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FREE WOOL.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer has the following good points on the question of free wool, which is now being agitated by the democratic majority in the house of representatives:

The free wool bill, as presented to congress, is substantially the wool provisions of the Mills bill of 1888, which made wool free and spared the wool manufacturer. Of course, if this bill should become a law the wool grower, deprived of all protection, would finally turn upon the wool manufacturer and help the free traders strip the factory as well as the farm of all protection. Oregon and California wool growers repudiated this kind of democratic tariff reform in November, 1888, by defeating Cleveland, who endorsed the Mills bill, for re-election, and Oregon, Washington and California will certainly not help elect a democrat, standing on a free wool platform, president in November next.

The education of the campaign of 1888 taught the wool growers and wool manufacturers that their interests are mutual, and so we find President Whitman, of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, in opposition to the democratic policy of free wool. Mr. Whitman sees clearly that the wool grower would not spare the wool manufacturer very long after "free wool" had been enacted. The democratic reformers propose the repeal of the duties on wool and the specific duties on wool goods, which at present represent the duties on the raw material, leaving on wool goods the present ad valorem duties, thus retaining to the manufacturer as much protection as ever, and exposing the grower to unlimited competition with Australia, New Zealand, Spain and the rest of the world.

The McKinley tariff is framed upon the principle that the producer of raw material is as much entitled to protection as the manufacturer.

It is not necessary that a man should realize a thousand dollars an acre to succeed in fruit-growing. There is reliable and encouraging success at a hundred dollars an acre; for when a man can own and cultivate ten acres and clear \$1,000 total per annum for his labor and capital, he is doing well. If he can do better, that is also well, but \$100 an acre of gross yield is far better than any farm produce pays, and \$1,000 a year for one man and family, is more, by considerable, than intelligent labor averages, even in America.—Fruits and Flowers.

Is there any reason why an immense fruit canning industry cannot be built up in this section. The superior quality of the pears, peaches and cherries will insure a practically unlimited market, and the extra quality will also offset the extra distance from market. Some varieties of small fruit can also be raised here with greater ease than in almost any other section of the country.

BINGER HERMANN, no doubt, will be the republican candidate for congress from this district. He is the choice of the party and the people, and in this instance the office seeks the man. Mr. Hermann is not an experiment; he has been fully tried and found to be true.

Mr. HARRISON's administration has been clean, conservative and honorable, and he will go to Minneapolis with a solid delegation. The republican party is better equipped to enter a national campaign than ever before since the election of Lincoln in 1864.

The two parties, in the selection of county candidates for the different positions, should look well to efficiency and honesty of the men chosen. In that event, the successful party will insure us good government.

THE WILLAMETTE RIVER.

The effort being made to run boats up the Willamette river to Eugene is a laudable one, but in order to do this a part of the appropriation made for the Willamette river must be expended above Harrisburg, says the Eugene Journal. The upper Willamette, between Harrisburg and Eugene, should be included in the next river and harbor bill and a reasonable amount should be appropriated for the purpose of cleaning out the snags and removing bar obstructions in the river as far up as Eugene. Twenty-five and thirty years ago steamboats ran up to Eugene frequently during the winter months and carried away all the freight. They could and would have made regular trips five or six months in the year, had there been business enough to require it, but there was not much freight then, consequently they came only when they could get a load of freight both ways. We went on a steamboat about twenty-eight or thirty years ago from Eugene to Springfield, and the boat took a load of flour to Oregon City. There is no reason why boats should not come to Eugene as well as to Corvallis or Harrisburg. There is plenty of water in the river. In fact, the depth is about the same between Eugene and Corvallis as between Corvallis and Salem, but the channel is narrower in places and more inclined to become obstructed with snags and drifts. These obstructions can be removed and kept out of the way by a little expense each year, and we hope that our congressional delegation will insist on including this part of the river in the next appropriation bill.

SECRETARY FOSTER says: "There is no system on God's earth that will beat a rascal. The only way to prevent stealing in the banks or anywhere else is to have honest men running them. Every bank and every other business enterprise that's worth anything is run by one man. If that man is not honest, no system of examination or direction can keep him from robbing." Teach the children morality and honesty in the family, in the school, in the church, and wherever it can be taught, and there will be less dishonest men. This is the only way to prevent stealing, embezzlement and fraud.

FEBRUARY 12th was Lincoln's birthday. Eminent for piety and sincerity, he certainly stood at the head of American men, and it is proper and fitting, and suggestive of the love of patriotism, that his name should be honored and his memory revered on that day, with the characteristic enthusiasm that greeted the occasion. The name of Abraham Lincoln has passed into history, and it shall not be blotted out while the nation exists.

Occasionally we have had here in western Oregon such Februarys as would astonish people east of the Rockies in the same latitude. The winter would seem to lose itself about the last week in January, and then a month of beautiful sunshine would swell buds and make peach bloom show its line of scarlet between the encircling and bursting green.—Fruits and Flowers.

