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CAR BUILDING ON THIS COAST.

The Puget Sound Lumberman claims to be in possession of data leading to the belief that several of the larger car building plants in the United States will soon be located on the sound. A prominent lumberman lately made the declaration that he firmly believed that within the next ten years nearly all the box, flat and stock cars used in the country will be manufactured on the north Pacific coast. The hindrances to the planting of the industry in that region have been a lack of fuel and material for making wheels; but recently eastern capitalists and railway men have examined the resources of the country in these respects, and can now see their way to obtain such supplies. The fuel question has been solved by the Wilkeson Coke company, which is now turning out as good coke as can be obtained anywhere. The American Foundry company at Tacoma, by mixing scrap iron with British Columbia ore, has demonstrated what can be done on the coast in the matter of making car wheels, for car builders declare that the wheels thus turned out are as good as any made in the country. Furthermore, iron ore can be obtained in Washington that is equal or superior to that mined in British Columbia. Such ore abounds in vast deposits in the Co-Elum range, owned by the Pacific Improvement company, a corporation composed of Scotch capitalists. It is probable that the company will erect a large blast furnace within the coming year.—Scientific American.

Mr. Cleveland's position is in one sense an exceptionally hard one. He was elected by a combination of three political elements—by the old line democrats, the Tammanyites, and the mugwumps. Between these several political forces there are no points of sympathy or affinity. They are as wide apart in views, motives, habits and tastes as the Hindu castes. They hate each other with a holy hatred. Elements divided like these may sometimes be organized for a political fight, but they can never be brought into cordial and continual support of an administration. If Mr. Cleveland shall administer his office on reform lines, he will please his mugwump friends, but will antagonize the bulk of his support, who are quite of another color. If, on the other hand, he shall undertake to satisfy Tammany, he will offend the mugwumps and disgust the country. There is no middle road. Mr. Cleveland must choose either one or the other horn of the dilemma, and in either event he is certain to have a fight on his hands. He faces, therefore, the most serious problem which has confronted any president since Lincoln, without the strength which a united party support would give him. It will be no small job to carry out the pledges of the democratic platform, and it would not be surprising if Mr. Cleveland should break down in the attempt.—Pacific Rural Press.

Once more Thanksgiving day has come and gone, and it is a pleasure to note that it was universally observed in Benton county. As a day of universal reverence, and a national holiday in a certain way, it is now duly recognized throughout the land. It is notably a day of religious observance, feasting and given up to deeds of charity. This is a day when peace and plenty are appreciated by the multitude and their hearts are lifted up to rejoice and a spirit of thankfulness and contentment prevails. It is a time when the souls of the people are stirred with charitable impulses and the poverty-stricken and afflicted are remembered with substantial gifts. The world is better for a proper observance of this day and it will continue to be one of the great days of the American people.

The Chicago Post, democratic, apparently thinks Wm. C. Whitney should be secretary of state. As the representative of the largest monopoly in the country, the Standard Oil trust, the farmers and workingmen who have voted this year with the democrats would be highly delighted at his being given the chief place in Cleveland's cabinet, of course.

In San Francisco the once celebrated fish, German carp, is adjudged a curse, and the entire trade has been given to the Chinese.—Statesman.

BADLY NEEDED.

Our next legislature should do something of and concerning our penitentiary system. In the little state of South Carolina, the superintendent reports that the management has not only paid all expenses but made a clear profit of \$40,000. Now why can't we do at least twice as much. But if nothing else is done, the convicts could be made to work upon the state roads and be of incalculable benefit to the people. Any change would be better than the shameful slavery of the stove contract and the extravagant folly of the whole business. Why does not Portland secure a body of these convicts to work on her streets? There are a hundred ways of conducting the penitentiary, any one of them an improvement on the present antiquated administration.

