

THE NEXT COUNTY FAIR.

As will be seen by posters now out, Douglas county will soon have its annual exhibition on its grounds, a little east of the city. Now, if every one will attend and put something on exhibition and not stand back because he is fearful some one will show something better, and then go off and complain that the fair is a fizzle; and boast that he has an ox, cow, horse, colt, pig, coop of hens; a bigger squash, finer apples, pears or a beet that would beat any beet on exhibition, the fair will be a success. Gentlemen, and ladies, too, come and bring the best you have. Make a big display and show the strangers who will doubtless be there, that Douglas county can produce in rich abundance all the products of field, forest and farm; orchard, herd flocks, and works of art equal to any county in the state. Not only that but you will meet your neighbors having a good time socially and learn how and in what way each have managed to produce this, that or the other fine exhibit. Let each and every one come and try and make the fair a success by showing Douglas county's capabilities. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and give it a lift.

These exhibits show in an unmistakable way, by an object lesson, the richness of our soil, the excellence of our climate, the enterprise, push and vim of a progressive people. But if you stay at home, or come to criticize and find fault with your neighbors' efforts to do something worthy of commendation, you are a clog, to the extent of your ability, to the very thing that you ought to aid and assist. It is not the mere pecuniary aid by way of premiums you may hope to get, that should actuate you. It should be a spirit of patriotic pride in doing your best to produce something good, that should induce you to take part in your county fair. If your neighbor has beat you in an exhibit of any kind you can learn of him how he produced so excellent an article, and so gain a knowledge that will be of incalculable benefit to you in after years. Many persons get the premium because there is no competition. Had you stay-at-home folks brought in and placed on exhibition your best products you would in many cases have carried off the prize. So don't fail next month to come and do your best to make a creditable exhibit. Don't be so selfish. Be noble, liberal and enterprising.

The Review in its determination to have the last word on the county printing question said in Monday's issue: "Besides a judgment against the PLAINDEALER would place us, somewhat in the predicament of the boy who drew the elephant—we wouldn't know what to do with it." That's it. The Review don't know what to do with the PLAINDEALER. But the PLAINDEALER knows what to do with the Review and has very successfully done it up. The Review has found that it must not monkey with the elephant.

It appears that the cost of collecting the unconstitutional income tax was \$88,789. That is the price the country must pay for one example of Democratic folly.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

Japanese Men-of-War. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Irving M. Scott, president of the Union Iron works, which turned out the Olympia and other crack American cruisers, will soon go to Japan to bid on the contracts for building men-of-war for the Japanese navy. The recent achievements of American warships is said to have impressed the Japanese strongly, and now that British firms are able to underbid American companies only 10 per cent instead of 30 per cent as formerly, Mr. Scott believes he will be able to secure a number of contracts. The feeling of the Japanese government is shown in the following statement recently made to an American by the secretary-general of the imperial cabinet: "You are building the swiftest and most formidable cruisers known. Besides that, you have invented an armor-plate for your lattice-ships which Russia has chosen for hers, in competition of all the makers of armor-plate in Europe. Our government, seeing these achievements, and recalling the fact that America has twice revolutionized the navies of the world by her infinite capacity for invention, first by creating the ironclad and then the turret, is strongly disposed to draw upon American shipyards for a part of its new navy. Why should not we depend upon you for the best? Besides doing this things I have spoken of, the United States has built the finest clipper ships and the fastest yachts. Your country leads whenever she wants to, in naval construction, both of peace and war. Besides, America buys so much of us and is our historic friend and well-wisher. For one I sincerely hope that American shipbuilders will bid for our contracts."

Mr. Scott will carry letters, it is said, not only from the secretary of the navy, but from the Japanese minister at Washington.

A Provisional Government. New York, Aug. 12.—Cuba in this city are delighted at the news that a provisional government has been formed in Cuba with representative men as its officials. Colonel De Queraltó, a prominent Cuban patriot, said: "The president-elect, General Maso, is a Cuban to the core of his heart. He is a native of Manzanillo and the owner of vast property in Cuba. General Maso is about 35 years of age and has a record as a soldier. In the revolution of '98 to '78 he was commander of an important division and distinguished himself on the field. Juanin Castillo, who has been selected an diplomatic agent to the United States, is well known in New York and is extremely popular. All the

men selected for the new government are capable and brilliant Cubans and regard their election as significant of a glorious epoch in the history of our island."

Brady's Examination.

