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General Howard has been instructed by President Cleveland to keep all posts of the western Platte department in full strength, and be prepared for any emergency that may arise in Utah by reason of any hostile demonstrations or outbreak by Mormons, and other generals in reach will receive similar instructions.

The withdrawal of the mail service between San Francisco and the Australian colonies next November is of a more serious nature than many suppose. Our exports to that place since 1874 have increased over 240 per cent, exclusive of specie, which is a larger ratio of increase than to any other part of the world.

What Corvallis needs at present is a canal or ditch brought into the city capable of supplying power to all kinds of machinery for manufacturing purposes, after which skilled labor of that character capable of starting and carrying into practical operation all kinds of manufacturing in Corvallis. When these things are accomplished the producers can gain a better price for every thing they have to sell and also find a ready market at all times at home.

It is stated that Hugh J. Mohan, of San Francisco, an ardent admirer of Cleveland, and who stumped the state of New York by making 153 public speeches last fall in the presidential campaign, and who also pawned his household goods to raise sufficient money to carry him through the campaign and who since Cleveland was elected has had an earnest and persistent desire for the collector of customs at San Francisco become much disgusted when the President a few days ago told Mohan that he should give the position to a business man. Mohan suggested that the president did not stop to inquire whether he was a business man when he asked him to stump New York state and spend all his money in doing so, whereupon Cleveland advised him to return to San Francisco and use his influence with the collector who might find something for him to do. Mohan certainly finds himself a victim of misplaced confidence under democratic rule. He no doubt feels that a man who would forget his friends and benefactors is not worthy to become president.

There has been a newspaper row going on between the proprietors of the "Oregonian" and the proprietor of the "News" for several weeks, about which the reading public care little or nothing and it seems to interest only a few besides the proprietors of the two papers. The "Oregonian" is a good paper, and the people take it and appreciate it for its news. So the "News" under its present management has grown from a failure to what bids fair to second to none in the state, and while the "Oregonian" bears its fight on the grounds that the "News" has published items copied from other journals without giving those journals proper credit. Yet the "Oregonian" should remember that up to the time when the "News" was started by Mr. Cole that of the items extracted by the "Oregonian" from the country press all over Oregon it failed to give credit for more than one-fourth of them. For the last couple of years the Oregonian has been a little more considerate in this particular, for what reason we do not know or care. But one thing certain since the "News" was first started the course of the "Oregonian" has been much more favorable to the interests of the people, and for this reason alone the people should lend a firm support and helping hand to the "News" while also the "News" is an able paper and well conducted and worthy of support upon its merits.

THE SILETZ AGENCY. The editor of the Yaguina Mail in the last issue very sensibly says: "Some person writing to the Benton Leader of last week rather takes Agent Wadsworth to task for an alleged attempt to retain his office, and throughout the whole communication fails to give one single reason why he should not be suffered to remain. He has proven himself an efficient and trustworthy officer, and has discharged his duties faithfully and to the best interests of the government and the Indians under his charge. He has built up an excellent school. The Agency now has good buildings and at small cost to the government, showing conclusively that the government funds have been laid out judiciously. The present incumbent is now, on account of the two years' experience which he has had, better fitted to fill the position with advantage to the government than a new man would be, and right here we would say that it is our belief that the government and the people suffer to considerable extent by changing agents every two years, for it takes nearly that length of time to become thoroughly acquainted with the business management of an Indian agency, and just when they can be of the most use in the position, a new man steps in and has to commence at the bottom and learn the routine necessary to a successful management. As long as the charges of malfeasance in office can not be brought forward against him, we believe the ends to be gained by civil service reform can best be served by the retention of the present incumbent and his efficient corps of helpers."

COMMENT ON CLEVELAND. A Washington dispatch to the Chicago Herald, a democratic paper contains the following mournful and heart-rending criticisms upon president Cleveland.

"What's Cleveland giving us!" ejaculated a Tammany brave. "Who have we on our hands now?" ejaculated a bombastic Bourbon. "Is the democratic party running Cleveland or is Cleveland running the democratic party?" inquired a gazelle-eyed Chicago man. "Give it up," replied a San Francisco sand-lotter. "Does the dog wag the tail or the tail wag the dog?" demanded an aspirant for a postmastership in the tar heel state. "What does Cleveland mean by conferring the Berlin mission upon Gentleman George Pendleton, the civil service reform idiot?" complained a federate brigadier. "Who in thunder is Phelps, that a Vermont, maple sugar, alleged democrat should represent the administration at the court of St. James?" expostulated a stalwart exponent of democratic principles from Posey county, Ind. "Things are certainly not of the Jacksonian order," suggested a Tennessee state bond repudiator. "Where does Jeffersonian simplicity come in?" argued a Virginian from the tide-water country.

