility to the high seas and other features of superiority as a port, all of which facts apply to the effire Astoria situation. There is no reason why a greater than the St. Paul & Tacoma sawmill should not be speedily secreted at Tongue Point. And no doubt the Astoria Company will soon lose its opportunity by dillying with the situation which is now rapidly clarifying into settled common-point rates on Eastern lumber shipments. ber shipments.

Replace Rough Passage With Smooth

Another familiar fact makes it import ant to convert the Prairie channel into Congress in 1862. The Credit Company and the Bridge Company say that if they win the suit they will at once begin the construction of a road from Scoux Chy to any point on the Union Pacific which the President of the United Stales may deging the constant of the United Stales may deging the

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KEY TO THE HARBOR would enable the steamboats to cross by the safe and quiet path of the Prairie than the people of this County, regardless of political opinions, are in favor of expansion. occasions to attempt to cross over from Pillar Rock or Harrington's Point b Tongue Point, and stamboatmen often wait for a safe hour to cun that terriba gauntlet. They always have a wary exgaunties. They always have a wary ere on that crossing in squally weather. The southwest winds of winter have full sweep on that course; but they are shut off from the Frairie channel by Tongue Point—the most valuable friend to cummerce on the Lower Columbia.

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channel must be accomplished with reference to these important conditions of commerce. And it must always be remasobered that Tongue Point is the log to the Astoria harbor.

To impress upon all concerned the importance of attention to this situation, it should be added that the main ship channel, at Tongue Point, is not correctly represented on the United States chart is and last November. A singular note is found, too, on that chart, it reads: "Note. The soundings on this chart are unreliable on account of frequent changes, and the mids to navigation are therefore omitted." Depths, as well as buoys, are "aids" to mayigation, it may be remarked in considering this concealment of this menace to the Astoria ship channel. The true channel at that place is in the shape true channel at that place is in the shape of the lotter S. A heavy sand bar has formed north of the Point, through the lessened force of the waters of Woody Island channel. The steamers used to pass close up to the Point, but now they make a great deteur in following the changed channel. The Astoria channel is narrowing there on Joth sides, and the Middle channel is despening. The situation demands speedy action by Portland as well as Astoria. Other jettles not shown on that chart have been made to the east and south of the Snag Island jetty, di-verting the waters northward. G.

though whether the next man will be an avowed polygamist remains to be seen. He must be a Mormon, whether nominally a Republican or Democrat. The Mormons are in the majority in Utah, and hold everything secondary to their faith. The special election for Roberts' successor will be held in April.

One very important factor in Utah elections, he says, is the Mormon woman vote, which is always cast on the side of the Latter-Day Sainia. These women outnumber the Gentile women is to 1, and although at heart opposed to polygamy, they vote in its favor on every occasion. The Mormons, especially the polygamisis, treat their women like so many beasts treat their women like so many beasts of burden, and it is not the well-to-do Mormons who are strongest in favor of

enormous capacity for earning momey. This church property was, until recently, exempt from taxation, but the Gentile sentiment has finally become strong enough to compel it to bear its share of the public burdens. This, Mr. Culp thinks, indicates a continued strengthening of the Geottle forces in Utah, and these Gentiles

ongue inspired to action in war by religious real and implicit faith in the God of Battles, and implicit faith in the God of Battles, and implicit faith in the God of Battles, and buring their be prayer and slogan, is a striving peem. Listen to the Insty chorus of a detachment of stalwart, bearded, unkempt horsemen and hunters, dressed like bandits, and baring their heads and closing their eyes in prayer as they slog, and you get an idea of the martial ardor of these losses.

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and contempt for civilization, they are a picturesque lot of warlike vagabonds, and their Dervish-like intonation of "Het heeft geoffered good en blood voor vrijheld en voor recht," will kindle the reluction admiration of the most prejudiced Uit-lander, "Het Volkslied" is the name of this battle-seng, which they sing in the

LAW NOT LIKELY TO COME PHOM THIS CONGRESS.

