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SURVEYING OREGON PUBLIC LANDS.

Our dispatches yesterday morning contained an item saying that an appropriation had been made for the purpose of surveying public lands. In the appropriation was twenty thousand dollars for Oregon. This will be most welcome news to many industrious hard working squatters upon the unsurveyed land anxiously waiting for the surveys to be made so that they could make the proper filings and settlement to acquire title to their homesteads and pre-emptions. Especially is this the case in the newly opened up country on the Santiam, which the Oregon Pacific, in its eastern extension, has brought into prominence and great demand. There is a large quantity of excellent land that the survey will soon transform into productive farms and happy homes, and there are thousands of acres of magnificent mountain timber land that the survey would make available for purchase under the timber land act. This land should be placed in the market as soon as possible for it is valuable only for its timber, and year by year the fires, accidentally or carelessly started, eat into and destroy this timber, which if conveyed into private possession would be almost immediately utilized. The lands within the surveyed limits have been and are being rapidly utilized, and building up large industries that are of great benefit to the country. This is the case at Mill City, whose fine mountain lumber this season is building up a wide-spread reputation. Farther up, opposite Galesville is Leedy & Santmor's mill and others, and still farther up is Brown's Mill, now called Niagara, which has built up quite a settlement and will develop a large business. Two miles farther up the Green Basin Lumbering company are preparing for a large business with the best kind of facilities.

These enterprises are already in operation on the surveyed lands, where titles can now be acquired, and just as soon as the survey is made so that title can be acquired to the land, very many more enterprises of a like nature will spring up all along the line in the timber regions.

The land and localities under consideration are also fitted in many instances for agricultural and horticultural occupation, and if improved would add greatly to the resources of the state. The surveys should be made at once.—Morning Daily Herald.

THE lull in the Behring sea seal trouble seems to be passing over, and judging from the fact that the United States revenue cutter Wolcott has been ordered to those waters to look out for poaching sealers, it would seem that Mr. Blaine has been quietly laying his plans for action, when it was generally supposed the sealers had been forgotten. He may talk a great deal about reciprocity, and think considerable about retaliation.—Spokane Fall Review.

A VIRGINIA fruit-grower sprayed his plum trees with Paris green, using one table-spoon in five gallons of water, applying with a Whitman force pump. He sprayed soon after the blossoms fell, and again in a week or ten days. The result was the most perfect crop of plums he had ever grown.—The Weekly Revelle.

Do not be afraid of the man who is not afraid to wear a patch. A patch sometimes helps cover more respectability than the richest clothes.

THE TARIFF BILL.

In the face of democratic opposition and obstruction the republican party has kept its pledge to the nation. It has passed a tariff bill that stands as a crystallization of the political principles upon which the present administration and the present congress went before the people and triumphed at the polls.

Why has the minority thrown every obstacle upon which it could lay its hands in the way of the fulfillment of these pledges? Because it realized that the republican party won the support of the people by pledging the enactment of this very bill, and the fulfillment of those promises meant the strengthening of that party in the estimation of the people. This is too apparent to admit of contradiction.

The people of the Pacific Northwest have good reason to approve the McKinley tariff bill. It is not a measure cunningly framed in the interest of the Eastern manufacturer. It is the creation of a Western man, and it protects the interests of the West. The democracy can not point to a single interest of the Pacific Northwest that has not received ample protection—not one. Lead, wool, iron, coal, lumber, flax, fruits, hides—all are protected in a spirit of fairness. The measure says to the New England manufacturer: "You shall not be allowed to buy your raw products in the open markets of the world, tariff free, and at the same time sell protected manufactures to the home producers of those raw materials." In other words, the McKinley bill does not offer free trade to the farmer, the miner and the lumberman and compel him to buy in protected markets.

The Mills bill was sectional and unfair; the McKinley bill is national in its scope and equitable in every particular.—Spokane Falls Review.

THERE is no harder worker in the United States Senate than John H. Mitchell of Oregon. He puts in as many hours a day now, as in the days when he first came to Portland, with less than twenty dollars in his pocket, borrowed a couple of chairs and started an office. "I am absolutely against immigration to this country," he said, of all who avow themselves personally in favor of the destruction of the law and whose influence would be in that direction. If they are in favor of the establishment of anarchy under any name whatsoever we don't want them, and in this I include nihilists as well as communists, and I would put in the list also all mendicants, idiots or paupers. I would actually prohibit Chinese immigration with exception of the diplomats of the Chinese government and their retinues. I believe in the dignity of American labor and I want to do everything I can to protect it. I am also in favor of good immigrants, and, and I would favor desirable foreigners as far as possible without giving them the ballot before they became saturated with American principles and had lived here long enough to make themselves American citizens in the patriotic sense of the word.—New York World Inter view.

