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LOCKS.

William Michell

We notice in the proceedings of the Washington legislature that a committee on prison management has been created, and that considerable discussion has arisen as to what employment should be furnished convicts. We suggest that both the Oregon and Washington legislatures make some arrangement with the general government, by which the convicts of both states can be employed in constructing the canal and locks at the Cascades, making such improvements as may be decided upon at the Celilo and Dalles rapids, and after that such other improvements as they can be employed upon, the jetties, etc. The two states can furnish about 800 men, the very cheapest labor, and work that such labor should be employed on.

AMERICANS HAVE NO RIGHTS IN BEHRING SEA.

It is related that Secretary Blaine says he can go no further with the Behring sea controversy, because to go further we is again president of the Oregon Senate. must appeal to arms and we are not pre- He made a splendid officer at the last pared to go to war. The secretary exhibits remarkable good sense, and though capable and efficient now. No matter the back down is a square one, it is one what happens Simon always comes out which the circumstances justify. We on top and when he says wiggle-waggle admire muscle; we admire brains, and wiggle-waggle goes. We admire his more than either we admire that quality ability and energy, and his innate eleof brains which realizes that its physical ments of success, and we think he will backing is not sound, and therefore deprove much more friendly to Eastern SILVERWARE, :: ETC. fends and protects the weak animal structure with mental valor-discretion. when he voted against the appropriation exterminated and the casus belli will have the Cascade Locks. Senator Tongue disappeared before the destructive war did not seem to be in the fight at all only be stayed. Bologna once went to war Moore's 8, and yet only yesterday the over a wooden bucket, and war over the Oregonian and for that matter whole Seal company has had exclusive jurisdiction over Behring sea and the seal Oregon had little choice, since both voted islands, paying the United States a small spanning percentage of their gains to be protected. Simon's election is convincing proof that percentage of their gains to be protected percentage of their gains to be protected he is not dead, and it is self evident not only against foreigners, but against that he has not been a sleeb. all American citizens, in their slaughter of the fur-bearing seals, and their poscompany no American dared trespass upon it. Why then should Americans be called upon to take up arms to defend the company holding the lease of the seal islands, against themselves? Americans in Behring sea, why then should they as to make a 25-foot channel to the se be forced into war to assert rights which their own statutes expressly deny them? There is no principal involved, no public interest to be subserved in backing up Secretary Blaine's position. It is a question of national polity, a question pertaining not only to Behring sea but to every semi-enclosed portion of the ocean. The proper solution of such a question is to submit it to a board of arbitration of the principal nations of the earth, and let the question be settled satisfactorily to all, and a precedent established. Secretary Blaine shows remarkable good sense in dropping the subject, even though it is a little humil-iating to have him admit that we are not able to defend ourselves, or to assert our

Ere another week has passed something definite will be done concerning the line of steamboats on the Columbia. They will either be an assured fact or an assured failure, and we dr not for a moment think the latter contingency can happen. We have too much at stake to allow it to happen. The city needs it, the country needs it, and both together can easily raise the money necessary to put the boats on and maintain them. No doubt freight rates would be reduced at once in order to make a fight on the boats, and this is just what we want. When rates get below a paying basis, the boats can be tied up, and it does not take long to get up steam, if rates are raised. It has taken a long time but we think the matter is now assured.

The sporting public are considerably worked up over the Dempsey-Fitzsimmons pri ze fight which takes place tomorrow evening at New Orleans. It is supposed the battle will be a hard one, and Fitzsimmons seems to be a favorite and Fitzsimmons seems to be a involve in New Orleans. On this coast where Dempesy is known, it is hard to find any willing to risk their money against him. Our own opinion is that Fitzsimmons who has heretofore been unwhipped will meet his master and learn what it is to A PRACTICAL PLAN.

There is food for solid reflection in the suggestion we make elsewhere concerning the employment of convict labor to finish the work at the Cascade locks and to do such other work as is necessary to open the Columbia. It is a kind of work which readily admits of such labor being employed, and it is the kind of employment that interferes least with free labor. Oregon and Washington could

and the work could be carried on seven months in the year. Now all that would be required more PUT THEM AT WORK ON THE than is required now to care for these prisoners would be a larger number of guards, and slight increase of incidental expenses for keeping. The state could furnish the laborers, and the United States should furnish rations and guards. The latter would cost nothing since a portion of the military force at Vancouver could be detailed for this work at only a trifling additional cost to the government. Indeed we believe that the present appropriation would much more than finish the locks, and all the state would be out would be the use of their convicts, and the government would be out nothing but the rations for them. If the government refused to board the prisoners for their work the states could well afford to do so, for they are compelled to board them now. This is a thoroughly practicable and practical scheme. It will find profitable employment for our convict labor, and will benefit every person in the

The Hon. Joseph Simon of Portland session, and will, no doubt, preve equally Oregon than he did two years ago, In the first place the seals will soon be of \$50,000 to build the portage railway at which both countries would wage could getting one vote, to Simons 14 and Behring sea question would be equally lots of his friends thought he had almost as foolish. In the second place no a walk-over. That paper suggested American rights have been interfered that someone had been lying either to with. Ever since the purchase of Alaska Simon or Tongue, and the latter gentleuntil a few months ago, the Alaska Fur man has discovered that this statement is true. Between these two Eastern

Perfectly right and just is the demand session of Behring sea. To the Amerian can citizen more than any other it has river to the sea," and it should be acbeen a closed sea. General Miller, complished, The Cascade locks should Schloss, and a few others made millions be completed as soon as possible, and by out of Behring sea, but outside of their the time the river is open Astoria will the time the river is open. Astoria will probably have a railroad. Grain from Eastern Oregon and Washington should come down the river to this port and here meet the British vessels that will carry the surplus grain to foreign lands. Portland had far better help open the river, or build a railroad from there to Astoria, then to the graph of the foliable this have not now, and never had any rights Astoria, than to try such a foolish thing for only a half million dollars .- The

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