

**COTTON MILLS IN JAPAN.**

Last week we published a very complete schedule of the wages paid to different kinds of labor in Japan, showing what the future of wages is likely to be in this country under the absolute free trade policy promised us by the friends of foreign industries. We then said:

The only manner in which we could possibly secure a share of Japanese trade is by manufacturing goods on the Pacific coast with Chinese labor.

This same idea has evidently occurred to the Japanese themselves, and with a view to a complete system of protection and the exclusion of American cotton goods made by Chinese labor they have made a proposition to the California Cotton Mills of East Oakland for the removal of their entire plant to Japan.

This company, we learn from the San Francisco Chronicle, was organized in 1883 with a capital of \$600,000. It has given employment to as many as 350 persons at a time and has paid out not less than \$1,000,000 in wages. The California company has not yet begun the employment of Chinese labor but is seriously considering the Japanese offer, which includes absolute exemption from all taxation for twenty years and a promise to supply expert male labor for 18 cents a day, while for girls and boys the rate of pay will be eight cents a day.

That the Japanese appreciate the possible competition with Chinese cheap labor in California is without question. We have a practical illustration of it in their offer to the California company. They do not fear so much the competition from Eastern and Southern mills, owing to the much higher freight rate that would have to be paid on goods shipped from those sections of the country. But they do fear California competition, knowing full well that, under free trade, American manufacturers could not afford to pay more than Chinese wages. The Japanese are to be complimented on their foresight and the active measures they are taking to establish a thorough system of protection.—American Economist.

**HARRISON A PATRIOT.**

Harrison is not in reality a candidate for the presidency and would not turn over a finger to influence a delegate or secure a nomination. For McKinley, Reed, Morton and others who are prominently mentioned, he habitually speaks with expressions of the highest esteem. He is able to conceive, as are all honest republicans, a condition of affairs in which the republican convention and the republican party might turn irresistibly to him, to lead the fight against democracy, and a nomination coming to him in such a way without his effort, and even against his personal protest, whatever personal disinclination or personal sacrifices it would entail. General Harrison is too patriotic an American to refuse.

The idea of completing the Panama Canal still haunts the minds of the French. They have spent or been robbed of \$220,000,000 in that region, and naturally are slow to believe that this must be a total loss. Some engineers say the Panama Canal can be finished for \$100,000,000 and others make the estimate as low as \$20,000,000. Equally good engineers report that the Nicaragua Canal can be built for about \$100,000,000. But for this rival and better route the French stockholders would probably resume work at Panama in spite of the stupendous failures and mistakes that have beset them on the Isthmus.

The markets of the world are not responding to the new tariff in a manner that can be called precipitate. The British Board of Trade reports that the British exports to the United States during the first six months of 1895 increased over the same period last year to the extent of £5,326,673, while the corresponding decrease in British imports from the United States was £2,960,179. The change against the United States in the six months was over \$41,000,000. No wonder Chairman Wilson's speeches were applauded in London.

The growth of the population of Canada between the years 1881 and 1891 was 500,000. In the same period it received 800,000 immigrants from Europe and lost 900,000 by emigration to the United States. At this rate a Greater Canada will soon be found under the stars and stripes.

**Arms For Cubans.**

New York, Sept. 6.—The Press prints the following: Yesterday afternoon word was received by Tomas Estrada Palma, president, that a large consignment of arms for the Cuban insurgents would be shipped from New Orleans this morning. A message also came about the same time from New Orleans to a secret agent of the Spanish government.

According to these dispatches 3000 Remington rifles and 300,000 cartridges were to be shipped to some small Cuban port. These had been lying on the Charles-street wharf in New Orleans for several days past, packed in barrels of flour. Immediately after midnight, the dispatch said, a lighter would leave the Charles-street wharf. When the lighter reached a point seven miles from the shore the arms and ammunition would be transferred to the ocean tug Restless, which would start for Cuba forthwith.

Before 6 o'clock last night the news was in possession of a Spanish agent. President Palma did not know that the secret had been discovered by the enemy. At midnight it was not known whether the shipment had been prevented. The secret agent in this city, it is said, proposed to wait until the Restless should have got outside the three-mile limit before having her pounced upon by the Spanish gun boat.

**The Dreaded Cholera.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Surgeon-General Wyman, of the marine hospital service, says there is no foundation for the story of a threatened invasion of San Francisco by cholera.

"Just as soon as an intimation was conveyed that there were suspicious cases aboard the Belgic," said General Wyman, "I telegraphed the sanitary inspector at San Francisco, for information. He stated there was absolutely no truth in the report that passengers had died of cholera, or of any other infection aboard the steamer. The only report from San Francisco that I know anything about is of a reassuring and not of an alarming character. There is no epidemic of cholera threatened at San Francisco or any other port in the United States.

