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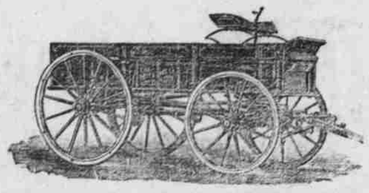

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UP THE THREE SISTERS.—G W Slayton, who returned on Monday from a trip to the Cascade mountains, reports having ascended the middle one of the Three Sisters on the 21st with a party from Eugene. Their party consisted of thirteen persons, and they left their camp, eight miles from the mountain, at sunrise and arrived at the glacier about 11 o'clock, where they lunched, and then began the ascent. The glacier, Mr Slayton says, is grand, though difficult to travel over. It is several miles in length, and consists of snow from 100 to 150 feet in depth, and often there are deep crevices which appear to reach to the bottom and are several feet in width. These have to be jumped, and unless one is sure-footed occasion considerable danger. Only three of his companions succeeded in reaching the summit of the mountain, the rest having given out tarther down the mountain. The summit, he says, is composed of loose shell rock and large bowlders and is not at present covered with snow. The view from the summit of this mountain, which is estimated to be between 10,000 and 11,000 feet above the sea level, Mr Slayton says is indeed grand, and well repays one making the ascent.—Ochoco Review.

PADDING THE CENSUS.—In order to make a better showing Salem is padding the census after the manner of Tacoma and Seattle. The DEMOCRAT doesn't wish to be everlastingly kicking at the state capital; but it does hate fraud wherever found, and it knows what it is talking about on this subject. Horse trainers stopping at the fair grounds, drummers, men passing through the city, transients of all kinds, are being captured, though the papers have declared that all that is wanted is a square count. Yesterday an Albany man while in that city, was captured and enumerated, and commercial men say they have been taken. The fact is everything is being done to swell the returns, as it would be very humiliating not to make a bigger showing than before. Of course the papers there will say this is caused by the green eyed monster, jealousy and all that; but it is not, it is simply a statement of facts.

JUST ABOUT OUR FIX.—The financial condition in which Lane county finds herself at present, with a delinquent tax list of nearly $27,000 running back for several years, is chargeable to a considerable extent to the loose and uncertain method of assessing land, that has prevailed in this county since it was first organized. The assessing and making of the tax roll as at present and in the past gives the sheriff no power to sell real property for taxes. The warrant that is delivered to him on the first Monday in April, when taxes become delinquent, commands him to levy upon and sell the real property described within the roll. And there the collection stops except where personal property can be found or the owners of real property can be cajoled into paying. The roll contains no description of real property and the sheriff is left unable to make forced collections, except from personal property.—Guard.

TWO YOUNG TRAVELERS. — Monday morning early a small boy and a smaller girl were standing at the head of the short steps near the depot saloon. They stood there like two stray lambs looking for their mother. Roughly dressed they were, and the red flannel drawers of the small girl reached a couple of inches below the bottom of the skirt of her dingy blue dress, but she made amends for this too artistic arrangement of her garb by a fringe of dirt around her smiling mouth. The boy said his name was Johann Nikolas Wauk and that of his sister Maggie Mathreda Wauk, and that they were going back by train to their home in Mehama. Each carried a little package in a soiled red cotton handkerchief; that of the girl, which was the smaller, contained ginger cookies, and the boy's was a big wad of bread.—Oregon City Courier.

DON'S CREDITORS.—Don Smith, recently attached at Gatesville, gave the following list of creditors, which will show that Albany is considerably interested, and one, that of Hoffman & Pfeiffer, had been interested several years.

Ladd & Bush, secured, $3000; Allen & Lewis, $976.87; Akin, Selling & Co, $644.71; Dittenhoffer, Haas & Co, $461.36; Esberg, Bachman & Co, $369.51; Chas H Dodd & Co. $346.14; Thanhauser & Frohman, $234.24; E Goins, $239.28; Isom, Lanning & Co, $222.85; Sam'l E Young, $225.69; M Seller & Co, $78.30; S M Daniels, $873; Neustadter Bros, $62.87; Hoffman & Pfeiffer, $44.70; Fleischner, Mayer & Co, $186.51; Bernheim & Manner, $48.99; Stewart & Sox, $80.50; Cox Bros & Co, $22.80; Deyoe & Robson, $11.15.

