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SOME INTERESTING POLITICAL MANEUVERING.

IF IT IS an unwritten law that the congressmen should go to eastern Oregon and if eastern Oregon should strongly pronounce in favor of a candidate other than the one to whom the 71 Multnomah county votes are pledged...

While the instructed delegation from this county has exercised a very great deal of influence in strengthening the candidacy of Mr. Williamson it has fallen short of being decisive.

COOLIES FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

ENGLAND has been considered for centuries as the strong and consistent foe of slavery, but a late act of the British government will tend to alter the world's opinion of England in this regard.

This decision to import a great number of cheaply working coolies to South Africa is especially to be condemned just now, when the British workmen of all kinds are in exceedingly straitened circumstances.

Turning to the agricultural industry the outlook is equally dark. Another United States consul reports that the past year has been "one of difficulty, interruption, and consequent lateness from start to finish."

The harvest of 1903 was less than that of 1902 by 22,800, 261 bushels of grain and pulse, 5,632,123 tons (of 2,240 pounds) of potatoes and roots, and 316,261 tons of hay.

WHAT A GAMBLER ALWAYS SAYS.

From the Boston Herald. Six weeks ago Daniel J. Sully came to Boston and spent an afternoon in the office of Thomas W. Lawson.

"How do you know but that they will get you on that one more play?" Lawson is said to have asked. "They can't," Sully replied confidently.

WHEN THE SNOW GOES OFF.

From the Baker City Democrat. It is not drawing upon the imagination to direct the attention of the people of Portland to the fact that from all reports received from the interior mountain districts there is more snow than has been known in many years.

In the Eagle creek country the Granite mountain whose streams flow into Snake river are covered with an unprecedented depth and the mountains across Snake river will contribute their part to the spring freshet.

decreasing, in many cases farms being sold for no more than the cost of the buildings.

Under such conditions it looks to an American as if England should have taken tens of thousands of its idle or pinched and despairing workmen to South Africa to work the mines, rather than coolie serfs.

WAGES DOWN; RENTS UP.

WHAT MEANS this general reduction of wages, and especially in the great iron and steel industry? It would not be so noticeable and significant if it were not accompanied by a general advance in rents, and in other items that make up the cost of living.

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TRANS-PACIFIC FREIGHTS.

THE Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: "At Seattle the Harriman system will be one of the finest harbors to be found in the world, which can be reached from the ocean without pilotage or other charges; 1,200 miles nearer the orient than San Francisco, and where coal can be obtained for fuel for ocean steamships at one half the price which it brings at San Francisco or Portland."

To this the Tacoma Ledger responds: "Well put; but all the advantages the P-I recounts are to be found at Tacoma, and the Union Pacific will save a haul of 41 miles by utilizing this port."

Correct again, but why should the Union Pacific prolong its haul from Portland to Tacoma, any more than from Tacoma to Seattle, the latter a much shorter distance than the former? True, that Columbia river bar is an impediment, but after the big game of politics is played this year, we may expect more continuous and effective work there.

The fact that Mr. Harriman has prepared to increase his Portland-Oriental steamship service, making it greater than that enjoyed by either Tacoma or Seattle, indicates that he expects reasonably speedy improvement of the bar channel and that in the meantime he is properly aware of the advantages which Portland offers over either or both of its rivals.

THE WOMAN ACROSS THE SEA.

Robert V. Carr in Chicago Record-Herald. Oh, her lips were red and her skin was brown, This woman across the sea;

Oh, the days were long and he called her sweet, This woman across the sea; And she loved the dust at his very feet, This woman across the sea;

Oh, the man she loved forgot her name, This woman across the sea; For he mated with one of his fair-faced kind, This woman across the sea;

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Oregon Sidelights

Oregon smiles; the sun has shone a bit. The primary cause of dirty streets is the carelessness of the people.—Chief of Police O'Neill.

More coal has been discovered in southern Gilliam county. A Pendleton man has bought 20,000 pounds of wool at 3/4 cents.

The sun will do a rushing business with those Oregon snowbanks soon. Coquille City has 420 children of school age, and must enlarge its school-house.

"Our general and efficient" is now missing in evidence. He desires a re-nomination. The siren song of the captivating candidate is now heard throughout the length and breadth of Oregon.

Oregon hops are hopping up to an unprecedented elevation in price, and less beer may go down in consequence. Chittim bark, which brings 10 cents a pound or more, is becoming scarce in Oregon, but enough is left yet to form the basis of a considerable industry.

