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The assessed valuation of Multnomah county for this year is just little short of \$55,000,000, an increase of \$14,694,434 over last year.

AMERICAN inventors seem to be active in the line of destructive warfare. During the past year the board of Ordnance has examined and acted on 280 inventions, including artillery, guns for high explosives, smokeless powder, cartridges, air ships, etc.—Blade.

ONE thing the farmer of the future must do and that is to educate himself in everything that pertains to his calling. Better education means more knowledge of the principles that underlie successful farming, and more and better applied knowledge means better results.

It don't take much to console the Seattle Telegraph, judging from the following: "Amid the gloom which hangs over the local election returns, it is cheering to cast the eye towards the shining light which illumines West Seattle. We elected a constable over there. All is not lost."

The effort to induce Governor Hill, of New York, to accept the United States senatorship from that state, is a very clever scheme to pave the way clear for Grover Cleveland to the democratic presidential nomination in 1892. Governor Hill has no love for Cleveland, and at the same time he has presidential aspirations of a most pronounced character. Considering these things Hill would be very foolish to accept the senatorship. If he does so, it may be taken for granted that the shrewd New Yorker has no hopes of democratic success in 1892.—Telegram.

FOURTEEN of the thirty-one counties of Oregon return tax lists aggregating \$30,000,000. Considering the altogether dishonest showing allowed and encouraged by our assessment laws this may be considered pretty good. Three times that amount, or \$90,000,000, would probably be a fair valuation of the property listed in these fourteen counties, furnish an intelligent index to the thrift and prosperity of the portions of the state thus represented, and, if followed up by the seventeen counties from which returns are yet to be made, would insure the highest tax levy in the history of the state.—Oregonian.

THE Times-Mountaineer makes the following very sensible remarks: The Corvallis GAZETTE has been sued for \$5000 damages for advertising the character of a former citizen in its columns, and this is food for reflection. An attorney, before a jury, could smirch the reputation of any witness in the blackest and foulest manner, and no action would lie against him. Again, in a breach of promise case, by introducing testimony of any kind, he could rob a girl of that which is dearer than life to her for the purpose of earning a fee from his lecherous client, and it is not actionable. Why is this? Perhaps, because the attorney is not expected to maintain that degree of integrity which the publisher is, or that the forensic efforts of the paid advocate amounts to little or nothing outside of the court room, while the printed words of the editor burn and excoriate, and lives on from year to year, and increases in strength with the lapse of time. All must acknowledge the power of the press, and the bar, pulpit and the disciples of Esculapius are actually overshadowed by it.

THE VICTORY ANALYZED.

The democrats of the eastern states are by no means so jubilant as they were just after the election. A consideration of the returns reveals four facts which have greatly decreased the value of their apparent victory. In the first place it is seen that the vote shows no increase of democratic votes but a decrease in republican votes, which proves only that republicans stayed at home this year and affords no reason for believing that they will vote against the party in 1892. In the second place many of those who were elected and were at first classed with democrats, are found to be members of the Farmers' Alliance, and the leader of that organization has declared that the Alliance men seek to hold the balance of power in congress and will not act as members of the democratic party. In the third place the victories in Illinois and Wisconsin were won by combinations against compulsory education, which will have no effect in 1892. Finally, in a district which gave 3000 democratic majority in 1888, McKinley was defeated this year by less than 300 votes, thus showing that where tariff was fully discussed and thoroughly understood by the people, the tendency of changed votes was overwhelmingly against the democratic party. Senator Gorman after pondering over these facts and the conclusions which can be readily drawn from them, has advised his party that it must pursue a very cautious and conservative policy for the next two years. Gorman is recognized as one of the wisest of democratic leaders and his counsel will probably be followed. The republican party will undoubtedly stand by the McKinley tariff and as a consequence we are likely to have little or no changes in our economical laws for the next two years. By that time the East will have recovered from the effects of the recent campaign, the republican party will be restored to power and progress will begin again.—San Jose Mercury.

JAY GOULD wants the railroads to keep up rates for the benefit of "thousands of investors in the East," because upon the prosperity of the roads "many small investors depend for dividends upon which to live." If the rates are not kept up the families of these investors will suffer for the want of food upon which to live and coal to keep them warm. It's a sad picture to contemplate. But this is the first time Jay has posed as a heart-bleeder for the poor, during the whole of his eventful life. Can it be that time is tempering his feelings for the small fish, or does he see big profits for the whales in small profits for the minnows?—Salem Statesman.