THEY grow apples everywhere, very nearly, but they can't grow such pears as Oregon does anywhere else in North America. Eastern Bartletts are small and inferior compared to ours. Last summer the people of Helena had their first taste of Oregon Bartletts and they declared they never before knew what a Bartlett pear was. They had for years back had Bartlett pears from California, you see!—Fruits and Flowers.

THE appointment of congressman McKenna as circuit judge of the new court of appeals for the ninth circuit leaves but one vacancy in that body—the fifth circuit. Successors to Supreme Justice Bradley and Circuit Judge Sawyer are yet to be named.

WHEN you have anything to say to strangers about Corvallis always speak a good word. The best indication of a man's character is what he has to say about his neighbors.

AN examination of the shelves of the grocery stores of this section will convince anyone that the greater portion of the canned fruits consumed in the Northwest are brought here from California, canned corn from as far east as Maine and other canned vegetables largely from California. It will prove a permanent advantage to this section to have the over-production of fruit reach a sufficient stage to bring about the establishment of enough canneries to supply, at least, the home demand. We suspect that at the present time a good deal of the product of Oregon canneries finds a market abroad because of its superior quality. A great many varieties of fruits can certainly be produced here as cheaply as anywhere and we ought not to be sending money to California for canned goods that could be produced at home as cheaply and in many cases, of superior quality. A large quantity of California evaporated fruits are also still sold in this section. In the line of nuts we import practically everything, although there are localities in Oregon and Washington in which English walnuts, almonds, chestnuts and other varieties of commonly used nuts thrive. Let us get outside canned goods, evaporated fruits, etc., out of our local markets before we worry seriously about over-production in horticultural lines.—Rural Northwest.

FOR some years past foreign travel has been very large. The secretary of the treasury estimates that our people spend \$60,000,000 in gold every year in foreign countries. Other good authorities estimate the amount as high as \$100,000,000. One hundred thousand people go to Europe annually and spend \$1,000 each on an average. The great world's fair approaching will turn travel this way. A contemporary estimates that 100,000 Europeans will come here and spend \$1,500 each of foreign gold.

THE kicker is a developer; the croaker is an incubus. The kicker incites to improvement; the croaker to indignation and resentment. The kicker is only heard when he is given \$1 accommodations at \$3 rates; the croaker would be just as noisy if he were getting \$3 accommodations and paying nothing. The kicker is a lively, jovial progressive fellow; the croaker is a dismal nuisance who lags superfluous on the stage. 'Rah for the kicker; a bas the croaker.

THE New York Recorder observes that Senator Gorman's sagacity and caution were shown when he said to an inquisitive friend, "This is one of those political periods when things are drifting in a tide no man or set of men can control, and my idea is that the most sensible thing one can do is to let them drift."

HARRISON and Cleveland will head the national tickets this year without doubt. The constant suggestion of other names as available is all bosh, and is the talk only of disappointed politicians. The south will dominate the democratic convention, and Cleveland is the choice in that section.

GOVERNOR PENNOYER is not disposed to call an extra session of the legislature to take action on the improvement of the dalles of the Columbia, and many contemporaries are speaking out against him. Gov. Pennoyer seems to be his own "boss," and a poor one, too.

It is said that ex-Senator Blair does not share the relief of the country at his retirement from public life. He meditates making an effort to get into the house of representatives from the first New Hampshire district, with a further purpose of contesting for Senator Chandler's seat next year.

ONE hundred thousand dollars a year, for five years, was the salary recently refused by the editor of the Chicago Herald, Jas. Scott. Great Scott!

THE human race is divided into classes—people who go ahead and do something, and people that sit around and want to know why it wasn't done some other way.

CHINESE DESTITUTE OF NERVES.

The Chinese can remain in one position an indefinite time, have no consciousness of monotony, can do without exercise, are impervious to noise, can go to sleep at any time and in any attitude—all because they have no nerves. It is not supposed that this nervelessness is a physiological fact, but it can not be doubted that the Chinaman's patience, endurance, and insusceptibility to influence which would send a European into an early grave are constitutional. He can not help taking things as they come. Curiously enough, this indifference is not associated with want of energy, for the Chinaman is exceptionally industrious. He is simply insensible to worry.

THE name of D. R. N. Blackburn, of Linn county, has been suggested as a candidate for the office of supreme judge before the republican state convention. Judge Blackburn is a strong man, efficient and honorable in all respects.

THIS fine sunshiny weather is bracing to us all. While we are enjoying the blessings of a mild and equable climate, the people of the east and middle west are shivering with the thermometer below zero. Come to Oregon to live.