SULPHER SPRINGS.—Sometime during the past three months, some springs were discovered on land belonging to George Frost, living six miles east of Scio, on Thomas creek, that upon examination proved to be strongly impregnated with sulphur. Last Sunday afternoon, by invitation of P O Smith, we accompanied him on a visit to them. We found several springs, from two or three of which the water was flowing freely. One of these tasted very strong of sulphur. Several persons who have drank of the waters of the white sulphur springs at Ashland, say this is equally as good a spring, and that the water is as strong of sulphur. Who knows but what we are to have a great summer resort near us one of these days.—Scio Press.

A GLOOMY PREDICTION.—"Next spring you can tan my hide for sole leather," said Andy Wyland, the slayer of elks, to the Oregon City Courier, "if next winter isn't the hardest for a hundred years. Up in the mountains I see swarms of rats from Missouri and Kansas, who've come all the way from that god forsaken country to escape freezin' to death. And there's the ground hogs, they're so 'frald of the terrible cold they're working like polititians for their winter's grub. They're cuttin' roots and herbs' camas and skunk cabbage root. This they pile on to dry and then chacheem in their way down deep."

WASHINGTON CITIES.—According to the census the population of Centralia, Wash., is 822, whereas they have been claiming 3000; that of Anacortes, 1133; Olympia, 5700; Snohomish, 2093; Whatcom, 3977; Fair Haven, 4057; Blaine, 1559; Dayton, 1870; Puyallup, 1990; Port Townsend, 4498; Vancouver, 2656; Port Angeles, 1019; Grays Harbor, 523; Hoquam, 1319; Montesano, 1716; Walla Walla, 7239; Pasco, 478; Pomeroy, 642; Ellensburgh, 2758; Goldendale, 1818; Sprague, 1722; Colville, 542; Palouse, 1117; Farmington, 415.

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.—Last evening quite a serious accident happened in the rear of Powell & Co's store, which, owing to the large crowd always congregated in front of their counters, caused excitement only among several hundred people. It seems that the firm had bought a large quantity of choice syrup. One of the barrels sprang a leak and before the assistance of a physician could be secured fifty gallons was on the floor, completely ruined. They have a sufficient stock on hand though to meet the demands of the public for several days, as well as an immense stock of all kinds of groceries and produce.

EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.—We have heard of one man in this county who has contracted his hops to three parties; to one at 15 cents, to another at 18 cents and another at 25 cents. As they are now worth 30 cents he will probably contract them to some one else.—Eugene Register. As the contractors half the time back out in case of a drop, the Lane county man evidently understands his business.

The Lebanon Express ran over the narrow gauge last week at the junction cutting it in two, and the consequence is that there is but one daily train on the O Rail way.—Express.

We have heard of newspapers cutting men up by piece meal, demolishing old maids and annihilating politicians, but this is the first case of one having litterally cut a railroad in two.

LEBANON.—Prof D Torbet, our new principal at the Santiam Academy, came well recommended from the various schools where he has taught.

Surveyor Warner, of Albany, came up Wednesday to do some more work in our town. It seems to us he would do well to locate in Lebanon.

It is exhected that several teams will be set to work soon hauling ore from the paint mine to Lebanon to be manufactured into paint this winter.

Egger Eggers, of Albany, bought the Balliet farm, near Rock Hill, this week.

Mr Hale returned from Portland, Tuesday, bringing with him some quartz from Idaho's mines. We compared the specimens with some we have from the Calapooia, Blue river and Santiam districts and find that we have richer mines at our own door; but some people cannot appreciate a good thing unless they pay well for it.

Lebanon had a distinguished visitor last Friday in the person of Capt Connor. The Captain headed an expedition that was sent to Africa in search of Stanley, when it was thought the great explorer was lost. He was sent up into northern latitudes at a late date, and is a man who has seen a good deal of the world.—Express.

