

THE DAILY CHRONICLE.

THE DALLES OREGON.

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ANOTHER CRANK.

The Rev. Dr. Carrindane recently went from St. Louis to New Orleans and became pastor of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal church, the wealthiest Methodist church in the city. He has made one or two sensational moves since his pastorate began but Sunday he laid all previous attacks in the shade by preaching a strong sermon, and announced that he intended to make a vigorous war on secret societies, which he declared to be the curse of the age. He has made a national reputation by his two year's fight against the Louisiana lottery, and, we presume, feels that he is able to win any battle he may take a hand in. He is sadly mistaken, and will soon discover that he has collided with something harder to knock out than a lottery ticket, though it is hard enough of course to beat any gambling game. The Rev. Dr. is talking about something of which he knows nothing, for if he belonged to those secret societies he would not fight them, and if he does not belong to them he does not understand his subject. He makes an ex-parte case, and having set up a series of imaginary premises, he forms conclusions therefrom. He is like a gnat on the back of an elephant trying to form an opinion as to the interior construction of the animal from the phenomenon of the hide. The greatest curse of the age is not secret societies, not by several rows of apple trees. The greatest curse of the age is the egotistical mouth organs who imagine they know it all, and that they have a mission to correct all the imaginary evils of the age, and run mundane affairs with a crank by a rule of their own. The Rev. Dr. Carrindane will not injure the secret societies, but he will probably cause dissension and bickering in his church, and effectually destroy all possible usefulness for himself.

A SERIOUS DRAWBACK.

It is a misfortune that the O. R. & N. road selected the Columbia river route for its line east of this point. There are many reasons why it would have been, would now be, better if the line had been located twenty miles or more south of the river. It would have avoided the drifting sands of the Columbia which are a source of perpetual annoyance, it would have developed a strip of country twenty miles further south than is now settled, or double the amount now settled south of the river. But of more importance than either of these it would have exhibited to immigrants the extent and productiveness of Eastern Oregon. They would have seen had the road been so built waving fields of grain, and bunch grass hills covered with cattle. The country would have been thickly settled and every available acre made to produce. As it is the immigrant sees nothing but the forbidding cliffs which rise from three hundred to six or seven hundred feet above him as the train sweeps clear across the Columbia. At the station he sees piles of grain but he cannot understand where it comes from, and will not believe that the tops of the hills he sees around him are all good farming land. He sees nothing to induce him to stop off as he passes through and certainly nothing to induce him to return.

The Astorian says that the Southern Pacific company are going to build from Albany to Astoria to connect with the Oregon Pacific, which it thinks the Southern Pacific will purchase. Following this line across the Cascade through the magnificent intervening valleys to the Snake river, it will continue along to a connection with the Central Pacific at Ogden.

President Polk, of the National Farmer's Alliance, has named Friday, February 6, 1891, and Washington, D. C., as the place of holding the first meeting of the National Legislative Council which is composed of the national president and the presidents of all the state alliances.

The latest news under the sun is the proposition to build an immense tannery at North Dalles, one of the largest in the United States. Whether the promoters of the North Dalles enterprise make any money out of it or not is a matter of little concern to the average citizen, they are, however, making taxable property for Klickitat county and our people will therefore not be disposed to throw any obstacle in their way of success.—Golden-dale Sentinel.

BE IN EARNEST.

If the people of The Dalles, and the press of Wasco county, were more in earnest and determined in their demand to have the locks at the Cascades completed, there is no doubt they would have long since been open to the public. There seems to have been too much fear that the annual or semi-annual allowance will not be made in the river and harbor bill if the truth is told. If a committee were demanded and an honest one appointed by congress, there is no doubt but these locks would be completed in two years. The thing is a most infamous fraud and there is no use disguising the fact any longer. The locks ought to have been built for half the money already expended, and they should have been open ten years ago. Procrastination may be good for a few people who get a suck at the appropriation every year or two, but it is ruinous to the people of a large section of Eastern Oregon, and especially of Wasco county. The locks have become such a necessity that the delay in their completion is an annual expense to Wasco county alone in the difference of freight and passenger traffic equal to fully \$200,000, and we think the next legislature ought to do something substantial, not wind or political bucomb, towards a demand for an immediate completion of this work. Let the truth be told, and let it hurt whom it may. A matter of such great public importance should not be delayed any longer in order that a few men may get rich at the general public expense. The Glacier, published at Hood River, only about ten miles east of the locks, strikes the mark pretty squarely in the following:

