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JAY GOULD says he is perfectly satisfied with the western railroad agreement. Should think he ought to be when it was all his own work all the way through.

The democrats do not appear to have been as successful in controlling Farmers' Alliance legislatures in other sections as they have been in the South. There is a reason. Do you know it?

There is considerable stir in Marion county over a number of discoveries of what are supposed to be oil wells. The northern part of the county is most affected. The indications are that that section of Oregon is a vast oil reservoir, and it is hoped that subsequent development will prove more satisfactory than Benton county's experiments in "boring for oil."

The Boston Transcript calls attention to a little-known fact, viz: That the quantity of coin necessary in any country is proved to have no connection either with population or volume of trade. That nation of Europe which transacts the largest amount of business, Great Britain, uses the least quantity of coin, while the east, the most debt-ridden country of Europe, Spain, has the largest amount of metallic money compared to commerce, the coin ratio to commerce being 20 in Great Britain, and 100 in Spain. The ratio in this country is twice that of Great Britain.

The Eugene board of trade at a meeting held recently discussed the question of establishing a fruit and vegetable cannery. It will require a capital stock of between \$12,000 and \$15,000. The establishment of canneries is yet regarded in some localities as an experiment and capital appears tardy in taking hold of the industry. One of the great obstacles to the establishment of canneries and other manufacturing enterprises at this time is the high rate of interest which money commands. There is good reason to expect that within a short time the stringency of the money market will be relaxed; that the demand for money will be diminished and will become available for enterprises which offer reasonable returns. In the meantime we may as well discuss manufacturing enterprises and, when possible, establish them. The Corvallis cannery project appears to be drifting. Don't let this project drop but keep the ball rolling and we will have a cannery here in the near future.

A bill has been introduced into the senate for the improvement of the White House. Mrs. Harrison has been consulted in its preparation, it is said, which certainly was a proper thing to do; for no one can so well understand the defects and needs of a building as those who occupy it. The house is too small to use both as a private residence and as a public office, as it is now. It is proposed to use the present building as the president's private residence, and to erect a new wing for the executive offices on the west, another for a gallery of pictures, historic relics and art treasures on the east, both counterparts of the original structure in design, and connected with it by colonnades and hallways, and on the south by a connecting range of iron and glass structures of symmetrical design, forming executive conservatories and winter gardens, at a cost not to exceed \$950,000. The improvement is one which has long been needed, and it is to be hoped the bill will pass.—*Toldeo Blade.*

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

In his annual report to the governor the president of the board of regents of the state agricultural college says:

As the present attendance of students has outgrown the present buildings, both for teaching, experimental and lodging purposes, the regents are at a loss to know how any increased numbers can be accommodated. Congress only attaches one condition to its munificent grant of \$15,000, which is that no part of it shall be spent on buildings—such expense the several states must bear.

The pressing need of this institution is for an appropriation to build an experiment station laboratory. In this new building the chemical, botanical, agricultural, horticultural and zoological and entomological laboratories must be placed, in order to give the college building the rooms at present occupied for the purposes; and also to give the station workers the benefit of the larger space and greater conveniences imperatively needed. And there must be a building constructed to accommodate not less than 150 male students. And the board are also most anxious to build and to begin at once to operate the dairy, which was proposed in 1889, but the erection of which had to be left over for want of funds.

The welfare of the state demands certain expenditures now in order that this growing and useful institution may fulfill its beneficent purpose.

As congress has dealt liberally with this institution in the appropriation of funds to carry on the work, it is hoped that the state legislature will make ample appropriations to erect the buildings necessary for the present demands of the institution.

It speaks volumes for the stability of our present system of finance that the alarming speeches recently made in the Senate have not precipitated a panic. Not only has the country escaped the panic which was threatened a few weeks ago, but its finances are rapidly assuming their normal condition, and confidence, the primal requisite of commercial prosperity, is returning in business circles. And, do not forget, when considering this matter that the credit for our present financial system belongs exclusively to the republican party.

Before the democrats decide upon the next republican national ticket they should turn their eyes toward the cut-throat vendetta now raging in the ranks of their own party, between the friends of "I am a democrat" Hill, and those of "I am your only leader" and if that doesn't convince them that harmony is not the controlling sentiment of the democratic party, they might put in a few minutes on the twenty cornered fight for the speakership of the next House. That will settle it.

JOHNNY BULL, having been completely knocked out in the diplomatic ring by Mr. Blaine, has jumped into the judicial ring in hopes of better luck. The attempt to have the supreme court render a decision upon one of the questions at issue between this country and Great Britain was intended by the Brittishers to be a great surprise to Mr. Blaine, but it did not surprise him in the least; he had been expecting just that very move. Come again Johnny.

The Santiam people are agitating the division of Linn county and the location of Scio as the county seat. The idea is said to meet with some favor in Albany, but it is not probable that the division will carry.

Will some democratic editor kindly inform us what are the opinions of Messrs. Cleveland and Hill on the free and unlimited coinage of silver?