A FINE VALLEY.—As Albany people are interested in the Tillamook country, on account of the prospect of an early railroad connection with it, we give the following good description of the country from a Salem paper: State Superintendent McElroy and party, have returned from Tillamook county. Supt McElroy went over for the purpose of attending the annual teachers' institute and to look after the county educational interests in general. While there he visited the principal points of interest, including the Tillamook valley, the Nestucca county, Bay City, and other points. He was greatly pleased with the fine timber, the rich soil, and the immense production of grass, vegetables, oats, fruits, honey, etc. The Tillamook valley, proper, is a large country and contains from one hundred to one hundred and fifty square miles of splendid country, and is very fertile. The future of Tillamook country is bright and encouraging, and within a very few years her valleys will be peopled with a large and industrious population.

W. C. T. U.—It has been decided to hold the Fair and entertainment on Thursday and Friday evenings, Sept. 25th and 26th, at the Opera House, and from present indications the affair will be a popular success. An interesting program will be presented each evening, and also abundant time will be reserved for the examination and purchase of the various articles attractively displayed in booths representing the four seasons. Ice cream and cake at a moderate price will afford refreshment, and a thoroughly enjoyable occasion may be expected. Further details as to program will be given later.

Appeal.—The Albany W C T U kindly invite ladies or gentleman, who may feel so disposed, to contribute any saleable articles, either useful or ornamental, to be sold at their coming fair. If donations of money can be more conveniently given they will also be thankfully accepted.

The ladies are making great efforts to raise a sufficient sum of money to cover the remaining indebtedness on the hall, the amount being $360.

MRS. M. J. TOWNSEND,
MRS. S. A. MCALISTER,
Char. and Sec. of Gen. Com. of Ar'g'mts

CLEARLY EXPLAINED. — In the east wheat is selling for 20 cents per bushel more than it did last year at this time, while here it is only one or two cents higher than it was a year ago. A great many wonder why there is such a relative difference and think there will surely be a rise in the price of wheat here. There may be, but the chances are there will not. The reason for the difference is that shipping rates are higher here than they are most years. With a large fleet of vessels at the Pacific coast ports the rate of tonnage is much less than it is now, and vessels are often glad to get wheat for ballast at almost any price. This year vessels are not looking for wheat but shippers are looking for vessels and are obliged to pay high rates, which, of course, lowers the price of wheat.—Eugene Register.

WANTS A DIVORCE—Mrs Charles A Harrison, the lady who a few days ago skipped out leaving her husband and declaring she would never more live with him, has sued for a divorce, in the circuit court of Linn county. The papers were served on Mr Harrison yesterday. The lady is now residing at Albany.—Statesman.

The DEMOCRAT acknowledges a call from Mrs Harrison, a week or so ago. According to her story there is another big side to the matter besides the one given in the Journal, which Mrs Harrison says was untrue. By the way, Mr and Mrs H resided in Albany nine months previous to their going to Salem, a fact Mr Harrison seems not to have told the papers. The evidence for the divorce will probably be secured in Albany.

DIVORCE CASES.—Five divorce cases are already on the docket for the October term of Circuit Court, and they no doubt suggest many tales of disappointment and misery and neglect. Here they are: Ella Mack against Frank Mack, Mary J Garrett against Robert Garrett, Rosana Harrison against Chas M Harrison, Rebecca Smith against Thos Smith, Mary Banta against I Banta. It will be noticed that in each case the wife is the complainant.

FUN WITH THE FIREMEN.—A delegation of veteran firemen, numbering about fifty, from Portland, passed through the city yesterday on their way to San Francisco, where they go on an excursion. While the steamer laid up at the wharf here the vets came up town, visited the engine houses and had a jolly time. One six-footer, who fought fire in the early days, said he would advertise Astoria, and if he does not fall into the water he probably will, for he allowed himself to be covered with advertising stickers which set forth the city's many advantages.—Astorian.

IT HAS COME.—Dr J L Hill informs us that he has a case of la grippe out a few miles on the Albany prairie. The case is a mild one but the doctor has some fears that there will be more cases.