"The work at the Cascade locks progresses retrogressively. The longitudinal cavity where the locks will perhaps be, exposes its crumbling walls to the blasts of winter, waiting for the near waters of the Columbia to fill its long felt want. The gaudy chipmunk scampers gaily down its unwarlike banks, and the lazy snake finds comfortable and quiet resting place in the convenient rip-rap. The mighty Oregon plunges madly by the government-haunted spot, and hears no sound save an occasional demand for more boarders by the boss of the boarding house, and the fierce complainings of the boarder as he lays his hand on the abdominal portion of his system and feels the sharp points of his backbone wearing a hole in his vest. A million and a quarter has been swallowed by this financial vacuum, and another million and a half is to be poured into it to vanish as thoroughly as the wonderful spring of San Joaquin. No doubt Bryant had these locks in view when he wrote."

"The hills rock-ribbed and ancient as the sun, The vales that stretch in pensive quietness between." About four years ago, the writer, in company with a United States senator visited these locks. The senator was thoroughly familiar with such works, and after he had viewed the excavation, the condemned material and the general surroundings, remarked: "Well Major, it looks very much to me as though this work is not being prosecuted nor was it begun with any direct purpose to open the river to free navigation, but more upon the principle of seeing how generous the government will be each year in its appropriations." It is on this principle the work has been conducted, and it is about time to a stop to this infernal foolishness.—Portland World.

Prices of Sheep for Breeding. The past season seems to have been a good one for sheep breeders in England. Flocks are heavier than they have been for many years, and prices are remunerative for stud sheep especially. The highest prices I can find as having been realized at recent sales are \$578 for a Southdown shearing ram; \$551 for a Shropshire stock ram; \$368 for a Hampshire-Down ram lamb; \$446 for an Oxford-Down shearing ram and a Suffolk ram lamb, and \$262 for a Doven long wool ram on hire. The prices of ewes of most breeds appear to have been correspondingly good. High as the prices for rams were this season, none of them reached the highest figure of last year for Shropshires, when G. Graham sold one for \$1,050 to go to Buenos Ayres, and another for \$892; and, profitable as the English sheep must have been, Australasia appears to have afforded a still wider margin for profit. At Sydney flockmasters have been gathering at the sales to obtain the best rams to strengthen and improve their merino ram. Hero Prince, belonging to Messrs. W. Gibson & Son, of Scorn, which was purchased by W. H. Watt. Some sheep sent from Germany to Sydney for sale also made good prices, \$2888 being given for a six-tooth ram from the flock of R. C. Gade-gast, of Thal-Oschatz, Saxony, others making from \$551 to \$1628. The fact of such prices being on record should put American flockmasters on their mettle; let us have the subject of sheepraising as ably and thoroughly discussed at the institutes for this winter as was that of dairying during the past one in this state, so that farmers may have the opportunity of learning what the industry is capable of doing for them.

The National farmer's alliance is urging the necessity of sending additional organizers into Oregon, Washington and other states. The recent success of this new party has made it confident of future victories and it is gaining converts daily. It will be quite an element in Oregon politics at the next election. In Washington it is making rapid strides and already a number of newspapers are announced as its official organ. There will be some remarkable political changes inside the next two years.

Landlady—Will you pass the butter, Mr Johnson? Mr. Johnson—That butter will not pass madam. A brass-band man went out with his instrument under his arm the other evening. He said he was going off on a little toot.

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ITS PRODUCTS. The salmon fisheries are the finest on the Columbia, yielding this year a revenue of \$1,500,000 which can and will be more than doubled in the near future. The products of the beautiful Klickital valley find market here, and the country south and east has this year filled the warehouses, and all available storage places to overflowing with their products.

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