DURING the past week an important case on the criminal docket of the circuit court has been disposed of. P. P. Prescott, of Alsea bay, was arrested last June on the complaint of Miss Aldrich, who alleged that he had forcibly ravished her person. He was tried before the justice court, and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. Mr. Prescott is a man of good repute among his neighbors. There was no evidence against him other than the statement of Miss Aldrich, and it was evident that the prosecution was actuated by sinister motives. Nevertheless the grand jury found a "true bill," and the prosecution pressed their claims vigorously at the trial. The case attracted wide attention on account of the enormity of the offense, but an intelligent jury of prominent citizens returned a verdict of "not guilty." And from the facts adduced in the testimony they were justified in doing so. This was a case of either malicious prosecution or blackmail, and the taxpayers of the county will have to foot the bill of costs, and howl because things are as they are.

THERE have been other tidal waves in presidential elections since 1824. In 1828, Andrew Jackson received 218 electoral votes against 46 for Henry Clay, 11 for John Floyd and 7 for Wm. Wirt. In 1840 General Harrison, who had been defeated by Van Buren, in 1836, carried the country by 234 against 60 for Van Buren, who sought re-election. In 1852 Pierce was elected by 254 votes against 42 for General Winfield Scott. In 1864 Lincoln received 212 votes; McClellan only 21. In 1868 General Grant carried the country by 214 votes against 80 for Horatio Seymour. In 1872 he had almost a walk over as well.

The Oregon state reform school cannot reform boys as fast as they are sent, and the institution is full to overflowing. It was originally built for thirty inmates, but there are at present seventy educating each other within its walls. It would be better if parents could use more of the discipline required in compelling the boys to stay at home nights than to allow youths of tender age to get beyond their control. A reform school, where several unruly boys are herded together may not turn out to be a "howling success" in the matter of reform.

The great Homestead strike has been declared off by the amalgamated association. Thirty-five lives have been lost as a result of the strike and thousands of dollars have been lost by the employers as well as the strikers on account of closing down the works. Many failures in business are reported among merchants and small dealers in that vicinity since the beginning of the strike.

CORVALLIS is now prepared to put on metropolitan airs. But unlike the Portland's night patrol policeman, who sends in a signal every half hour to headquarters, to let them know that he is on duty, the Corvallis night watchman will be required to punch a clock contrivance, located at four different places on his beat, every hour.

ONE of the humors of the canvass has just been reported from Illinois. An orator of that state, after shouting himself hoarse against the Force bill, had to sleep in his hen house because his wife would not let him in after 10 o'clock at night. As a champion of the rights of local self-government he would hardly be effective if woman suffrage prevailed.—Ex.

An exchange says: "It is worth noting that amid all the comments on the unexpected results of the election, nobody either democrat or republican attributes any fault or blame to Harrison's administration."

The number of Washington democrats who think themselves fitted to govern Alaska is amazing, says the Post-Intelligencer.

A POLITICAL PUZZLE.

Hon. LaFayette Lane is considerably bothered over a political puzzle, as it were. It is a well-known fact that Mr. Lane was bitterly opposed to the fusion business before election. In Roseburg there were seventy-seven straight democratic votes cast. Since it has been ascertained that fusion failed to succeed, Mr. Lane has been congratulated by over two hundred persons, who stated that they also had voted the straight democratic ticket. The query is, what became of the extra one hundred and twenty-three votes? Had Weaver carried the state it is quite probable that Mr. Lane would have found it an equally difficult problem to find seventy-seven men who voted a straight democratic ticket.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

We hasten to suggest that Henri Watterson, of Kentucky, be made a member of President Cleveland's cabinet. He represented the bold, aggressive spirit that carried this election, besides he is a veteran journalist and the press is entitled to recognition. We are in hopes that invested with the responsibilities of high office Mr. Watterson will become conservative and follow the teachings of Henry Clay, who if he could, would have eradicated slavery from Kentucky and made her a great industrial state.—Astorian.

The prosaic following of street car driving is to be no longer despised. The possibilities of the street car driver are great. The Corvallis boy who ploddingly whips up the horse that draws a bob-tail car, may become a great governor like Penneyer. All this has been demonstrated by the recently discovered fact that the newly elected governor of Washington was once a common, every day street car driver in San Francisco.