MARYSVILLE, Cal. Aug. 12.—The preliminary examination of Harry Williams, better known as Baudin Brady, for the murder of Sheriff J. J. Bogart of Tehama county, on the Oregon express, on the morning of March 30, 1888, while the train was running between Wheatland and Reed station, commenced this morning before Justice of the Peace L. N. Aldrich. The courtroom was packed; great interest being taken in the proceedings. Attorneys W. H. Carlin and E. A. Forbes, with the ablest criminal lawyers in this section of the country, represent the defendant, who came smiling into the courtroom, but who was very attentive to the testimony. District Attorney McDaniel prosecuted.

The morning session was taken up with testimony of Coroner Bevan and of Messenger F. A. Kelton, who did not identify the defendant.

Inhuman Cruelty.

ATLANTA, Aug. 12.—Harvey Merritt, recently pardoned out of the penitentiary, has entered suit for heavy damages against the penitentiary company. Merritt recites a horrible story of inhuman and cruel treatment as the basis of his action. He was in for 12 years, but was pardoned after serving nine years, because he was no longer useful to the lessees. While working for the Chattanooga Brick Company and in the coal mines of the lessees in Walker county, he alleges that he was at frequent times beaten with inhuman savagery. Sixty to seventy lashes on the naked back, he says, with a three-pronged strap, was no unusual punishment. At one time he was given 175 lashes, the blood spouting forth at each blow. After this particular beating he attempted to escape, but was recaptured and he recites the horrible details of the beating he then received. Six men held him while Woodruff, the whipping boss, plied the knot which was split by the force of the blows. One of his eyes was put out by the terrible strap.

By the Morphine Route.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—Pauline Randall said she wanted to frighten Herbert Hall. In doing so she induced Thomas Kane to procure her a quantity of morphine, and last night she died from the effects of the poison. Hall and Kane are locked up as accessories in the suicide. Saturday night Pauline, who was seventeen years old, appeared to Patrolman Garrity, of the Cottage Grove avenue station to be intoxicated. He arrested her and charged her with disorderly conduct. Hall, who was her friend, she thought, did not secure bail for her. When she secured a bondsman she complained to Hall of his dilatoriness. A quarrel followed, and the girl said she would kill herself but she could get no poison. When she met Kane she said: "Get me some morphine; I want to scare Hall." The poison was procured and she went to where Hall was working and swallowed the poison before him. She died last night. She came here from Decatur, Ill., 10 months ago.

Riotous Negroes.

WINSTON, N. C., Aug. 12.—It was given out in the colored churches yesterday that an attempt was going to be made to lynch Arthur Tuttle, a negro, on trial here for the murder of Policeman Vickers last May, and 150 negroes marched to the jail armed with pistols and guns. Mayor Gray assured the negroes that there was no danger of lynching, but they did not disperse. Sheriff McArthur ordered out the Forsyth riflemen and swore in deputies. The mob began firing on the officers, several of whom were struck with small bird shot, but none seriously wounded. The riflemen fired several volleys into the crowd, causing the negroes to disperse in quick order. Fourteen rioters were arrested.

Shot by a Boy.

HENRICKS, W. Va., Aug. 12.—Yesterday at Beverly, Victor Capena, a picture-frame peddler, was shot in the head while trying to make a sale at the home of Mrs. W. T. McClintock, by Mr. McClintock's 15-year-old son Clyde. The bullet struck Capena in the right temple and entered the brain fully two inches, but after it was removed Capena became conscious and told his name and residence, and said young McClintock shot him purposely in pursuance of a threat that he would shoot him if he refused to sell a picture frame on credit. Capena's skull was fractured, and he is doing much better than could be expected. Young McClintock has been arrested.

Devoid of Patriotic Loyalty.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The English reviewers are glowing over an advance copy of Gertrude Atherton's new book called "Whirlwind Asunder," in which America and Americans are mercilessly satirized. This is the more annoying when it is known that Gertrude is a California girl. Every line dotes on Anglo-Saxonia and is devoid of patriotic loyalty.

Board of Equalization Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization of Douglas county, Oregon, will meet in the office of the county court, of said county, in the court house in the city of Roseburg, Oregon, on Monday, the 26th day of August, 1895, and will continue in session until Saturday, August 31, 1895, to publicly examine the assessment rolls and correct all errors in valuation, description or qualities of land, lots or other property. Now, therefore, all parties who may be aggrieved by reason of valuation, description, or otherwise, as to their assessment, will take notice of the meeting of said Board of Equalization at said time and place and make due complaint to said Board of Equalization, otherwise their assessment will stand as made by the Assessor.

J. A. FERLING, Assessor for Douglas county.

James D. Laird, of Sitka, reports the Coast Bay wagon road open for wagon use. Some of the bridges, however, are not considered safe, but will soon be repaired, as the county court has ordered the \$75 surplus that was left over from last year, to be used for that purpose. Commissioner Ross has gone out to advise as to the mode of expenditure.—Marshfield Sun.

