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The Chronicle is the Only Paper in
The Dalles that Receives the Associated
Press Dispatches.

The third party movement inaugurated at Cincinnati the other day may well sound a solemn note of warning in the ears of the republican party. On the lines of this convention the third party's continuance in existence forbodes the restoration to power of the democratic party. The South was not represented and the states in the north and west, heretofore republican have become the strongholds of the new movement. If this state of affairs continues it simply means a solid south and a divided north and that in turn means the triumph of democracy, for the most sanguine members of the new party can scarcely hope to carry the next presidential election. It is evident that intelligent democrats take this view of the case for a late issue of the Portland *Telegram* says:

If the people's party can carry any Western state hitherto republican, or can pull enough votes hitherto republican in any such state to give in to the democracy, it will have performed a very valuable service for the people of the whole country.

The first thing to accomplish is the overthrow of the republican party, and if any of these third-party men really consider themselves, as charged by the republican organs, as "democratic assistants," their intentions are to be commended. If the deluded Western farmers and Eastern laborers can't jump clear out of the republican party into the democratic camp all at once, they can at least abandon the old party for a new one. The only strange thing is that any of these new party men should have been democrats.

The CHRONICLE has no fight to make with the new third party or any other party but it does seem to us that no sane man could expect a party to hang together for any length of time, or accomplish any lasting good with so many impracticable and visionary theorists connected with it. Can it be possible that any man believes that it is proper for the United States government to go into the business of loaning money to one or any class of its citizens at two per cent., or any other per cent? As well talk of furnishing wheat at twenty cents a bushel when it is worth eighty cents. Can the party seriously entertain the thought, in the teeth of the constitution of the United States, of the government seizing all lands held by the railroads in excess of their actual needs? As well talk of confiscating the lands of every farmer who holds in excess of that needed for his actual support. Can any fair-minded person endorse the sentiment that it is right to force an alien who has acquired property in this country to surrender it to the government, except as provided in the right of eminent domain. The people of the United States could not enforce such a law without destroying the constitution itself. It may have been wrong to have allowed aliens to acquire property. It is right to shut them off from acquiring more. It will never be right to deprive them by force of that which they have acquired legally and peacefully. These and other doctrines that breathe the spirit of anarchy and communism must be eliminated from the creed of the new party before it can ever command the respect of the honest reflecting people of the United States.

It is little wonder that our transportation companies should claim that they cannot afford to make cheaper rates. It costs them too much to kill off opposition. It must have taken a lot of money to wreck the Great Republic, but the company has made it all back in not having the least opposition from that day to this. The *Astorian* is authority for saying that the Wilmington, now about to be put on the line between Portland and Coos Bay has lain in Oakland creek for a long time getting \$1200 a month for doing nothing. That \$14,400 a year came out of the pockets of the people in the shape of increased rates. It would be interesting to know how much it has cost the railroad company, in the past twenty years to keep the Columbia closed and to cut off opposition between this city and Portland. We hope the day is at hand when the infernal business will end forever.

It is said Russia won't be in a fix to fight any other country for three years as she is changing her armament and it will take three years to make the change. Europe will be perfectly satisfied if she goes on changing her armament forever.

The *Oregon Blade* has a most felicitous way of advising the *East Oregonian* to shut its mouth. It recommends it "to close its extended cavity."

The Portland sugar merchants must be the smallest men on earth. A while ago they got scared to death because the only firm in The Dalles that buys from the refineries was reported as selling sugar half a cent a pound cheaper than they were. So they clubbed together and sent two of their number to San Francisco to fix things up with Claus Spreckels and it is to be inferred that they got satisfaction for a few days ago it was announced that they were now selling half a cent cheaper than The Dalles but they are not for the firm in question says they are able and willing to meet the Portland merchants at any price they may put on.

Recent experiments in grafting the skin of a white person on a negro and vice versa have resulted in the discovery that while colored skin transplanted on a white man will lose its color and become white, white skin grafted upon a negro will never become black. From this it will be seen that the old scriptural query, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin?" has found an answer in the discoveries of modern science.