Snow is remaining on the Oregon foothills later than ever before, which means late grass and grain crops; but next fall will probably even things up. People of several Oregon towns are already planning Fourth of July celebrations, perhaps in hope that this will make them oblivious to the presence of winter.

Freewater, Umatilla county, is a town not only of free water, but of free land; that is, it will give a block of land to anybody who will establish a needed fruit-cannery.

A man was arrested in Pendleton for leaving his car tied up on the street all day and all night in the rain. If the law would allow it he should be treated the same way.

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Prospects for business and trade conditions throughout Eastern Oregon are brighter this spring than they have been for many seasons, according to the reports of numerous traveling men who make this territory, says the La Grande Observer. The drummers know.

The Joseph Herald tells of a case where one arm was better than eight, as follows: A fire-for-all fight was witnessed last Monday. Four men were engaged in the combat, and two others were hurrying to the scene of action, when it was suddenly brought to an end by a one-armed man who laid his opponents out in short order.

The rural telephone having pretty well covered the Willamette valley with a network of wires, is working south, and the first local line in the Umpqua valley is soon to be in operation, it being from Drain to Galesburg. A recently being laid to be established, the farmers in the vicinity of Dixonville, Douglas county having organized a co-operative company and will soon begin the installation of their telephone system.

Madford Southern Oregonian: The total fruit acreage of Oregon this year must be something like 75,000 acres. Of this probably 40,000 is in prunes, about 25,000 in apples, and the remainder divided between pears, peaches, cherries and mixed fruits, including, of course, dewberries. This acreage is being constantly increased, and in time the fruit industry promises to overshadow nearly every other in Oregon.

BITS OF MINING NEWS.

"Sinking at the Badger mine is in full swing and the management is now mining on the 700 level, which is 200 feet below the mill or main adit level. Work has been in progress on the double-compartment shaft since early in January, levels being established at the 600 and the 700 levels. The sump is now well below the 700, and a full crew is kept at work in the shaft, as it is understood that the management will sink to the 1,000, and perhaps deeper. The shaft is now being hauled to the smelter was from the 700 level, where it is said that the vein is wider and the grade of ore richer than at any place in the upper workings. It is current information that the management of the early company shipped a large amount of high grade crude ore from the first workings, which would make the present strike of very high value to exceed the early record. The average shipments of crude ore during the winter were about 100 tons per month, four four-horse teams being kept on the road all of the time, each hauling 9,000 pounds to the load and making the round trip from the mine to Whitney in five days. Snow is disappearing in the lower part of the middle fork, and it is probable that the water plant of the Badger company will be in shape to renew work in the concentrator at an early date. The shaft recently having attained a depth of 700 feet at the Siuslaw district is keenly interested in the work. This is the best demonstration that has been made at depth there, but the result is as expected, for the ore thereabouts is of the sulphide type, heavy galena, which is so frequently associated in popular thought with values at great depth.

The superintendent of the Platts group says that work there is progressing as before. Slides have been very numerous on both sides of the property, and a few have come close to the tunnel portal, but until the present no damage has been caused thereby. The cabins are in a safe place where simple protection exists from this destructive element of the mountains. Work is being centered upon the main adit, which is making fair progress, considering the conditions under which work is being carried on.

The Friday mine's new gasoline hoist has arrived and it will soon be in operation. As soon as it is in place it is the purpose of the management to begin work in the double-compartment shaft, which is now about 100 feet below the 700 level, and is to be sent down another 200 feet, and be kept in condition for permanent operations.

When Russia considers the region west of the Liao Chinese: Tokio, March 5.—The Russians wish to have Niu Chwang (at the mouth of the Liao) a neutral port, and therefore safe from Japanese invasion. St. Petersburg, March 17.—The American ambassador today transmitted to the imperial government assurances from the American minister to China, Mr. Conger, that the Chinese will maintain neutrality as long as the territory is not invaded. The Russians deny that they have any intention of going west of the Liao. The railroad west of the river

A Sense of Distrust. From the Washington Star. "Have you ever done anything to entitle you to the gratitude of posterity?" "No," answered Senator Borah; "and when I see some of the statutory that is scattered about I don't feel like tempting posterity to be too grateful."

CLEAN CITY COMMANDMENTS

H. M. H. in Chicago Tribune. The primary cause of dirty streets is the carelessness of the people.—Chief of Police O'Neill.