WHO REVIVES SECTIONALISM? Democrats claim that Republicans continually revive the old issues of the war and the questions which led to it, but the following which appears from the Albany "Journal" shows otherwise:

"A gentleman who called on Secretary Lamar recently had inquired concerning some appointment was somewhat amazed at the following reply: 'I care no more for a northern democrat than I do for the northern republican. It is simply a question of north and south with me.'"

Any one who is familiar with the history of America politics knows that the south made slavery an issue from the time the constitution was framed. It fought tenaciously in congress for slavery, and when defeated it took up arms and finished the contest on the field of battle. The end was the complete overthrow of slavery and the humiliation of the south. The south has always been for the south. Just as soon as the democracy of the north refused, under the pressure of public opinion, to follow the lead of the slave states, the whigs lost their hold on every state beyond Mason and Dixon's line. From that time on the south stood almost solidly together, compelling the north to make a compact for the preservation of the Union.

So completely did the slave states control the democratic party that in 1859 (in the midst of a general uprising in the north against slavery) their representatives in the senate forced the majority to pass resolutions declaring it was the duty of congress to provide protection to the rights of the slave holder when the government of

any territory declined to give such protection. In the preceding year the south, emboldened by its success in overawing the democrats of the north, boldly undertook to revive the African slave trade, and Jefferson Davis defended slavery and assailed those "who prate of the inhumanity and sinfulness of the slave trade."

All these are events of the past. They are a part of history, which should be full of instruction. They teach that the south was for the south and southern rights and southern wrongs against the protest of every Christian nation and against the warning voice of those who had fellowship and sympathy with the south's political views.

The protest that patriotic citizens have made against the appointment of notoriously unrepentant secessionists to places of trust in the federal government is not directed against the men but against the bitter sectionalism they represent. When Jefferson Davis, on the 21st of January, 1861, rose in his seat in the senate of the United States as the representative from Mississippi—the state of secretary Lamar—to announce that his state had seceded and that he would retire with it, he boastfully and bitterly declared that Mississippi "surrenders all the benefits and deprives herself of the advantages, severs all the ties of affection which have bound her to the Union, and thus divesting herself of every burden, she claims to be exempt from any power to execute the laws of the United States within her limits." The man who agreed with Jefferson Davis in this expression of sentiment, who at the close of the war defended the character of Jefferson Davis in the senate of the United States, is to-day a cabinet officer of the government, so far forgetful of the past that he unblushingly puts himself on public record as a sectionalist pure and simple.

A New York wool merchant who deals mainly in Pacific coast wool says: "California to-day grows better wool than it ever did. Certain manufacturers here will use nothing else. The market is rather quiet, but I look for a big improvement within a short time. Prices of all kinds of wool have fallen off 10 to 15 per cent, compared with last year. If it were not for burr and seed, for which there is no remedy, California wools would be preferred to the products of other states. The bulk of the wools from Oregon are now coming here direct. The clip is in better condition than it has been in for years and we notice on the market a lighter shrink in wools, caused by these direct shipments. Formerly the best Oregon wools were sold in San Francisco, and scouring concerns there."

A DEMOCRATIC SCHEME TO RUIN JOHN ROACH IN FOREIGN INTERESTS.

A recent dispatch contains a very plain argument by John Roach the noted American ship builder: John Roach, when interviewed on the subject of his failure, said: "Strictly speaking, it is not a failure, for my assignees will be able to pay \$2 for every \$1 of liabilities if they realize anything like the real value of my property. I cannot now say what is the exact amount of my liabilities nor assets but if I were not so old a man and if I had my health I could put things straight again. If the people understand this matter, if the mendacious free trade press had not so extensively deceived them, the failure of John Roach would be recognized from ocean to ocean as a national calamity. This is a party question. I have been a republican, but above that I have first, last and ever been an American. It was my great ambition that our nation should recover its glory and prosperity on the seas. I wanted to prove that American merchandise made by American workmen in American shops could be sold the world over through the medium of American ships, built from iron rolled in our shops and of timber cut from our own forests. I wanted to prove that we could do business on our own bottoms, and that other nations, with less resources, could not be more sagacious and enterprising on the seas. I have given my life and my fortune to that end. Traded and abused by those men and newspapers whom the foreign interests have subsidized, and brought into scandal with millions of my fellow citizens who were deceived by them and who did not understand my purposes, in my old and entebled state and after half century of toil I have lost my money and spirits, but I am consoled by the fact that the people will one day understand it all and see it in its real value. I tell you those boats were condemned before their keels were laid. They were condemned in congress. The democracy dare not oppose our new navy, because it had become a popular notion. The people in the United States wanted a navy, but the democracy opposed the appropriation because, as they claimed in their congressional speeches, the money could not be honestly spent. The Dolphin, a strong, substantial, excellent vessel was condemned on the most puerile technicalities, and to add to this injustice Attorney General Garland has repudiated the contracts, and practically said that there exists no building agreement between me and the government. That capped the climax—business stagnant \$30,000 of weekly wages to pay, my works to maintain and contracts repudiated."

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