THE Oregon pioneers—those men and women who braved the dangers of mountain and plain, and came across the desert wastes to Oregon in the 40's and 50's—are rapidly passing away. Nearly every paper you pick up contains the death notice of one of Oregon's earliest settlers.—Salem Statesman.

THE great cry in this state is for more cars to carry off the grain. The wheat producing regions of Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Dakotas are satisfied with a couple of cars a week. The demand for increased transportation facilities is a great card for Oregon.—Portland Sunday Mercury.

THE California democrats are in a stew about nominating free traders for congress. They know it would be against the interests of the state, but they particularly fear democratic defeat.—Statesman.

FRUIT-GROWERS are just beginning to realize that Oregon produces prunes equal to the best grown in France and Spain, and as the yield is enormous and the profits large, prune culture is receiving considerable attention just now.

THE effort of the Oregon press to persuade the county court to order the publication of all its proceedings in some local newspaper, is a step in the right direction. There should be no star chamber business in county courts.—Portland Sunday Mercury.

TEXAS boasts of the greatest accumulation of school fund of any state in the Union, its fund being estimated at \$60,000,000. It is a pity she does not make better use of this immense fund, and educate more of the boys and girls that are growing up within her borders without even the rudiments of an education.—Spokane Falls Review.

THE rush of foreign goods into the United States to escape increased duties when the McKinley bill becomes a law, has turned the balance of the trade against the country. The government statement of foreign commerce shows the exports from this country for August to have been \$56,000,000, and imports \$61,200,800.—Statesman.

THERE are 15,000 acres of land devoted to the culture of tomatoes in New Jersey and the value of the crop to the farmers of that state is over \$1,000,000, equal to the value of the wheat grown and above the value of oats, rye and buckwheat. There are seventy-three canneries in the state.—Weekly Revelle.

SENATOR SQUIRE left Washington before Congress adjourned and went home to Seattle to look after his fences. One Calkins, of Tacoma, who got into Congress from Indiana several years ago and has a hankering after the cold tea that senators drink during night sessions, is trying very hard to break down or jump over Squire's fence and graze in his pasture. Senator Mitchell remained at his post until Congress adjourned, trying to beat some sense into some of the bureau autocrats, but will visit Oregon soon and will find his fences in good repair, without any big bull trying to break in and bothering him like Calkins is bothering Squire. This being an off year with Senator Dolph and Representative Hermann and their fences having recently been looked after, they will remain in Washington and wrestle with Porter and the Department until Congress takes a fresh start next December.—Oregon State Journal.

If Oregon is disposed to be the peer of the rising States of the Pacific Northwest, in addition to its commercial and industrial resources, it is time that it assumed a front rank in respect to its undeveloped mineral wealth. Throughout our mountain and foothill ranges there are undreamed millions of mineral wealth of all descriptions open to enterprise when unlocked by the expertness of geologic science. Our capitalistic class has now the opportunity to utilize their efforts to influence immediate legislation in this direction at the next legislature in a law to establish a department of geology as a State institution, with a scientific State geologist at its head. The Portland Chamber of Commerce, as also the recently organized State Board of Trade, should be especially active to direct proper legislation to this channel, and take care that the position of State geologist be not downed "in the filthy pool of politics," the same as the State has had recently inflicted upon it as to its census returns.—Sunday Welcome.

"Jack, the Ripper," has been heard from in London again. He on Tuesday sent word to the Whitechapel police that he is about to butcher another woman. A dispatch says that "the penmanship of the communication is precisely similar to that of the letters the officials have received from the murderer just prior to his killing of some poor abandoned wretch of Whitechapel." It is kind in Jack to give the bluecoats due notice of his intentions.—Portland Sunday Mercury.

PRESIDENT DIAZ will not admit the American lottery companies in Mexico. It appears that the lottery business must come to an end.

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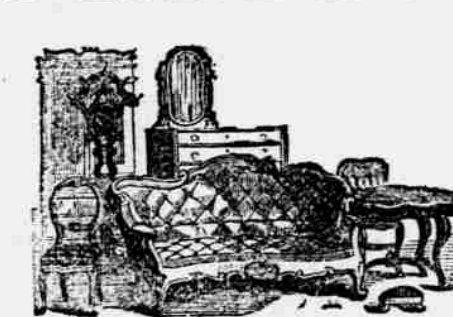
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