**Mild Measures Best.**

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—A special to the World from Colon states that in referring to the dispatches reporting that a Spanish squadron is going to the Antilles to urge Spain's claims against the United States in the Alliance affair, the Isthmian Press says:

"Such a move on the part of Spain at present would hasten her downfall more than anything else. She has a good strong navy, but let her not forget that the United States has a navy too. If she looks at the United States navy list she will see something that will startle her and cause her to take a milder course in treating with Uncle Sam."

**A Youthful Traveler.**

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Joseph Altman, 6 years old, arrived, unaccompanied, in the steamer of the Lahn, from Bremen. Joseph's parents died recently in Germany, leaving him a small sum of money. It was decided to send the boy to his sister in San Francisco. One of his coat sleeves bore a big tag, giving his name, age and destination. In his pocket he had 100 marks (about \$25), and a railroad ticket to San Francisco. He was taken to Ellis island by the steward of the Lahn, who afterwards placed him on the train.

**Train Wrecked.**

UNION STATION, Or., Sept. 6.—A wreck occurred at the O. R. & N. depot at 8:40 o'clock this morning, in which Engineer Jack Thatcher had one leg broken and was otherwise seriously injured, and brakeman Joe Richardson was fearfully cut about the face and head and sustained a fracture of one ankle. The train ran into an open switch and collided with a flat car.

Dr. Coffman has removed his office to the Marsters' building, rooms 6 and 7.

**In Memoriam.**

"Pappy" Gilderleeve has passed on to the beyond and left many sorrowing friends to mourn his loss. We call him "Pappy," as it seems to us it would be almost sacrilege to mention him by any other name, a name he has been familiarly known by for so many years. Last Thursday at his burial, Hon. George M. Brown delivered a high eulogy on the life and character of our deceased friend, and when he made allusion to the burial of his own father and mother in the cemetery in which we stood, tear drops moistened many an eye of those present. It was a most affecting allusion to departed parents and friends.

Now when a brother's hand grows cold, And he sinks down by death o'ercome, We lay our heart on his of mould, And feel indeed our lips are dumb.

The gifts of words are little worth To praise a tenant of the bier; So we but give his dust to earth, Shrouded silent in love's conscious care.

**THE PORTLAND MARKET.**

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—The following prices were current in the produce markets yesterday:

Flour—\$2.85 @ \$2.95 per barrel.  
Oats—Good white are quoted weak at 27¢@28¢ per bushel; milling, 28¢@30¢; gray, 25¢@26¢.  
Hay—Overstocked; timothy, 9¢@9.50 per ton; cheat, 4.50¢@4.5¢; clover. No demand.  
Barley—Feed barley, 62¢@65¢ per cental; brewing, 80¢@85¢, according to quality; chop, 11¢ per ton.  
Potatoes—New Oregon 35¢@55¢ per sack.

Butter—Firm; fancy creamery, 12½¢@14¢ per pound; fancy dairy, 10¢@12½¢; fair to good, 8½¢@10¢; common, 6½¢@7¢.  
Onions—New California, \$1.25@1.50 per cwt.

Poultry—Chickens, old, 43¢@3.25 per dozen; young, 41.25¢@2.50 per dozen; ducks, 2.50¢@3; geese, 44¢; turkeys, live, 10¢ per pound; dressed, no demand.  
Eggs—Oregon, 14¢ per dozen.

Cheese—Oregon, full cream, 10¢@11¢ per pound; half cream, 7¢@9¢; skim, 4¢@6¢.

Oregon vegetables—Cabbage, 1 @ 1¼¢ per pound; radishes, 10¢ per dozen bunches; green onions, 10¢ per dozen; Oregon wax beans, 2¢@3½¢; cucumbers, 75¢@1 per box; cauliflower, 1¢ per box.  
Fresh fruit—Apples, 50¢@52¢ per box; cherries, 50¢@60¢; Oregon, 1¢ per box; prunes, 40¢@50¢; peaches, 40¢@60¢.  
Berries—Blackberries, 2¢@3¢ per pound; raspberries, 4.50¢ per crate.  
Wool—Valley, 11¢@13¢, according to quality; Eastern Oregon, 8¢@11¢.  
Provisions—Oregon: Smoked hams, 11½¢ per pound.

**THE MEAT MARKET.**

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$3.50@3.75; light and feeders, \$3.25@3.50; dressed, 4½¢ per pound.  
Veal—Gross, small, 5¢@6¢; large, 3¢@4¢ per pound.  
Beef—Gross, top steers, \$2.50@3; fair to good steers, \$2.50@2.60; cows, \$2.25@2.50; dressed beef, 4¢@5½¢.  
Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers, \$1.75@2; ewes, \$1.75; dressed mutton, 4¢.

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