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more than it can ever injure the O. R. & N. Their rates will be governed entirely by the rates made on the water-level route, or they will secure no part of the traffic that can be diverted in this direction.

Eventually Mr. Harriman may learn that Portland is on the map. The worm is slow in turning, but it will turn some day, and when it does Mr. Harriman will discover that ways and means for reducing freight rates from the interior are obtainable by other methods than a portage road. A remarkably skillful force of local O. R. & N. officials have staved off this reduction for many years, their success being phenomenal.

THE PLATFORM AND THE MAN. No ghost need come from the grave or prophet from his temple to tear away the veil of mystery that enshrouds the tariff views of Senators Allison and Aldrich, makers of tariff. We are not required to believe that Allison will alienate United States Steel or Aldrich quarrel with Standard Oil, but that each will go as far as he can with safety to placate the tariff-reform sentiment in the Republican party must be accepted by all who reflect upon Republican treatment of the money question.

HARRIMAN'S LATEST FINESSE. Mr. Harriman has returned to New York. He states that he has recovered from his illness, and this statement is corroborated by his physicians. He states that he will leave for Europe in May 28. It may be suspected that he is going to Europe for the purpose of completing the Panama Canal to the Columbia Southern. This is an error. The Columbia Southern extension could be constructed with a few days' earnings of Mr. Harriman's O. R. & N. property during the dull season.

TRADE IS INCREASING. Portland bank clearings continue to break all previous records, and for the week ending Saturday were over \$460,000 greater than for the corresponding week last year, \$900,000 greater than for the same week in 1901, \$1,400,000 greater than in 1900, and \$1,800,000 more than for the corresponding week in 1899.

"JOB" HOOKER. In 1896 the Massachusetts Legislature appropriated \$50,000 for the erection of an equestrian statue of Major-General Joseph Hooker, United States Army, who succeeded General Burnside in January, 1863, as commander of the Army of the Potomac. This statue will be unveiled on the Statehouse grounds at Boston, June 25 next.

General Hooker afterward commanded the Twentieth Army Corps, under Sherman during the Atlanta campaign, but was relieved from command at his own request, when General Sherman appointed General Howard to the command of the Army of the Tennessee on the death of General McPherson. He was a Brigadier-General in the regular Army at the close of the war, a rank

at reasonable rates. Wool is steady, with upward tendency, and showing is well under way in most sections. The hop market is more active for both old and new crop. Contracting for the new crop, which has previously been rather light, seems to have started in again, and it is probable that there will be the usual number of these agreements made before picking time.

SEVERAL DEMOCRATIC OPPORTUNITIES. From the uniformly loud and frequently sound Brooklyn Eagle comes the information that a great opportunity confronts the Democratic party on the currency question. Many things are imperfect in our financial system, many things are mischievous, many things are false in principle and pernicious in practice, etc., many things are all wrong. With a view to their correction, the Eagle's thought turns fondly to the Democratic party.

CHANCE FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTIVITY. The crudities of our financial system, or, rather, want of system, are again forcing themselves upon public attention. Congress has met and adjourned without taking the matter into remedial consideration. The truth is that financial systems are not made by Congress or any other body of men. They grow. With the right kind of attention they grow better; with the wrong kind of attention they grow worse.

THE ASSAULT UPON GENERAL WOOD. It is apparent that General Wood has been the victim of a most unscrupulous and spiteful effort that has been made to injure him. Even the newspapers which sympathize at times with the "anarchists" are quite ready to take a low view of things connected with the Administration at Washington, have not been able to join in this attempt to break down a man simply because creditably in a time of trial.

TELEPATHY AND ELECTRICITY. Two professors of Harvard University, Messrs. John Trowbridge and William James, are at odds over the question of telepathy. It is evident that between the two professors has arisen a very hot question. Writing as a physicist to the New York Nation, Professor Trowbridge denied that there is any analogy between telepathy and wireless telegraphy or other phenomena of that kind.