The campaign for a clean city must be a campaign of education.—President Wentworth of the League of Improvement associations.

"Co-operation is one of the finest words in the language," said Chief of Police O'Neill yesterday, "but I am getting tired of hearing it. I am glad of the reform who wish to co-operate with the police department in the matter of enforcing the clean street ordinance seem to be willing to co-operate with their mouths only.

"A good many members of the improvement associations, I am afraid, drop their morning pants in the street when they leave the street-car in the morning, and then come straight over here to offer to co-operate with us in enforcing the law they have just broken."

"The great work which the improvement associations can do and do at once," said President Wentworth of the League of Improvement associations, "is to educate their members and all other citizens to a knowledge of the requirements of the clean city ordinances and determination to obey them."

Next week the work of cleaning every improved street and alley in the city will begin. It is especially important that the city clean street ordinance be enforced immediately in order that the streets and alleys may remain clean as long as possible, and people as familiar with the provisions of that ordinance. Fewer still will take the trouble to read the ordinance in its entirety. For the benefit of those who wish to know, in the fewest possible number of words, what its principal provisions are, the following condensation has been prepared:

COMMANDMENT NO. 1. Throw no paper or rubbish of any kind in or upon any street or other public place.

COMMANDMENT NO. 2. Throw no paper or rubbish of any kind in or upon any premises from which it may be carried into or upon any street or public place by the wind or rain.

COMMANDMENT NO. 3. Provide a separate, water-tight metal can for garbage and one for ashes for each residence or other premises.

COMMANDMENT NO. 4. Put garbage and nothing else in the garbage can, and ashes and nothing else in the ashes can.

COMMANDMENT NO. 5. Prevent rascals and other unauthorized persons from picking over or disturbing the contents of ash or garbage cans.

COMMANDMENT NO. 6. Provide, in connection with every stable, under permit of the commissioner of public works, a suitable box, in which all manure shall be deposited, and in which such box emptied at least twice every week.

COMMANDMENT NO. 7. Establish no flower or fruit stand or any other encroachment on the street or sidewalk space without permission of the commissioner of public works.

COMMANDMENT NO. 8. Paste no bills on any public property, and do not put no advertisements on any private property without getting the written permission of the owner and a permit from the commissioner of public works.

COMMANDMENT NO. 9. Remember that every violation of any one of the above commandments renders you liable to a fine of not less than \$2 or more than \$100, and that you are liable to a similar fine for each and every day you violate the law.

It has been suggested that it would be a good idea to have this or some similar synopsis of the clean streets

CHINA IS, IS NOT, RUSSIAN

From the Chicago Tribune. Glance at the map of China. The Liao river, running north and south, empties into the sea near Niu Chwang. Observe the territory west of the river as far as the great wall. Is this territory Chinese or Russian? On this point hangs a puzzling diplomatic question.

Russia seems to consider the region west of the Liao sometimes as Russian, sometimes as Chinese. That is, when it is feared that the Japanese will land anywhere in this region Russia holds China responsible, stating that such a landing would constitute a violation of China's neutrality and that Russia would answer by "taking measures" against China. On other occasions, Russia orders China to keep all troops out of this part of the country. A survey of the press dispatches of the last month confirms this hypothesis.

When Russia considers the region west of the Liao Russian: Peking, Feb. 25.—The director general of the Chinese Eastern railway reports that 100 Russian infantry and 200 Russian cavalry have moved west of the Liao.

Tien Tsin, Feb. 25.—The Russians demand to read all telegrams received at Tienchwang (100 miles west of Liao). Peking, March 4.—Russia has formally represented to China to keep her troops south of Shanhaikwan (185 miles west of Liao).

Peking, March 7.—Dr. Morrison, London Times correspondent, has just returned from a trip to Niu Chwang. Finds Russians patrolling railway nearly to great wall (185 miles west of Liao).

St. Petersburg, March 19.—Russia is opposed to the presence of Chinese troops in the war area, which includes all Manchuria to the great wall. Russia has notified China of her intention to send a military expert to inspect Chinese troops in Manchuria and eastern Mongolia. China has not replied to this notice.

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Small Change

Hermann will carry Chemawa. The lamb came pretty near being a goat.

The milliners begin to smile, though doubtfully. Hermann feels safe; the postmasters are all his'n.

General Kouropatkin is doomed; he splits his infinitives. It will be a wise person who doesn't get fooled somehow tomorrow.

