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THE democratic congress continues to work hard at doing nothing but the people must foot the bills.

THE nomination of William G. Gilbert of Oregon, as United States judge for the ninth judicial district has been confirmed.

THE McKinley bill lost England $22,000,000 worth of trade last year, and in consequence our British cousins are not feeling jubilant.

THE farmers can enter a talking match with any of them. A windier convention was never held in Oregon than that of the people's party this week.—Ex.

Some notion of the extent of the baseball business can be gathered from the fact that the factories in Philadelphia use 100 horse hides a week to make covers for balls.

THE grand total of charitable bequests in England during 1891, excluding Baron Hirsch's benefactions. was $15,000,000, as against $11,500,000 during the preceding year.

THE Mercury says: David B. Hill may visit Oregon. He will be a curiosity and as such will be viewed by Oregon democrats with no little interest. But wait till he mentions Cleveland's name (if he dare do it)!

THE sugar bounties during the past year amounted to $7,500,000, and the people saved $60,000,000 on their sugar purchases. That is to say, republican tariff reform was worth $52,000,000 to the country, exclusive of the sum paid for the protection of domestic producers.

THE Florence West thus expresses itself for the reelection of Hermann: By the time one single individual, of recent coming to Florence, talks more of defeating Hon. Binger Hermann for congress the people will surely have lost all patience with him. A man who will strain his political prejudices to the point of voting against his town's interests, ought to appeal to some authority for a little common sense.

JOHN WANAMAKER, the Philadelphia merchant, says that during the ten days previous to Christmas his sales covered about $100,000 a day, so that the grand total for the ten days was only a few dollars under a million. He adds: "I spend $5000 a week in advertising, and I pay a skillful man—a former editor, and a good one—$1000 a month to do it for me. I make money by it. Advertising is the leverage with which this store has been raised up. I do not see how any large and successful business can be done without liberal advertising."

FROM all parts of the northwest come reports that nurserymen are increasing their stock and enlarging their nurseries, while new nurseries are springing up on every hand. Yet with all this increase many have a large part of their stock engaged and the chances are that notwithstanding this great increase in stock there will be none left by the time the season is over. This is a great fruit country and thousands of acres will be set in trees within the next five years.

THERE is not a week but brings rumors of either revolution in, or war among, the Central American states. There is a lesson in this for us—that we must elevate the standard of our popular education, because an educated and intelligent voting population constitutes the only safeguard of a popular form of government and is the only thing that can give it perpetuity. Ignorance leads to tyranny—and in our case it would be the tyranny of a mob, which is even worse than the tyranny of a despotic ruler.

THE Washington correspondent of the Hartford Courant gives no credit to Senator Hill for declining that portion of his salary which accrued before he took the oath of office. He says, "The money remains in the custody of the senate subject to his order, and the order of his heirs, so long as time shall last and the government shall exist, unless Mr. Hill himself shall direct that it be covered into the treasury. The trick to which Senator Hill has resorted is one which was familiar in the days of the salary grab." It will be interesting to note whether Hill ever orders it covered back into the treasury. Probably he proposes to wait a year or two, then quietly draw it, and bestow it safely in the depths of his own pocket.

RIVER AND HARBOR.

The Oregonian's Washington correspondent says the river and harbor bill is now completed and is ordered reported to the house. Representative Hermann secures great results for Oregon. His state aggregates more appropriations than any state in the Union, with the exception of New York. The great canal and locks at the Cascades of the Columbia receives nearly $500,000 and is placed under the contract system for completion, the secretary of war being authorized to contract for the whole work, for which $1,310,000 is estimated, exclusive of the sum now allowed in the present bill, which becomes immediately available. Under the contract system it is expected that ships can pass through the Cascade canal and locks of the Columbia within two years. Mr. Hermann made a gallant and very persistent as well as discreet struggle for the concession to his state. He firmly insisted that if like privileges were bestowed on any other great works of the nation, it must now be understood that the Cascade locks should be counted in. He stubbornly resisted any other arrangement.