CONGRESSMAN WM. MCKINLEY has been in Congress for twelve years, and his possessions are rated at about \$50,000. He owns a small farm in Columbiana county, Ohio, and a modest but attractive residence at Canton, where he has always lived. Mrs. McKinley is an invalid, and they have no children. McKinley never had a profound liking for his chosen calling, and practiced at the bar only a short time. He entered politics soon after admission to the bar and was elected prosecuting attorney of Stark county, the only political office he ever held before his election to congress.—San Jose Mercury.

If ever there was any well-defined opposition to the re-election of Senator John H. Mitchell, it seems to have died away. Those papers that once opposed him now speak well of him.—Tillamook Headlight.

THERE is a strong resemblance between the friend who pats you on the back in a quarrel, and the man who says "sic 'em" to a dog in a fight.

FARMING AT A PROFIT.

The intelligent farmer of to-day realizes that in farm matters there must be a change. Either the price of wheat, the chief product of the farm, must be advanced so that the farmer can realize a profit on the basis of the present yield per acre of that cereal, or if the present prices continue to be the price of the future, the quantity per acre must be increased, so that the farmer may reap some profit upon the capital invested in the farm.

The price of farm hands will in future, as they have in the past, continue to advance. The attractions of our beautiful Willamette valley, in the way of climate, productiveness, natural scenery, etc., is bound to cause large numbers of people to locate in it and build their homes in our midst. Immigration agents tell us that the influx of population during the next ten years will be greater than we have ever known before. This being true, the value of land will be doubled at least. Then if land now valued at \$30 or \$40 per acre can not be farmed at a profit in wheat raising, how will it be when worth twice as much? The only answer is that a more profitable crop must be produced.

The experience of the past in fruit raising is not very encouraging unless different modes and methods are adopted. Those persons who have made fruit culture a study and bring the knowledge and experience of others as well as their own, to bear on that subject manage their orchards with profit. The demand for our fruit crop in the past has been so limited that many of our orchards have been so sadly neglected that they resemble forest trees in appearance, and nearly all of the one mites of fruit known to the pomologist are found in them. Many of the neglected orchards are fit for nothing but fire wood, and many of them by proper attention can be restored and made a source of profit to the farmer.

Vegetables if raised in earland lots can be marketed with profit. The canneries at Salem and Portland we are told have not had during the past season all the vegetables that they wanted for canning purposes. The present market for the small white bean would pay the farmer from \$50 to \$75 per acre clear profit.

The successful farmer of the future will be he who has for sale a diversity of products of the farm, garden, orchard, dairy, hennery, etc., and he who adopts the plan of raising a diversity of crops will prosper while the exclusive wheat farmer will continue to murmur "hard times," and that wheat raising does not pay, and other kindred expressions.—Scioto Press.

Few persons outside of Louisiana are aware of the enormous damage suffered by the breaking of the levees. In a single year the state lost \$15,004,000, having 6,956,000 acres, of which 498,500 were cultivated, under water. During the present year a single crevasse destroyed in one parish \$1,295,576 worth of property. This was in Nita parish, but the water spread to the neighboring parishes, and, including the damages inflicted on the railroads, this single break must have already cost the people of Louisiana nearly \$5,000,000.

THE Grass Valley Union says: "Cigarettes are said to have been sold at ten cents apiece at Nevada City on election day in the saloons. The grand jury thought the price was extraordinary, but were satisfied with the theory of an intelligent witness who attributed the sudden rise in the price to the McKinley tariff bill."

SHALL we have adequate coast defense or not? is a question that must be acted upon speedily by congress.

NOW FULLY KNOWN.

The cause of the shrinkage of stocks in our eastern markets during the last three or four months is known to have been the precipitation on the American market of large amounts of American railway and other securities formerly held in England. At last it has transpired why these securities were sent over here to be sold. Immense sums of money had been drawn away from England for investment in South American bonds. These investments having resulted in unparalleled losses, the bankers and capitalists of England pushed upon the market all securities held by them upon which money could be raised. This action threw back upon the United States vast quantities of railway and other securities, by which the American market has been borne down. A further result has been the depression in value of all stocks except those of the most solid character. All new undertakings have been hindered or crippled, and many of them have been defeated. It has been impossible to float the bonds of new projects, and it has even been difficult to get money for the purposes of ordinary business.

The house of Baring Brothers had so long held a position as one of the greatest and most solid in the world that the announcement of its embarrassment came as a surprise. The magnitude of its operations is attested by the fact that its losses upon securities of the bankrupt Argentine republic appear to exceed \$50,000,000, so that the united financial strength of London was required to prevent a collapse that would have led to ruinous results in all quarters of the world.

With the adjustment that has been made in London, relieving the strain caused by the enormous demand for money, the pressure to sell American stocks will probably soon be diminished, and it may become possible again to raise money for new enterprises.—Oregonian.

MR. REED will not be speaker of the next house, but will be mighty active on the floor.

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