GIFT ENTERPRISE.—Go and see that beautiful gold watch at the "Golden Rule Bazaar." Julius Gradwohl the proprietor of the Golden Rule Bazaar, informs us that he has the Prize Baking Powder, and No 1 Japan tea, expressly up for his business, and for the benefit of his customers, each box of baking powder will win a piece of fine glassware and also each pound of the tea will win a piece of fine glassware, and customers who buy one pound of tea or a box of baking powder, which is warranted, will have a chance at that beautiful gold watch. He has also added a fine assortment of family groceries to his mammouth stock of glassware and crockery, which is the largest in the Willamette Valley. Go and see Mr Gradwhol at the Golden Rule Bazaar, and you will find that nothing is misrepresented.

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MINING MATTERS.

Capt Hagen, one of the principal stockholders and superintendent of the consolidated Blue River and Calipooia mines, was in the city Friday. He reports an increasing and live interest in the mines, with brighter prospects as the development of the mines proceeds. The present consolidated company owns twenty mines, the most promising of which are probably the Poor Man and Queen Bee. They have ordered a quartz mill, like the one ordered for the Albany Milling Co., and will work for practical results. The mill will first be put to work on the Poor Man. This is a mountain of rock, almost unlimited in its extent. It has assayed as high as $216 to the ton, and is easily mined. At $8 it will pay big, and it is confidently anticipated will yield much more than that in bulk. Their confidence in the mine is well illustrated by the recent offer of Thos Ewing, of Tacoma, of $100,000 for a third interest of the company, which they refused without any hesitation. They have plenty of money of their own to work it, and it will take a mint to secure any interest at all if the present splendid outlook continues. The Willamette Valley is on the verge of an immense mining excitement.

The following mining claims have been recorded with the County Clerk since the first of this month, on the date named:

3. Franklin Speige, the Conductor, situate on Bald mountain, 15 w 2.
3. Marion Burgess, Get-in-and-Dig, situate on Bald mountain.
3. H H Hewitt, Bona Fortina, situate on Bald mountain.
3. Geo W Hunt, Mail Agent, situate on Bald mountain.
3. G P Barger, Oh the Devil, situate on Bald mountain.
3. J T Rowland, West Ward, situate on Bald mountain.
3. W J Ryan, May Flower, situate on Bald mountain.
3. Felix and Frank Barger, Gold Hill, situate on Bald mountain.
3. James M Pearce, Hard Scrabble, situate on Bald mountain.
3. David Pearce, The Succor, on Bald mountain.
3. H W White, the Common Lode, on Bald mountain.
3. A Halvorsen, Sun Flower, 3rd dist Santiam, ¼ mile east of Albany mines.
3. A Halvorsen, Potato Patch, 3rd dist, Santiam placer mine.

A MOUNTAIN TRIP.

An Albany Party up the Three Sisters.

J D Guiss, E D Cusick, J A Cumming and Harry Cusick returned last Friday from a sixteen days trip through the Cascades, full of more than common interest, as their route will at once suggest. From Albany the party went to the McKenzie, stopping awhile at Belknap, noted for its hot springs; thence crossing over to Clear lake, by way of the McKenzie, having a pleasant experience at the falls of that river, romantic with its ragged surroundings and grand rainbows. At Clear lake a couple hunters came in with ten deer. The Albany party was not out for slaughter and only killed enough game, as they traveled, for their own wants, and hence have no big fish stories to tell.

From Clear lake they went towards the famous Three Sisters, the pride of Albany, their three white caps being seen in grand prominence on any clear day from our streets. Arriving at the foot of the mountains on the 27th of August; the next morning they started out at 7:20 o'clock on mules, reaching the snow line at 9:30, where they left the mules and continued on foot. The trip up is just safe enough to be interesting, and yet full enough of risk to have an adventurerous nature. Though the party took ropes the ascent was easily made without their use, and in safety, though there are many yawning crevices that stand ready to frighten the timid. The ascent from the snow line was made in a little over four hours, a distance of four miles, which took the party to Copis peak, the one generally ascended.

There is no snow at the summit, the ground being clear and shelly. Here the view is a magnificent one; the Willamette valley lying before them in all its beauty on the west, and, in all directions the panorama is a broad one.