NOT APPRECIATED.

JOHN BULL'S MEANNESS TOWARD A FOREMOST INVENTOR.

All Things British Tried Hard to Crush the Discoverer of the "Bessemer Process"—The Great Change Wrought by the Invention—Bessemer's Safety Stamp.

The inventor of the celebrated "Bessemer process" is the most modest of men, shunning rather than courting observation. A few years since he was sometimes to be met taking a "constitutional" in the neighborhood of his unpretentious abode at Denmark Hill, in England, but the venerable gentleman with the benevolent face, in the old-fashioned frock coat and voluminous, many folded choker neckcloth, is now rarely seen even by his immediate neighbors.

The British public, the British government and British manufacturers did their very best at one time to crush one of the most useful men ever born in Britain, and failed ignominiously. Sheffield laughed at him, and Woolwich gave him the official cold shoulder, but Sheffield and Woolwich would be crippled indeed at the present time were it not for "Bessemer steel." Yet, even now, although foreign potentates have showered crosses and stars upon him, the English government has not conferred upon him any honor more important than an ordinary knighthood, and this in spite of the fact that he has created one of the largest and most important industries in the world.

Some fascinating calculations, made by Sir Henry himself, prove that one year's production of Bessemer steel might be represented by a solid column 16 1/2 times the height of St. Paul's cathedral, and as thick through as an ordinary gage—about 100 feet. Henry Bessemer, son of the late Mr. Anthony Bessemer, was born in Hertfordshire in the year 1813. His earlier years were devoted to art, and we find that he was an exhibitor at the Royal Academy, and submitted it to the then king he had discovered a means by which impressions of the designs on coins, medals and other reliefs could be reproduced in any numbers on cardboard. Some of his work in this line is still extant, and when specimens come into the market they bring high prices.

This led him indirectly to a more important invention. He discovered that the government of the time was robbed to the tune of £100,000 per annum by unscrupulous persons, who were in the habit of removing the embossed duty stamps on legal and other documents and using the same again. Young Bessemer invented the useful little contrivance by which the stamp is embossed on the paper or parchment of the document for Bessemer's son hit upon the idea of a stamp department at Somerset House.

The potentate in question saw the advantage of this system at a glance, and soon afterward the authorities expressed their willingness to make use of it. A pretty little story is connected with this invention. When his model was completed, Bessemer showed it to the young lady to whom he was then engaged. Her first comment upon it showed that she was well fitted to become the wife of an inventor. She said: "Yes, I understand this, but surely, if all stamps had a date put upon them, they could not at a future time be used again without detection."

This proved a very valuable suggestion, for Bessemer soon hit upon the idea of a steel die with a space for a date, and in that form his invention was adopted by the authorities. Will it be credited that he never received a solitary farthing from the government for his services or the use of his invention?

Such is nevertheless the fact, and when he ventured legal remedies he was told by the solicitor to the stamp department that he was entitled to no compensation, inasmuch as he had presented his invention to the government gratis! This was at a time, too, when he was by no means well off, when indeed he lacked the necessary money to set up housekeeping with the clever young lady whose brilliant suggestion had resulted in a perfect stamping machine! He received many generous promises from various ministers, of course, but one government went out of power after another, and to this day he has never been compensated in any shape or form.

A man of vast wealth now, Sir Henry Bessemer can afford to regard the troubles of that period of his life with comparative indifference, though he has since had more ample reason to cherish a dislike for all British governments and politicians. But his disappointment in this instance taught him a very salutary lesson. When he made the great discovery of his life—that by which it is possible to convert pig iron into steel by a simple and inexpensive process—he kept his discovery a secret. To some extent it is a secret to this day. The importance of the discovery can hardly be overestimated.

Before the Bessemer process came into use steel could not be bought under £30 a ton, and its price prohibited its use in numerous departments of industry where it is now considered essential. At that time, too, only 81,000 tons of cast steel were produced in Sheffield in a year. In 1894, 33,546 tons of steel were manufactured in the world every day according to the Bessemer process. The selling price per ton averaging £8 perhaps. It is chiefly due to Sir Henry Bessemer that one is almost as safe on a modern ocean steamship as on land, and that the modern structure of steel is nearly as imperishable as the Pyramids.

Such a discovery, it might be supposed, would be hailed with enthusiasm by those interested in the iron trade of Great Britain. Not a bit of it. Bessemer met with every possible discouragement. The steel manufacturers of Sheffield were dead against him from the first, and the government ignored him.—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

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