MY SHIP FROM SPAIN. H. G. Leslie, in Youth's Companion. O captain, on whose wrinkled cheeks Are marks of storm and beating gale, Have you not seen on distant seas A gleaming glimpse of streets and sails? Perchance when evening shadows fell, And misty clouds veaged the night, Unlifted, on some crested wave, Then slipping slowly from the sight My ship should have a been of gold.

Another Antium Gose Glimmering. On May 1st the Evening Post stated that General Leonard Wood had inspired an article in the North American Review for February, 1900, written by Lieutenant James E. Fonda, and attacking Wood's predecessor, General Brooke. It was added that there were in the manuscript interlinearities in the handwriting of General Wood. In making this assertion, we do not do so for the purpose of being disrespectful, whom we had every reason to think trustworthy, but also upon an explicit statement made to us by one in authority in the office of the Review.

GENERAL HOOKER FOR A TIME BEFORE THE Civil War lived in Oregon, and was a well-known visitor to Portland. He was an intimate friend of United States Senator Nesmith, who corresponded with Hooker during his entire military career. This correspondence and other material suitable for the preparation of a military memoir of General Hooker was placed by Senator Nesmith in the hands of the late Judge McArthur, of this city, who at the time of his death was engaged in the work of getting it in proper shape for publication.

General Hooker was a man of fine military accomplishments and commanding personal appearance, but after his retirement from the regular Army in 1853 his habits became so intemperate as to injure him in the esteem of his friends. His career in the Civil War was brilliant as a corps commander. He was untriflingly a man of honor at Chancellorsville, but General Couch, who was next in command, and was with General Hooker personally during the whole campaign, stated under his own name that General Hooker did not drink a drop during the movement, in his anxiety to avoid all possible criticism.

CIVILIANS who hope to be appointed Second Lieutenants in the Army will have their chance this year, for the first time after the graduating class at West Point and the enlisted men candidates have been provided for, there will be upward of three score vacancies to be filled. The New York Sun points out that there are already 17 vacancies in the corps of engineers, 25 in the cavalry, 14 in the artillery and 95 in the infantry.

ILLINOIS recently enacted a law abolishing the contract system and confining labor of convicts to the making of goods needed in the various public institutions of the state and municipalities. The new law takes effect July 1 of next year. This plan, known as the state-use system, was adopted by New York six years ago, and in Massachusetts four years ago, but in neither state has it been given sufficient trial to establish its superiority and assure its general adoption.

IRONY OF THE TARIFF IN THE PHILIPPINES. Kansas City Star. Another instance of peculiar workings of the tariff system appears from a remark made by Judge Ida, a member of the Philippine Commission. "I should say that the greatest help Congress can give us here," he said, "will be to relieve us from the heavy burdens imposed by the Dingley tariff on the exports from the islands to the United States."

SOMEbody stepped on Grover Cleveland's foot in the excitement of exit after the baseball game with the University of Pennsylvania, on the 9th inst. Mr. Cleveland didn't like it, and said so. He was in the crowd, and he wanted to hear it. The college boys who stepped on Mr. Cleveland in their downward rush from the seats were Pennsylvania students, who were heavy shoes. The Princeton students, of course, do not step upon Mr. Cleveland's feet, for he is included among their local divinities, and to step upon him would be like a Hindu worshiper trampling upon the feet of his god.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS' plan of entering the Antium and publicity for ending and preventing strikes is being commended our right wing at Antietam, where he was wounded, September 17, 1862. He was defeated by Lee in the great battle of Chancellorsville, and was relieved from command of the Army of the Potomac June 27, 1863, by General Meade. General Hooker afterward commanded the Twentieth Army Corps, under Sherman during the Atlanta campaign, but was relieved from command at his own request, when General Sherman appointed General Howard to the command of the Army of the Tennessee on the death of General McPherson. He was a Brigadier-General in the regular Army at the close of the war, a rank

NOTE AND COMMENT. What is home without missing will and a \$50,000 inheritance? One lunatic opens up today. No danger that it will have to shut down for want of trade.

Judging from the scope of the carpenter-painter baseball game, several new strikes were declared yesterday. No. Mr. Pipe Dreamer, not even your many years of constant practice will get you a job as a pipe organist.

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