The bottle of names was increased by theirs. It already contained those of A Hasbrouck, Boyd Taylor and Capt G W Davis, of the Vancouver barracks, who ascended in 1873. T C Judkins, S B Aiken, Jr, J J Walton, C M Hill, S Hill, W I Vater, J N Goltra, O H Renfrew, (twice), F Dunn, A V Peters, G W Stayton, Harry Benton, John Straub, Glen O Powers, Maud Offut, Evalyne Morgan, J B Waldo, Don Smith, Davey Smith, Dan Bass, Mary E Test, Emily Bristol, C L Winter, E E Potter, D R Collins, J H McClung, S E Horace, Walter, J S, Willie and Charlie McClure, and E H McAlister.

The descent was made to the snow limit in about an hour, a very lively feat. The young men made the remainder of the trip home without adventure, much benefited by their experience.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN.

The Man About Town has a right to object to the citizens of Albany being enumerated as residents of the State capital. In one sense of course we ought to rejoice in seeing a neighbor swelled out with a big meal, for it doesn't take from us, but it was that course at St Paul, Minneapolis, Tacoma and Seattle that made people feel "tired," and we do not like to be a party to it.

A seedy looking fellow sauntered into the DEMOCRAT office and told in a nice way how he had once been a newspaper man, and—well he was hard up now, and five cents would buy him a sandwich. The Socrates of the office took him in hand and told him that what he wanted was whiskey straight; but he declared he didn't drink—rarely. He was told with a stern look that he had drank within an hour. "My memory is getting pretty poor, and really I don't remember," he responded, choking, and the big tears actually tumbled down the fellow's cheeks, "but I am hungry now and I must have something to eat or I perish." The result was that he received a nickel, and like all of them washed down his Miltonic sorrow with a glass of beer.

The Celestials have nearly all emigrated to the hop fields, old and decrepit, young and sprightly, all have the hop fever, the M. A. T. observes by a glance around the corners.

"Bank colosed. No admitence," a sign written on the boards closing the front door to the new bank, is equal to the traditional typographical error of the printer.

Last evening coming from Portland the California express was met the other side of Oregon City by an animal known from the time of Adam as having more pluck than judgment. A little Jersey bull on the track lowered his horns and faced the train, no amount of whistling budging him, though kept up for a quarter of a mile almost. Finally the train was obliged to stop, the plucky fellow facing the engine only a few feet away with lowered head, and not until a volume of steam was sent out and Hub Bryant put his head out of the window and cried "Whey there" did he get off the track and allow the train to proceed on its journey, and when last seen he was shaking his head madly at the rear car.

Complaint is made to the Man About Town that several boys are in the habit of shooting in the Third Ward, near the cannery, endangering life and property. It should be stopped at once.

TEACHERS EXAMINATION.—At the teachers examination held last week three obtained first grade certificates, four second grade, eight third grade and nine failed.

From our regular correspondent.)
WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1, 1890.

Senator Edmunds has exposed the cloven republican foot by his resolution for a congressional recess, instead of adjournment, from September 19, to November 10. Having by various methods succeeded in getting a date set for the disposal of the tariff bill—the most unjust financial measure of the age—the republicans now propose that congress shall meet again after the congressional elections in order that it may proceed to do what it does not dare to do before those elections. This action of Mr Edmunds was taken because Mr Harrison refused to assume the responsibility of calling an extra session for the sole purpose of enacting odious political laws and making unnecessary appropriations.

First and foremost, if the republicans are allowed to carry out their programme, and they will not, unless the united legitimate efforts of the democrats shall fail to prevent it, will come the Force bill, upon which the republicans are already banking to carry the presidential election of '92—their leaders expect to lose the next House; but are raising a large fund to try and save themselves from defeat by the aid of the electorial votes of four southern states which they calculate can be carried with all the election machinery in the hands of unscrupulous federal agents.

Next will come the congressional and electorial college apportionment under the new census, which is to be manipulated in the interests of the republican party. If only the question of right and precedent were considered this apportionment would be left for the Fifty-second congress to deal with—so it has been since the foundation of our government—but the republican party has never been in the habit of letting little things like right and precedent stand in its way, and it is too late to expect it to reform now.

Incidentally it is proposed that a large number of bills carrying large appropriations which the shrewd leaders of the party temporarily side-traced early in the present session are to be railroaded through and in order to carry this programme out successfully a quorum of republican senators have, according to Senator Fry, who ought to be good republican authority, agreed to adopt a gag rule for the senate similar to the one with which Speaker Reed has bound the house hand and foot.