IMPROVE THE WILLAMETTE.

The attention of the state legislature and congress is constantly claimed by either Portland or Eastern Oregon on the subject of improving the Columbia river. Much has been done for the Columbia river. A great deal of "appropriation" has already been poured into its capacious maw, and it is not less ravenous than before. What it has received seems only to give it renewed power to directly convert the "appropriation" which is due its tributaries, seeming to forget that its own ultimate importance depends in some degree, upon their vitality.

A few representatives of the interests of the Willamette river and the people of the Willamette valley have been endeavoring to obtain recognition from the high authorities which dispense appropriations, and their efforts have not been altogether fruitless. They have obtained the floor, so to speak, and should be and will be seconded by a large delegation whose modesty has heretofore allowed them to defer the claims of the Willamette to give precedence to those of the Columbia. There is no valid reason why the Willamette river should be kept in the background in the matter of state and national appropriations, and it is time that the population of Willamette valley were making its influence felt. Its demand in regard to river appropriations is modest, and the small amount which it would require to make the river navigable, as far as Corvallis at least, the year round, ought, in justice, to have been appropriated long ago. This valley has a larger population, in proportion to area, than any other portion of Oregon, and to allow a few sandbars, which a little activity and statesmanship would dredge, to obstruct navigation on its principal waterway, is a severe reproach to the economic ideas of our people. Let it be understood that the best portion of Oregon has claims which our legislative bodies must listen to and act upon favorably.

It is not the purpose to oppose just demands of the Columbia river but it is not too much to ask that it go hand in hand with the Willamette.

SENATOR QUAY may now expect a fusillade of abuse from the entire democratic line. He has introduced a bill entitled "an act to prevent force and fraud in Federal elections and to insure the lawful and peaceful conduct thereof" which goes further than the Lodge Election bill, by empowering the President to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in any locality and to employ the United States army and navy to enforce the law, whenever, in his judgment it may become necessary to do so. The democrats seem to have made a slight mistake in claiming that Mr. Quay was opposed to a Federal election law.

The Oregonian says the committee on judiciary of the house have instructed its oldest and at the same time its most democratic member, Mr. Butler, of Polk, to draw up a bill for an act to provide for the holding of a constitutional convention. Oregon's antiquated constitution is the laughing-stock of other states which have been more progressive, and the expression of opinion among the members is very general that this session should take necessary steps to provide for a convention for its revision.

THERE has been quite an improvement in the commercial situation on the Pacific coast during the past week. Only sixteen failures are reported, against thirty for the week previous.

Few people realize the size of Harvard University; the present number of teachers is 242, and there are 2274 students—a fair size town within the college walls.

THE "DON'T CARE" IDEA.

A reporter for the New York Herald asked an ex-official to name his choice for Senator from New York, whereupon the gentleman said as he was out of politics now, he did not know or particularly care. In this answer is the text for a rebuke to many citizens who pay too little attention to politics and government, leaving it all to the professional politician and wire-puller. Every citizen owes it to himself, his state and his nation to take an interest in the choice of representatives who have a voice in shaping laws or executing them. The purification of practical politics will never come until the man who is not in "politics" takes an interest in elections and caucuses.

The men who prate about an unstable government and the growing wickedness of officials are frequently those who always have an excuse for taking no time to vote or see that honorable men are chosen to fill positions of trust. They leave it to the heeler and the professional political striker to say who shall do the governing. Greater interest is needed and by men not "in politics."

REPRESENTATIVE HERMANN has secured from the department an order for new railway mail service from Albany to Green Basin, in Linn county, Oregon, and the second assistant postmaster general has communicated with the railway company stating the basis upon which it would be proper to establish the service.

THE Salem Statesman says: the Australian ballot law will not amount to much without a registration law. A registration law cannot be passed and enforced without a constitutional amendment. The amendment cannot be voted on until a year from next June.

THE president has signed Representative Hermann's bill penning Hosea Brown, of Drain, in Southern Oregon, at the rate of \$40 per month. This old veteran served and fought in the war of 1812 against the British, and he is now nearing his 99th year in age.

RIDER HAGGARD and Rudyard Kipping are both in this country. It is to be hoped that they will be kept apart, for should they form a conjunction and both continue to be as prolific as they have been, the American syndicate writer, whose name is legion, is doomed.

DISPATCHES from Pendleton tell of the persecution of Chinese in Eastern Oregon by the whites. If the authorities refuse to protect the Chinese residents of this state, they would be perfectly justified in arming themselves for their own safety.

TWENTY cents a day is what the British government is allowing the women who are toiling at road-building in Ireland. This may account for the good roads in that country; but rather than have such pauper wages, we will cling to mud.

It is said that Governor Penoyer will not sign the Bull Run water bill, but will allow it to become a law without his signature. He might as well sign it. By allowing it to become a law he expresses his approval of it.

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- Men's Hats, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, &c.
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