The Union Pacific has raised the rate on feed from San Francisco to Astoria from \$2 to \$7 a ton whereas Astoria merchants are mad and charge the thing as having been done at the instance of Portland.

Doing Poor Business.

A gentleman who visited the Lower Cascades yesterday reports that the river is rising about ten inches per day, which is very encouraging to fishermen. The catch of salmon, however continues to be very light. He visited six wheels and saw hardly any salmon at all, the principal fish being taken in the wheels being suckers and young sturgeon, of which there were great numbers, and some large sturgeon. The gill net fishermen up there are not putting out their nets, as they do not catch enough fish to pay for the wear and tear of the nets. The fishermen are hopeful that the rise in the river will bring up a run of fish.—*Oregonian*.

Effects of England's Cloudiness.

Reviewing English weather and wheat since 1775, *Nature* draws the inference that rainfall rules the harvests far more potently than mean temperature. The mean summer temperature of the years of superior crops has exceeded by only 1.80 that of the years of inferior crops. The mean rainfall for the summers of bad crops has been 2.9 inches more than that of good seasons, which means that the wet summers had half as much more rain—with a consequent deficiency of the sunshine so vital to the growth and maturity of the plants—than the dry ones. The wheat yield follows the rainfall inversely, being greatest in the hot, dry summers, and least in the wet, sunless summers.

A Fine State Official.

State Printer Baker's gay lark appears to have been even more degrading than at first appeared. He not only slapped his wife, but he choked his little daughter. He even took a canary bird from its cage, picked its feathers and threw it into the yard to die. He acted the brute to perfection.—*Woodburn Independent*.

By direction of Lord Salisbury the commercial department of the foreign office at London is at present engaged upon an earnest study of the last commercial treaty between Brazil and the United States and of reports thereon forwarded by the British ministers at Washington and Rio. The fact that this treaty American cotton manufacturers, among other things, are to be admitted into Brazil at rates of duty 25 per cent. less than those imposed upon similar articles made in England, has stirred Lancashire to its deepest depths of sorrow and indignation, and not unnaturally, nor of the merchandise affected. England sends every year to Brazil \$8,250,000 worth, whereof over \$2,500,000 worth is of cotton goods.—*Oregon Blade*.

Henry Gannet, geographer of the census office, has prepared a table in which he has made an attempt to sub-divide the country into areas differing in the character of their surface, their products and their climate, and to classify the population in accordance therewith. Eastern Oregon is included in the North Rocky Mountain region, and Western Oregon in the Pacific Valley region. In the former the absolute increase of population in ten years is 103,000, or about 206 per cent., while in the latter there are 187,000 more inhabitants than there were in 1880, an increase of 75 per cent.

The man who quits secular business Saturday night, and devotes the Sabbath to religious thought and activity, will do more and better work in any calling, than the fellow who devotes the Sabbath to secular affairs, or squanders it in listless indolence, or in playing high five, or "going-a-fishing." Maybe you don't believe that, but it's true, all the same.—*Harvey Items*.

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A New Use for the Heater.

I once spent a winter with a family where the mother and the daughters performed most of the household service, only calling in a woman on wash days and for extra work.

They were in moderately comfortable circumstances, and considering their habits and their income, should never have been greatly worried about money matters. But the daughters were always in debt, and the mother, who was a widow, was in a perpetual worry about bills. The allowances were always spent before they were received, and the aggregate indebtedness was far more than the sum provided, so that the surplus debt accumulated rapidly. It was a puzzle to me for some time how they managed to get into such corners. They bought continually and bought good things, but never seemed to have anything fit to wear except their most recent purchases. What became of the many articles which were brought into the house I could never imagine, until one day I overheard a conversation that let light in upon the subject.

One of the daughters had been caught in a rainstorm the night before, and her dress was soaked, mud splashed and torn. She had taken it off hurriedly, dropped it on the floor in one corner of the room and forgotten it, she said, and it was one mass of wrinkles and creases. She gave it a few dashes with the whisk broom, then in disgust she threw it into the heater. Suiting the action to the word, she bundled up the dress, took it to the cellar and a moment later nothing remained of it but ashes. A few days later an out of season hat and some ill fitting but expensive shoes, only half worn, went the same way. When articles were inquired for some excuse was made for their non-appearance, and as time went on they were forgotten. The mother was a happy-go-lucky sort of person, who was to an extent ruled by her daughters, and they silenced her remonstrances whenever she ventured, and by declaring that the things were perfectly useless, and why not have them out of the way?