Portland is estimated to have 140,000 inhabitants, mostly—Republicans. Remember that this is to be a Rose City. Plant the rosebushes by thousands.

Everybody is glad that March is gone. Miss April, we expect you to be mostly smiles.

Other senators will now be more careful about "practicing law" after the Burton fashion. General Miles wonders why the Democrats cannot all perceive and agree at once on an ideal candidate.

General Kouropatkin has declared several things that he would do; but it takes two to make a bargain. Between the time these lines are written and the time they are read Fort Arthur will fall about 3 1/2 times.

The Salem Statesman was 63 years old Monday. It was started by Asahel Bush, the venerable Salem banker.

Mr. W. J. Bryan has written the article on "Democracy" for the Encyclopedia Americana. Now, Mr. Grover Cleveland, will you not weep, or wince?

The Salem Statesman makes quite a neat though a long-legged straddle of the local-option law. The editor does not believe himself out of politics forever.

Two million dollars has been left by a philanthropist to the poor of St. Paul. But the lawyers will probably get the most of it—and not the poor lawyers, either.

Some corporation people inclined to merge with consulting attorneys on the question whether or not four is a majority of nine. The attorneys are divided on the question.

Hugh B. Penland, a prominent student at the University of Oregon, passed through Albany yesterday.—Albany Herald: So we have "prominent" students, too. Is the young man out for an office already?

Schwab, on his return to New York, declined to be interviewed, saying he was in a delicate position.—A good many people think that if he had his just deserts he would be in a still more embarrassing position.

At the risk of being again discredited as a weather prophet we predict "warmer and better weather."—It couldn't be worse.—Eugene Guard. Considering that "it couldn't be worse," and that no time is set, this seems to be a safe prediction.

Chicago is boasting about its low death rate, estimate last year at 15.34 per 1,000. This is indeed a low death rate, as compared with other large cities, but Portland's is much lower, about 11 per 1,000, and Portland doesn't have to boil its water to attain this result.

Old ex-Boss Platt has been told again that he is to be the nominal "leader" and be temporarily pacified. But he may not yet be so childish as to be able to distinguish between the difference between a boss and being merely called a boss out of courtesy and expediency.

If that bill of Senator Mitchell's to pay the Klamath Indians \$567,967 in settlement of their land claims should pass, what a high price the Indians would have to pay for it would lay nearly all of them low. The government has generally mistreated the Indians, and in paying them a lot of money only takes another method than that of war of killing them off.

Advice to the Lovelorn

BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX. Dear Miss Fairfax—I am a young girl 20 years old and am in love with a gentleman 40 years old. While he seems to adore me, yet he never speaks of marriage. I sometimes think he believes himself too old for me. Would you kindly advise me how to let him know I care for him?

BROKEN-HEARTED HILDA. If he loves you he will probably ask you to marry him. Men do not stick at a trifling like 20 years' difference in ages when they really love a girl. I would advise you not to show your love too plainly.

Dear Miss Fairfax—I am keeping company with a young lady for over a year and intend to get married next April. Now, as I am in a place where I have to work Sundays and about 13 miles away from where the girl lives I can't see her but once in a week, and sometimes less than that. Last Sunday I happened to go to her home unexpectedly, and as she works out I expected her home that evening, but to my surprise I met her coming along the road hand in hand with another young man. She also had her lady friend and her escort in her company. Afterward we had a little quarrel over it, and she told me she didn't think it any harm for her being in this young man's company, for he was a friend of her lady friend's escort, and thought I was wrong for getting angry over it. Would you kindly advise me. Was it proper for her or not? Is she right?

VERY ANXIOUS. I do not see any great harm in her walking with the other young man, especially as she did not expect you. You can't expect her to shut herself up when you are not with her. However, I do not at all approve of her walking hand in hand with him. It looks both silly and bold. If I were you I would tell her that you cannot allow her to do that sort of thing.

Dear Miss Fairfax—I am acquainted with a very nice young man, but in my company he often falls asleep and snores, sometimes when I am talking to him. Will you kindly tell me what you think of such conduct? I try to awaken him at times, then he tells me he is not sleeping, but only resting his eyes.

BEWILDERED. I do not think you try to make things very entertaining for the young man or he would not fall asleep. You might talk of such conduct? I try to awaken him at times, then he tells me he is not sleeping, but only resting his eyes.

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