THERE never has been and perhaps never will be again a time when fruit trees can be bought as cheaply as at present. Hundreds of men planted peach seeds last year and the year before, onto the stock of which have been grafted prunes so that now there are at the nurseries thousands of young trees. The man who is contemplating planting an orchard will never find a better time than the present.—Pacific Farmer.

If Oregon's convicts could be employed in building roads that problem would reach solution, no doubt. The convict lease system seems to be unsatisfactory generally, but the trouble will appear as usual in formulating a new law that will prove satisfactory. Everyone will admit, however, that Oregon's four hundred could be employed to good advantage on the highways.—Statesman.

The directors of the world's fair by a vote of 26 to 4, have put themselves upon record as favoring its opening on Sunday. A strong effort will be made in congress this winter to reverse the action of that body last spring.

EUROPE is having another scare. The "Black Death," which broke out in Turkestan last year, is moving westward in the track of the cholera, and threatens to invade Europe next summer.

A CONVICT in Illinois is reported to have invented a machine by which a man can be shaved in twenty-five seconds. This may be another step in civilization but it sounds barbarous.

ERASTUS T. BEADLE—the Beadle of dime novel fame—has been elected to congress from one of the New York districts. Tammany's literary capacity is not above the dime novel level.

The Second and Madison street improvement has been accepted by the city council, and the next thing required is for the property owners along said streets to pay their assessments.

BEFORE THE SESSION-TALK is already current. One state has Edw. Hirsch for president of the senate and another has Hon. T. T. Greer for speaker of the house.—Statesman.

An exchange says: "Democrats are now betting that four months from Cleveland's inauguration the national banks will be closed. Of course they will—July 4th."

It is a peculiar fact that in the late campaign there were 4 tickets in the field, in 44 states, and 444 electoral votes.

The Tacoma News publishes a list of democratic office seekers in the state of Washington. It fills a column.

The democrats will have about 213 members of the next house, and the republicans about 133.

A PAPER WORTH HAVING.

The old saying that "nothing succeeds like success," is well illustrated by the career of the Rural Northwest, which was founded in Portland, Oregon, a little over a year ago, and has already established itself as the leading agricultural paper of the Pacific northwest. It is hardly necessary to say that the success of this paper is simply the result of merit. It is no cheap concern made up of stereotype plates and stale clippings, but is bright, crisp and clear, filled with original matter which hits the conditions that exist in the Pacific northwest. Among fruit growers it is an especial favorite, as it makes horticulture a leading feature, and gives the best and fullest reports published of the meetings of the state horticultural societies of Oregon and Washington, and includes among its regular contributors in this department such men as Prof. Lake, of the Washington agricultural college; Prof. Washburn, of the Oregon agricultural college; A. T. Hawley and others of eminent ability. The dairy department is maintained with no less vigor, as indicated by the fact that its editor, H. M. Williamson, holds the position of secretary of the Oregon State Dairy Association. Live stock and poultry are not neglected, and progressive agriculture is the spirit which animates the general management of the paper.

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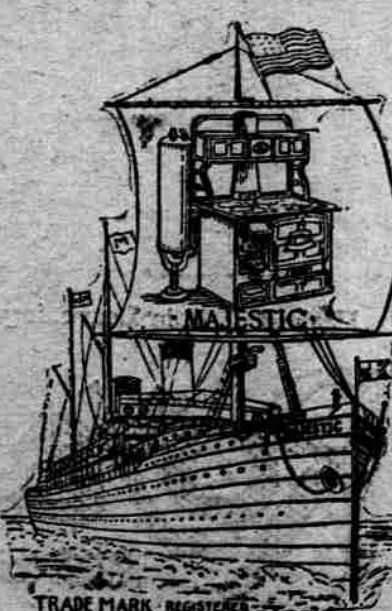
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