THE Dubs faction in the Evangelical association seems to be in the ascendant. This has had the effect of silencing the opposition under the leadership of Bishop Bowman, but it has germinated a strong feeling of indignation throughout that element.

DAVE HILL is not in it. The New York World, the leading democratic paper and Hill organ of the state, editorially denounces the snap convention and brands Hill as a machine politician. It looks blue for the democracy just now.

THE way to promote the best interests of this city is to promote permanent public improvements.

LITTLE ELK.

Weather fine. Our weather prophets announce severe weather for March and will be disappointed if they do not get it.

We do not know of any sickness at present except complaints of rheumatism—dregs of la grippe.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. I. F. Eddy, Sunday, Feb. 14, 1892, Mr. Harry Porter and Miss Exilda Ekey were united in wedlock. G. F. Luckey J. P. officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Porter took the train Monday morning for Nortons, where they will make their future home. The esteemed couple have the best wishes of the people here.

Who will be Cupid's next victim this leap year? Success to the girls. Mr. J. G. McCarty, of Philomath, has been in town the past few days.

RESOLUTIONS.

We, your committee heretofore appointed in the matter of resolutions upon the death of our late brother, B. L. Arnold, do respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, the all-wise Father did on the 30th day of January, 1892, call our late brother, B. L. Arnold, from time to eternity, and

WHEREAS, we should at all times bow submissively to the will of our creator, knowing that he doeth all things well and that death must come alike to all, and

WHEREAS, it is right and becoming, in view of the many noble qualities of heart and mind possessed by our deceased brother, that his memory should be cherished and his good qualities emulated, be it

Resolved by Friendship lodge, No. 14, A. O. U. W., of Corvallis, Oregon, that in the death of Brother B. L. Arnold this lodge has lost a worthy and consistent member; his family a kind and devoted husband, an affectionate and indulgent father; the institution of which he was the president a tried and faithful servant, and society and the general public a useful and honored citizen. That we tender to his sorrowing family our sincere sympathy in this, their saddest bereavement. As a token of our regard for the deceased members of this lodge we will have the usual badge of mourning and that our lodge room be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the records of this lodge, that a copy thereof be presented to the family of our deceased brother and a copy also be furnished each of the city papers.

E. HOLGATE, J. A. F. HERSHNER, JAS. A. CATHORS, Committee.

Adopted Feb. 4th, 1892, E. HOLGATE, Recorder.

We, a committee appointed by the several classes to draw up resolutions to the memory of our deceased president, beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, it has been the will of the Divine Providence to remove from our midst our beloved and honored president, B. L. Arnold, and

WHEREAS, we desire to express the sorrow of our hearts and our sympathy for the family so sadly bereft, and

WHEREAS, we shall long feel the sad loss that we and our college have sustained, be it

Resolved, that we shall cherish the memory of his noble manhood and virtuous character, his sympathy for the needy, his exemplary life, his broad, scholarly mind and ability as an instructor and his high ideal of manhood, and

Resolved, that his name be inserted in the permanent list of honorary members of the Hesperian Lyceum and a copy of these resolutions be placed on file, and

Resolved, that these resolutions be published in each of the city papers and a copy be furnished to the friends of the deceased.

APPOINTED COMMITTEE OF STUDENTS.

A SAILOR BOY.—This noon a young man in full sailor uniform such as is worn on all U. S. steamers, arrived in Albany from Yaguina City, having come to that city on the Willamette Valley, on his way from San Francisco to Walla Walla. On his cap were the words "U. S. S. Baltimore." That would attract attention anywhere these days, that being the steamer the sailors on which had been attacked in Valparaiso, over which so much smoke was caused. A Democrat reporter met the young man just as he was starting to board the Portland train. He said he left Chile six weeks ago, and that affairs looked pretty stormy there for awhile. He reported Chileans generally down on Egan and that they were anxious for his recall, which simply confirms general reports. Already our people are full of Chilean affairs and most of them tired of it, but a real live man direct from the "seat of war" is not seen every day, hence the interest taken in this particular sailor boy, whose general appearance stamped him as being genuine, but what he is doing on his way to Walla Walla is an enigma.—Albany Democrat.

Our correspondent at Newport says, "The republican party must not think that Capt. Robertson will refuse any office that is offered him. We understand he is from Maine and when gall was served out he doubled up on the dispenser of that necessary article. He says he is not particular whether he has a boat-wain's or mate's position in the county, or second mate's job in Salem; he would not refuse petty officer's billet in Washington. It takes cheek to get along in this world, and we guess the Capt. has a whole lot."

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"I knew it couldn't have been in Oregon." "Why so?"

"Well, you know they say it rains out there thirteen months in the year!"

"Yes."

"Well, Adam was made out of dust, wasn't he?"

"Yes."

"Then if he had been made in Oregon his name wouldn't have been 'Mud.'"

"Oh!"—Philadelphia Press.

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