THE RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

This policy will hereafter take the Cascades canal out of the river and harbor bill, and Mr. Hermann thinks in the next congress the permanent works at the dalles and Celilo rapids can be undertaken and also placed under contract, unless the senate should come to the rescue now when the present river and harbor bill reaches that body. No separate bill can possibly pass the house, in view of the immense sum which is now given Oregon in the general bill. The items as now secured in the bill for Oregon are as follows:

Columbia river at the Cascades	$435,000
Mouth of the Columbia	300,000
Coos Bay	210,000
Yaquina Bay	75,000
Siuslaw river	10,000
Tillamook Bay	15,000
Lower Willamette and Columbia	50,000
Coquille jetty	25,000
Upper Coquille river	5,000
Yamhill river to McMinnville	3,000
Upper Columbia and Snake river	150,000
Willamette river to Eugene City, with a commencement of the special work at Oswego, Clackamas Rapids, Corvallis, Independence and Salem	30,000

Provision is also made in the bill for the examination by the war department with a view of improvement of Alsea river in Benton county, of Chetco river in Curry county; of Rogue river, from Grants Pass to the sea, in Josephine and Curry counties; of the Nestucca river in Tillamook county; of Coos river in Coos county, and for the construction of a lock and dam in the Yamhill river at Lafayette, in Yamhill county.

Mr. Hermann hopes to see the Siuslaw appropriation increased. Upon this item the fight in the committee was to reject the project entirely, and it was a triumph to obtain the present allowance. Since the house committee has allowed so much for Oregon, a smaller margin will be allowed the Oregon senators to increase the appropriations for the lesser projects, which usually have the greatest difficulty for recognition and liberality. The great demand is to complete the large works first and benefit the greatest commerce. This position, however, is that of the representatives of the east, where the greater commerce exists. Mr. Hermann says when the senate has added even the most necessary increases to the house items, it will still leave Oregon with a larger appropriation than was ever before obtained. In the present bill the Willamette river receives a larger allowance than was ever before secured for it. It is now nearly treble that of the last congress. The mouth of the Columbia is also completed and does not require much, but obtains a larger percentage of the amount recommended than any other. Yaquina bay requires much less than before, and receives a good percentage. A new project is proposed here. Coos bay has entered upon a large project and obtains a generous allowance. The full amount for Yamhill river was given in order to remove all the temporary obstructions from its mouth to McMinnville.

OREGON'S TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The total allowance now for Oregon is $1,170,000 and nearly equals that of the "billion dollar congress," although the aggregate of the present bill, which is $20,124,000, or less than that of the last bill as it was reported from the river and harbor committee. Then it was $20,932,445. The state of Washington receives an aggregate allowance of $84,000, as against $19,000 of last congress.

MEXICO is calling for our corn. The St. Louis merchants' exchange a few days ago, called for 18,000 bushels of corn for shipment to Mexico, the first transaction of the kind ever made. During former years Mexico has raised an ample corn crop, but last season the crop failed and the United States has been called upon to supply the deficiency.

A POINTER.

Good judgment and the rules of propriety should prompt a newspaper man to hew to the line, and not even by indirection invade an adjoining judicial district. Suggestions are almost always out of order—at least, they are so considered. We feel confident that our republican brethren of the third district are well able to look after the personal of their judgeship and see that clean republicanism shall prevail.

The third district, from a republican standpoint, is very fortunate, indeed, in possessing strong judicial timber. Burnett and Ford of Salem, McCain of Yamhill, Wolverton, Hewitt and Blackburn of Linn, besides many others, are all able and worthy. We presume possibly on the long standing of the GAZETTE as a straight up-and down exponent of republican principles when we modestly make the suggestion that there is not a single one of the learned gentlemen named whose republicanism has ever been below low water mark. It may be true no one of these gentlemen has an ambition in that direction. We believe in none of this low water mark kind of republicanism or in solidifying around one whose alleigance is active to the different sops—isms, alliances, etc.—in these days ridden for political and judicial preferment. These old calamity breeders should be sat down upon hard. The republican party in its onward march cannot cater to those mischief makers who follow in the wake of all the prevailing issues, and who are more frequently found in the enemy's camp than our own.

The republican party of the third district, as regards judgeship, ought not in decency be ridden for revenue purposes only. That is getting to be an old, old game. Policy, expediency and soft solder only feed disease and is no part of republican doctrine; its use is getting to be old in certain places. Years ago we read the Arabian Nights, and remember the old man of the sea and we commend the story as containing material for thought to our brethren of the third district.

Reward should be for merit, not perverseness.

PEOPLE'S PARTY PLATFORM.