Articles of furniture requiring only a moment's repairs were broken up for kindling, and with a speck of a hole in the rug given to the ashman, and everything and anything the putting in order of which took time or pains were disposed of in the same way. But it was into the capacious jaws of the heater that the goods and chattels of that family went, and wastefulness and extravagance took on a new meaning to me after that winter's experience with the heater as a consuming element.—*New York Ledger*.

England's Real Estate Loss.

A mistake which cost the British government about as much territory as there is in the state of Rhode Island has come to light. The error consists of the fact that the iron monuments at Blaine, and for many miles east of there, are 300 yards north of the forty-ninth parallel, which should be the exact boundary line.

Ensign Edward Moale, Jr., of the United States navy, and connected with the United States coast survey, tells the story. Three years ago Ensign Moale was on the United States surveying schooner which was operating in the vicinity of Blaine. The authorities at Washington sent out charts containing the latitude and longitude, which are filled in with the result of the surveys.

Attached to the schooner was Assistant S. S. Gilbert, who had charge of the party working on shore. He sent in a plat of result of his work, which was filled into maps received from headquarters at Washington. When Gilbert's charts were plotted in these maps it was found that a boundary monument at Blaine, and for a distance east thereof, were 300 yards to the north of the forty-ninth parallel.

"At first we thought we were mistaken," said Ensign Moale, "and carefully went over the work time and again, only to verify the fact that the boundary monuments were further north than they should be."

"How did the mistake occur?"
"I suppose when the boundary line survey was made in 1832 under the direction of the joint American and English commission that a slight error was made by the surveyors in northern Montana or the Rocky mountains. This was trifling at the start, but kept widening out until it covers 300 yards wide at the Straits of Georgia."

"Can the British demand the territory back?"
"No, they cannot, because the boundary line between the United States and Canada is fixed by these monuments, which are of iron and are placed every mile from the Lake of the Woods to the straits of Georgia. From the Lake of the Woods to the Atlantic the boundary line is fixed by the lakes and rivers. This fact has never been officially reported to Washington."
—*Cor. Chicago Tribune*.

Sir Edgar Boehm.

Among the most interesting of his recollections are those concerning the Elchi Bey of the Crimea, whose statue will be considered by many among Sir Edgar's finest works. He described the fascinating effect of Lord Stratford de Redcliffe's personal appearance, his stern iron bound jaw, sparkling blue eye, clear cut features, overhanging brows, and the haughty carriage of his head.

"Any one who ever saw him under any circumstances," he said, "must have guessed at once how great a man he was." Then he went on to tell stories of the Elchi's passionate temper and good heart, and how he was lord of the Turk and the Russian and of the government at home by right equally of his commanding intellect and his fiery, unbridled mood.

"I thought I should have had him down on me once," said Sir Edgar, humorously. "He did not like the bust I had made of him, and, knitting his great brows on me, he shouted out, 'Why, you have made me look like a bad tempered man!'"
A story, as being especially characteristic of the sculptor himself, must be given. He was dining with a score of friends, each with a score of years of success upon his shoulders, when the old question was raised as to who would care to go through the pains and pleasures of life a second time. "I would, that I might build up my bird once more," cried that stanch old naturalist, Owen.

"And I," said Sir Edgar. "Then I would take all my statues off their pedestals and do them over again."—*Blackwood's Magazine*.

For Spot Cash.

If you have \$5,000 in cold cash you can manage to have your wife, your mother, father, uncle or aunt sent to a private insane asylum, whether sane or insane. The conveniences invented for the present generation are almost without number, and this is one of them.—*Detroit Free Press*.

At present there are a large number of big canal projects. The most costly is that undertaken by the Canadian government, which will admit Atlantic currents into Lake Superior. It will cost \$70,000,000.

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