Another nice little scheme in connection with this recess business is, that the prevailing idea to be made that the measures in which the Farmers Alliance and the Labor organizations are interested, similar to the compound lard bill, the amendments to the eight hour law, and to the alien contract law already passed by the House cannot be acted upon unless those extra three weeks are made use of. The object in this pretense is to try and make it appear to the farmers and workingmen that the democrats in opposing the Edmunds resolution are opposing the consideration of their interests.

Mr Harrison has signed the meat inspection bill, thus giving himself greater power in a commercial sense, than is possessed by any European sovereign, with the possible exception of the Czar of Russia.

There is a rumor that the River and Harbor bill, which is now in conference, is to go over until after the elections, in order to keep down the total amount of appropriations made by the present congress.

Wall street pressure has made Secretary Windom issue a call for $20,000,000 more 4½ per cent bonds which will mature in September 1891. He offers to pay par and accrued interest to date of maturity.

Senator Morgan has presented to the senate a resolution adopted by a mass-meeting of colored men at Birmingham, Alabama, against the passage of the Force bill. This added to the fact that a meeting of negroes at Philadelphia adopted a resolution declaring the passage of the Force bill to be impolitic shows that the negroes are not hankering after the "protection" which the republicans in congress are so anxious to give them.

To-day is "labor day" and it is being generally observed by the labor organizations of the city. They want congress to make it a national holiday.

The preliminary farce to depriving another democrat of his seat—Breckinridge, of Arkansas—is going on in the House to-day. It is hoped that his constituents will see to it that he comes back to the next House with such a big majority that even a republican election committee will not dare to question his right to represent his people.

Representative Cannon, whose vulgarity precipitated the rumpus which ended in a slugging match on the floor of the House last week, has thereby so endeared himself to Speaker Reed that he has been asked to go up to Maine and make some speeches in his district. It is to be hoped that he will not use the same language he did in the House.

A HEARTLESS TASK.

The *Oregonian* worries, in a half hearted way, through a quarter column article to explain the great republican loss in the republican vote of Vermont. It says that "the republican majority for governor in 1870 was 21,309; in 1874 20,325; in 1878, 20,065; in 1882, 21,372; in 1886, 20,522." It omitted to tell what the majority was two years ago when the "Green Mountain sheep" voted so blindly. For its information we will say that Dillingham's majority two years ago was 28,995. So that the republican majority, after the 'sheep" got their eyes opened by the process of the campaign of education, has been reduced from 29 000 in round numbers to 10,000 in round numbers. The *Oregonian* attributes this falling off to factional disturbances in that state over the choice of candidates. We have no desire to deprive it of this crumb of comfort, but must be permitted to say, aside, that it will have a never ending job explaining the elections that will take place in November.

READY FOR RECIPROCITY.

A correspondent writing from Rio de Janeiro tells the American people that the Brazilians are sensible of apparent overtures made by this country and that the great interests of Brazilian trade, long monopolized by European monarchies, are ready to be poured into the American lap if our business men will only make a study of Brazilian wants and how to supply them and if our government will take down the customs bars on that side. In other words Brazil is ready for reciprocal trade. But the party in power will not be moved by any such facts, for it fought the presidential campaign on the motto that the home market is good enough for Americans. The administration cannot adopt a policy of reciprocity without confessing that its "protective" policy is a flaunting lie, which it is.

DUTIES AND WAGES

The National *Democrat* has at various times presented considerable evidence to show—

1. That on account of the superiority of American labor and the greater use of machinery in this country the actual cost of labor to the employer was oftentimes less in this country, than in Europe; and

2. That when it happened that the cost of American labor was the greater, the duty which pretended to be an offset to the difference between foreign and domestic wages was very much more than that difference, and frequently was several times as much as the whole amount of American wages.

Opportunely enough, just as the senate reached the item of iron ore in the tariff bill, Colonel Wright, commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, transmitted to congress a preliminary report on the cost of producing lime stone, bituminous coal, iron ore, pig iron, steel ingots and steel rails in different parts of the United States and in England and the continent of Europe. This report furnishes the most conclusive evidence of the injustice of the existing and proposed tariff rates.

