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AFTER having several years of extremely low prices for grain, the tables have turned, and a good time is coming this harvest for the farmers. Wheat and other grains are higher than they have been for years, and the crop prospects all over the United States are most excellent. This state of things makes the farmers rejoice, and nobody is displeased except the demagogues and "calamity howlers," who are trying to break into office because of the hard times the farmers have had. The prices of grain have been on the up grade steadily since the fact tart there was to be a big shortage in the wheat crop of Europe, and therefore a larger amount would be required from this country.

TWENTY-ONE states in the union have now adopted the Australian ballot or some modification of it. These states are taking them in the order of contiguity, and beginning with the pioneer in the electoral reform movement, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Indiana, Tennessee, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, Arkansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, South and North Dakota, Montana, Oregon and Washington. More than a third of these adopted the ballot since the election last November. Bills to bring about the reform are also before the legislatures of several other states, and some of them will undoubtedly be successful.

IN the City of New York there are over 150,000 people who earn less than 60 cents a day. Thousands of this number are poor girls who work from eleven to sixteen hours a day. Last year there were over 23,000 families forcibly evicted in that city owing to their inability to pay their rent. One person in every ten who died in New York in 1889 was buried in Potter's field.

NOTHING makes a free trader so mad as to show him a sheet of American-made tin plate. First, he invariably asserts it is not American; then, confronted with the proof, he says it is no good, anyhow; and when its merit is made manifest he says: "Of course; if anything is protected as tin plate is, it can be made here." —Astorian.

SENATOR QUAY is said to favor holding a very early convention to nominate a republican presidential ticket next year. He thinks the weather entirely to warm in June or July for a national gathering, and proposes instead that it shall be held in April or early in May.

THE English press and English influence have consolidated against the Nicaragua canal project. That should be sufficient to show the United States that it is to our commercial interests to push the project to successful completion.—Ex.

MONEY is so scarce just now says the Mercury, that Secretary Foster has begun to coin half-cent pieces, in order, we assume, to make it go around. Editors ought certainly to come in now for a jingle at least.

GEO. FRANCIS TRAIN writes that he lives solely upon coffee. People who supposed that he lived solely upon notoriety will note their mistake.—Astorian.

JAY GOULD is still reaching after more. He can't get the earth, but some day the earth will get him.—Astorian.

THE city election comes May 18th. See that progressive men are elected to the council.

MUCH ADO.

In arranging for the reception of President Harrison and party in this state the question arose as to the propriety of Governor Pennoyer meeting the distinguished visitors at the state line. Governor Pennoyer expressed the opinion to a party including a Telegram reporter, that official etiquette does not require him to meet the visitors at the state line; that the proper place for him to receive the president is at the state capitol. These remarks were not intended for publicatien but they appeared in the Telegram and the result is a very great hue and cry which has sounded and resounded in the remotest parts of the country, the governor's speech being construed as an expression of disrespect to the president. The subject has been enlarged upon as it rapidly spread abroad, and, although, as has been said, the governor is not Oregon, the effect has been to place the state in a false position before the country. Mr. Pennoyer expressed, as a citizen, his ideas on the subject to assist in determining the arrangements for the president's reception and it is not more in justice to arraign him than many other citizens who hold similar views.

It is not unlikely that the Portland Telegram set a trap for the newspapers, into which many of them at once stepped, and which local pride should have kept them out of. The motive of the Telegram is much more to be questioned than that of the governor. There is no doubt, however, that the reception which will be extended the president in this state will be such as to assure him of the hospitality of our people and of their appreciation of the respect due the chief executive of their country.

THE Oregonian, whether native born or not, is always enthusiastic over the climate of his state. His enthusiasm is so over-powering that he is apt to be laughed at by those who never saw Oregon save in the rainy season of winter or the smoky days of summer, when the forest fires make it a land of clounded skies. The truth is that while every climate has its drawbacks, that of Oregon the year around is as good if not better than that of any section of the country save Southern California. Oregon does not have the severe winters of New England, Minnesota, Wisconsin, or generally of the Middle West. It escapes the spring east winds of Boston and the June winds of San Francisco. It has no blizzards in winter, no cyclones, or tornadoes, or thunder storms in summer; no hot nights from June to October. The Oregon "wet" season, from the middle of March, is rather monotonous, but is more agreeable than the eastern winter, which begins in November and departs in April. The dry season from June to October would be perfect save for the smoke that hides our noble mountains. The drawbacks to the Oregon climate are that we miss that sudden rush and flush of spring and summer beauty that is found in New England. The New England summer and autumn are splendid seasons and they ought to be to make up for her winter.—Oregonian.