The platform of the people's party, as adopted at Oregon City, embraces the following leading features. It demands direct loan by the government at 2 per cent., free and unlimited coinage of silver, increased circulating medium to $50 per capita, postal saving banks, no alien land owners, corporation ownership restricted to actual land used, government ownership of railroads, abolishment of railroad commission and maximum rate, reducing rates one-third, government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines, improvement of Columbia river by building parallel railroad to be operated by the government.

The only tax for the support of the government, the 2 per cent on loans by the government and graduated land tax. No exemption for indebtedness without corresponding rendering of taxable credit, liquor sold by state agent and not drank within sixty feet of purchase place, no license by national government, equal suffrage, anti-Chinese, state publish school books, county officers restricted to salary, eight hours a day's labor in factories; mines and shops. Reorganize Knights of Labor labels. Against Pinkerton detectives. Against Nicaragua canal, unless owned by the government operated at cost; direct vote for all officers. To issue legal tender notes and pay Union soldiers the loss occasioned by depreciated currency.

A STATISTICIAN has established that every worker in an American factory consumes over $300 worth of agricultural produce a year, while the English workingman under the most favorable circumstances does not use more than $4.42 worth annually of the products of American farms The obvious deduction from this fact is that the American farmer derives about twenty times as much benefit from having manufacturing done abroad, because the American factory hand is a twenty times better customer than the English worker, who takes more American farm products than any other foreign workingman.

IF the democrats must have "dirt-cheap" clothing why don't they provide for its manufacture by our convict labor, instead of sending our money abroad to pay foreign pauper labor for the work? The republican party is opposed to labor competition with either convicts, paupers or slaves.

RECIPROCITY gives us as much or more as we give in exchange for it. Free trade would seize a large share of our best market at home and give us nothing in exchange.

NOTES FOR WOMEN.

The teachers instute was full of interest, and attention never flagged as subject after subject was introduced, that of hygienic physiology was warmly discussed. It was presented by Mrs. Preident Keezel of Philomath who made several good points. That the very parents who declare that they can teach everything of the kind that is requisite to their children are the ones who say that they never learned physiology and such a study is not necessary. Professor Brownson of McMinnville spoke strongly on the evils of the cigarette and urged the teachers to set their faces against the habit. Another Prof. said that a practical illustration was worth oceans of talk, and that a few simple chemical experiments with nicotine and alcohol had worked wonders in his school.

Mrs. Riggs, state supt. of the W. C. T. U., with quite a number of the friends of the cause, were entertained Tuesday evening by Mrs. F. Berchtold. Mrs. Riggs spoke on this subject and also about the home for unfortunate women which was founded in Portland by the W. C. T. U. women. Of this we will hear more at length in the near future.

Lady Henry Somerset will soon return to England, but will still continue her articles for the Union Signal. Would that we might transplant so choice a flower to our fair American climate and soil.

Mrs. Riggs says that women might as well be ordained as ministers for they will preach without ordination. One hundred and six pulpits were filled in Boston by women attending the worlds W. C. T. U. convention.—Women will some day be emancipated.

Women have full suffrage in Wyoming, municipal suffrage in Kansas and school suffrage in the following states and territories: Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. In some of these states woman has unrestricted suffrage. In others the right is more or less restricted. E. M. S.

THE Washington correspondent of the New York Herald has recently furnished that paper with a table made up of the interviews with leading men from all over the Union, which purports to show how the delegates to the national democratic convention will vote as between Cleveland, Hill and some western man. The table gives Cleveland 265, Hill 285 and the western man 350; Alaska's two votes not being counted. Under the two-thirds rule, which prevails in democratic conventions, 600 votes will be necessary for a choice, and neither of the New York men, it is thought, can get them. Of the western men, Palmer, of Illinois, Gray, of Indiana, Boies, of Iowa, and Carlisle, of Kentucky, have the best chances.

SENATOR DOLPH's bill, authorizing the payment of $1.25 per acre to settlers on the even number sections within the forfeiture land grants of Oregon and Washington, passed the senate Tuesday by a strong party vote. Every democrat in the senate recorded himself as being against restoring these people the money they had paid for their lands, beleiving they were to receive railroad benefits, now that the lands are forfeited and become a part of the public domain and are sold at $1.25 per acre, while the older settlers and the pioneers were compelled to pay twice that amount for those they own.

MAYOR MASON, of Portland, has been on a trip to San Francisco. He says of Portland: "We may complain of the want of enterprise here, but we have acres of it where San Francisco has none." The worn out theme of Oregon mossbackism will be a chestnut after a while. Oregon will be the stormcenter of progress for the next twenty years.

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