Four Bills Have Been Introduced-No. Disposition to Disregard the Small Range Stockman,

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The proposiinto news and more prominence every day, and the project is getting wider circulation among the various interests has are affected by the proposed beginning. So far there has evidently been no attempt

far there has evidently been no attempt to get together, and members of congressions grazing states are receiving all sorts of letters and recommandations in the matter. There are certain classes that favor brazing to a restricted way, white others are opposed to the principal in every particular. In many states the people have falled to grasp the full intens of the various senators and representatives who have introduced lessing belie, and without becoming acquainted with the subject, they jump at conclusions, and insubject, they jump at concinvious, and im-mediately set up a how! that there is a movement on foot in owngress to lease the public lends to corporations and large stock companies. As a matter of fact, of the several lending bills that mays been introduced, there is not one but provides for protecting the miterests of the settler and small stockowner.

pushing them at this time, and it can be marely predicted that the close of this seasion, if not the close of the lith congress, will see no general leasing legislation enacted. There may be some provision for grazing within the forest reserves, where grazing is now prohibited, but this will probably be the limit of legislation is this direction. The members most interested say that they themselves are not ready to not in this matter, and want first to learn the full and unrestited scottlement of the people of their states before gaking pushing them at this time, and it can be

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One member of the public hands committee who is intensely interested in this grusing question, says that he does not and never did favor a potential grazing system, and thinks that the time is not yet ripe when all of the public grazing lands should be leased. He, however, favours leader those mubble grazing lands those those while grazing lands there is those mubble grazing lands that are to Roberts.

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1. Republican or Demonstrate to the small tracts taken up by settlers, that they may have the exclusive use of these ranges for their awa sheep and cattle. His idea, however, is not to allow such leases as will withhold these lambs from entry, but permit such entry of them as may be desired. This feature, he appreciates, will meet some opposition, but he feels that the opposition will not be such as to materially injure a the properties of the man along the properties. Amother factors are the properties of their away have the exclusive use of these ranges for their away have the exclusive use of these ranges for their away have the exclusive use of these ranges for their away have the exclusive use of these ranges for their away have the exclusive use of these ranges for their away have the exclusive use of these ranges for their away have the exclusive use of these ranges for their away have the exclusive use of these ranges for their away have the exclusive use of these ranges for their away have the exclusive use of these ranges for their away have the exclusive use of these ranges for their away have the exclusive use of these ranges for their away have the exclusive use of these ranges for their away have the exclusive use of them as may be desired. This feature, he appreciates, will meet some opposition will be an avoid to the second and the proposition of the second and the proposition of the proposition of the second and the proposition of the second are the proposition of the second and th

tem that would be met with violent opposi-tion is the fencing of the tracis as leased, and thus preventing the transporting of and thus preventing the transporting of bards across leased property. This proposition, however, should stand on its own merits, and will probably do so when the matter comes to a head. Then, too, there is opposition from a small portion of the gazall sheepgrowers who cry out against paying for a prisiting that they now only for nothing. This objection will be set aside when the sheepgrowers fully appreciate that under existing conditions the preciate that under existing conditions the ranges in many instances are being depleted and destroyed by unsystematic and unrestricted grazing, and it will be found that there will be little objection to the small tax that is made.

Mormone who are strongest in favor of polygamy.

It is not how many wives a man can support, but how many he needs to support him.

The Mormon Church, though not so strong nor compact an organization as it was in Brigham Young's time, is still a power, whose infinence is felt by every citizen of Utah. It still demands one-tenth-of the annual income of all its adherents, and this vast sum has crystallized into wealthy property all over the state. The Mormon co-operative store at Sait Lake shace's millions of dollars in its capital and earnings, while the church farm, just outside the city limits, has an enormous capacity for earning money. This church property was, until recently,

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