SINCE the 1st of January 53 persons have been lynched in this country, 44 of whom have been lynched in the South. Of these 44, 23 were negroes, 11 Italians, 9 white Americans and 1 Indian. Of this number Louisiana has lynched 11, Texas 9, Mississippi 6, Tennesee 5, Georgia 3, Alabama 3, West Virginia 2, Virginia 2, Florida 2 and Missouri 1.

MRS. KING, the "cattle queen" of Corpus Christi, Texas, recently sold 15,000 head of 2-year-old steers for $82,000—probably the largest single order for cattle ever filled in Texas.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our regular correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1891.

Senator Sherman is in town, and many are the ruses that have been tried for the purpose of getting an authoritive statement from him as to his future political intention, but no one has yet succeeded in drawing him out. A gentleman close to him personally and politically, and who probably knows if any one does, said to me: "Mr. Sherman isn't ready to talk yet and those acquainted with him know how useless it is for anybody to try to pursuade him to do so until he is. But you may be certain that when the proper time comes the people of Ohio will be told whether he wishes to be re elected to the senate; John Sherman never travels under false pretenses, and never hesitates to ask in a manly and open manner for the political support of his constituents when he desires it." It is the opinion of all the prominent republicans with whom I have talked, among them several Ohio men, that Mr. Sherman will be a candidate for the re-election to the senate, and that also is my own impression.

The success of our special envoy, ex-Minister Foster, in negotiating with Spain a reciprocity treaty between Cuba and the United States, along the lines of the McKinley tariff act, gives great satisfaction in official circles, and most effectually disposes of all the democratic fairy tales about there being a hitch on account of the demand of Spain that we should place Cuban tobacco on the free list. The Spanish Government was very anxious that we should admit Cuba's tobacco free of duty, but it was far too sensible to demand it, and when informed that it was impossible there was no more said about it.

The subject of counterfeiting United States currency is assuming grave proportions and the officials of the Treasury Department are just at present giving considerable time to studying it in the hope of discovering a remedy or preventative. The chief engraver of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, who is away up as an expert, spent an hour in examining two $2 silver certificates, one genuine and the other counterfeit, with a powerful magnifying glass and his verdict was that there was not the slightest difference between the two notes. New inventions in photo-mechanical processes have made it easy and cheap for the counterfeiters to reproduce on a metal plate every line of a note and after a little etching it is an exact duplicate of the steel plate from which the note was originally printed and which it had taken months to engrave. The color in the red seals and the greenbacks was once a protection, but late discoveries in photochromy makes it easy to reproduce the precise shades. The chief of the Secret Service in his last annual report says on this subject: "The genuine government notes now adays, especially the series of 1890, are marvels of the engraving art aided by the wonderful geometric laths. One would think it impossible to successfully counterfeit such work upon looking over the complex area of lines and patterns; and yet at this moment counterfeiters are reproducing it so perfectly that the elaborate beauty of this paper money may be said to offer no protection to the public or defense against fraud." The only way the expert has of detecting these skillfully executed counterfeits is by the paper and that has been so well imitated that no one but an expert can tell it from the genuine. So that really about the only protection the public has against counterfeiting is the vigilance of the Treasury Secret Service.

Representative Springer, of Illinois, is now jocularly referred to as the "talking candidate" for Speaker of the House, because of the number of his recent newspaper interviews. In his last, after painting his own prospects a deep roseate hue, which, by the way, is not visible to anyone else, he sails into New York politics, nominates for Governor and elects Representative Roswell P. Flower, whose, "barrel" has so often been on tap to the "boys" of the democratic machine, and makes him the democratic presidential nominee, just as if those other two gentlemen—Cleveland and Hill—were not in existence. Really this Speakership business is getting decidedly interesting, and each of the would be democratic presidential candidates will soon have a candidate for speaker. Mr. Mills is the Cleveland candidate, Mr. Crisp the Hill candidate, with a number of others to be heard from.

The Italian business has again simmered down, and everybody here thinks that Rudini will find it extremely dificult to answer Mr. Blaine's last dispatch, which meets with commendation on all sides and from everybody.

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