The average value of the labor in one net ton of bituminous coal in 126 mines in the United States, inluding not simply the wages of the miners, but all mine laborers, is 89.7 cents. The average cost in five Canada mines is 92 cents; in eight mines on the continent of Europe, 78.7 cents, and in eight mines in Great Britain, 75.9 cents. The labor in a ton of soft coal, then, costs 13.8 cents more than it does in Great Britain, but on the pretense that it is a great deal more than that we levy a duty of 75 cents a ton on coal, which is more than the whole earnings of the miners, and nearly as much as all the labor values in a ton of coal.

The average value of labor in one ton of iron ore, at 62 American mines is $1.096, and at 18 European mines it is 82.2 cents. The labor cost of one ton of ore, then is 27.4 cents more in this country than in Europe. But the mine owners have political influence enough to keep a duty of 75 cents a ton on ore.

The average value of labor in one ton of pig iron at 70 furnaces in the northern part of the United States is $1.57; at 26 furnaces in the southern part of the United States it is $1.527; at six furnaces on the continent of Europe it is 69.7 cents, and at eight furnaces in Great Britain it is 68.3 cents. The difference between the cost of labor at northern furnances and at furnaces on the continent of Europe is 86.3 cents, but as a pretended offset to this we maintain a duty of $6.72 per ton on ore.

Averaging seven furnaces in this country, eight on the continent of Europe and four in Great Britain, the labor cost in one of steel ingots is $1.884 in this country $1.125 in Great Britain and 94.6 cents on the continent of Europe. The difference in the cost of labor in every ton of steel ingots between this country and the continent of Europe is 93.8 cents. Our duty is 45 per cent, being on ingots worth eight-tengths of a cent a pound, the grade most imported last year, $7.20 per net ton.

The average wages in one ton of steel rails in two American mills is $1.461; in seven European mills, $2.637 and in two English mills, $1.958, so that the labor in the rolling mills costs less per ton of product in the United States than abroad.

But Senator Edmunds lasists that the labor in the pig iron, the ingots, the ore, coal and limestone that go to make the rail shall be included. We are not quite sure that this demand should be complied with unless Senator Edmunds is willing to add together all the duties on the elements that enter into a ton of rails. If he will add together the duties on the limestone and ore and pig metal and coal and ingots he will find that the duties on a ton of rails calculated in this way amount to over $30. When we are called upon to fix a duty on steel rails, and the rail maker urges a high rate on the ground of the wages he pays, it is enough to fix a rate that will cover those wages.—National *Democrat*

RHEUMATISM.

*Editors Democrat:*

May I ask without speaking disparagingly of the medical profession why it is that with all the skill of the physician he has never yet cured rheumatism? This is true the world over. We will include all the preparatory nostrums in the assertion. We do not refer to temporary or partial relief of rheumatism, but to absolute cures. The idea of hot baths and especially mud baths came from Indians. We have that much from the natives which we have followed with some degree of relief, Wherein is the growth in materia medica as applied in a remedial sense in cases of rheumatism. Indians may claim that they have suggested remedies in other lines. In surgery however the Indian is distanced. It would be too much perhaps for Esculapius to answer this inquiry.

RHEUMATIC.

ONE QUART.

*Editors Democrat:*

Is it not a mistake for the democratic party to use the words "free trade" when urging that doctrine where there can be no detriment in doing so to our manufacturing or commercial interest. Should not these plain out spoken democrats show a little weak and evasive culture and shout with a loud voice. "We are a party of reciprocity." We might apologise to Mr Blaine for using the grand old saxon words "free trade and sailors rights" which gave us our second victory on land and sea, and adopt his interpretation of the democratic doctrine. It reminds us of the Indian play in the circus where he was promised a bottle of whisky for a grand display of indian skill, and when it was presented to him he indignantly refused it. On being told it was a quart of whisky, he said it was not enough, he wanted two pints. Mr Blaine will not take the quart of whisky, he wants two pints, which are more reciprocal and make a greater number of bottles among the "most favored natives."

ONE QUART.

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