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SHORTSIGHTED POLICY IN CHINA.

IF IT IS TRUE that the Chinese themselves are fermenting trouble in China no nation has ever in the whole course of history pursued a shorter-sighted policy. For years China has been the prey of the European nations. Any pretext has been good enough for them to continue their encroachments and poor old flabby China was utterly helpless to protect itself.

It is national ownership of railroads, coal mines and other "utilities?" The senate at least is doing much to make this the paramount issue, one involving a struggle, says the St. Paul Dispatch, "compared with which that against the silver standard will be but a friendly bout with gloves or a fencing tilt of boys with tin swords."

A RAILING NEWSPAPER REPROVED.

THE Astoria Astorian persisting from day to day in railing at Portland, and charging Portland with keeping Astoria back and working in every possible but in no very clearly defined way against its interests and advancement, Mayor Wise of that city in a communication to the Astorian reproves it for these constant and for the most part groundless strictures.

What the Astorian really objects to and is offended at is the expenditure of any money by the government or otherwise on the river channel above Astoria, and it would have liked to see that elephant, the dredge Chinook, kept at work on the bar until the money was entirely exhausted, but its cherished dream of an abandonment of a ship channel between Portland and Astoria will never be realized.

DO THEY FEAR THEIR OWN PARTY?

THE Weston Leader, a Republican newspaper, rises to ask what's the use of all this fuss about signing statement No. 1 when no one but a Republican can be elected to the United States senate anyway? In return it may be asked what's the use of all this Republican fuss over it then? The fears, the qualms of conscience, the dreadful thought that the federal constitution may be violated, sets the Republican organs ghost-dancing.

THEY CAME BACK TO OREGON.

ABOUT A MONTH AGO a Sherman county man wrote to The Journal asking for facts about northern Texas, whither a good many eastern Oregon farmers have been going, and the opinion expressed by this paper in reply is corroborated by reports now coming in.

THE INDEPENDENT MOVEMENT IN NEW YORK.

THE New York Evening Post, after facetiously describing the movement in New York in favor of Mr. Hearst as a candidate for governor, concludes soberly that "it is no laughing matter."

NOW WILL HE HAVE TO ANSWER?

THE NEW YORK COURT OF APPEALS having some weeks ago declined to require H. H. Rogers to answer questions propounded by Attorney-General Hadley of Missouri on the ground that this would be discourteous to the Missouri court of original jurisdiction, Mr. Hadley lost no time in going back to Missouri and securing from the court of that state the requisite decision that Mr. Rogers must answer Mr. Hadley's questions.

SMALL CHANGE

Sunshine and flowers—and a host of things do grow! Some nice-looking fellows are having their pictures published now—candidates. If Dan McAllen says so, it will have to go.

SECRETARY TAFT TELLS HIS STORY

James H. Morrow in St. Louis Globe-Democrat. They could easily persuade strangers that they were "brothers," William Howard Taft and Grover Cleveland, and terms, were they anywhere near the same age.

THE LITTLE TOYS WHO NEVER PLAN

From the New York World. "Most of the boys and girls in our public schools are up almost without exercise," said General George W. Winans, president of the Public Schools Athletic League.

LEWIS AND CLARK

At Fort Clatsop: February 27. R. Fields returned this evening from the Astoria. He reports he took toward Point Adams, Collins, who had hunted up the Netul, returned with one Willard continues very sick. Goodrich and McNeil are improving; the others on the sick list are nearly well.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Farmers are plowing up in the great Grande Ronde valley. Forest Grove Times: In fighting the San Jose scale it is important that people should look after the fence row and roadside trees. The scale is on them as bad as it is in the orchards and in order to make thorough work of it.