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

### FAIRLY ANSWERED.

The Express asks:

"Would The Dalles people rather not have the Columbia an open river than to see the portage on the Washington side, opposite Collet? Why have The Dalles, Dufur and Silkstone corporation been so slow in coming to the front?"

The first question is answered by the monosyllabic "No". The Dalles will be glad to see an open river, no matter how it is accomplished, or where located; but no one can blame this city for looking after its own interests. We are not asking for a portage on this side as a matter of favor to The Dalles, we are asking it on the ground that it can be built on this side for less money, operated for less money and will be of greater service when it is finished than if built on the Washington side. We are asking that it be built on this side because such a road would be a paying investment, through the freights it could control, even if there were a hundred portages on the Washington side. We ask for it on this side because there is a traffic on this side, which a couple of feeders would control for the portage road for all time, so immense that it has been estimated that the difference in rates alone, between what the Union Pacific now charges and those which the new transportation company propose to charge would, in one year, amount to nearly a sum of money sufficient to build the road. We ask for the portage on this side because we hold that a portage road, built by Oregon money, should other things being equal, be built on Oregon soil. These are a few of the reasons why we insist on the road being built on the south side of the Columbia. The second question is just as easily answered because there is absolutely nothing to conceal in the whole business. No attempt was ever made to survey a road back of the Columbia river and away from the drifting sands till a short time ago, and the certain feasibility of the route was never demonstrated till about three weeks ago when Lieut Norton finished his survey and submitted his profile to the corporation which employed him. The corporation had no sooner organized than they went to work to make the survey; the survey was no sooner made than it was brought "to the front;" and it could not well have been brought before. The surprise of the whole thing lies in the fact that it has been demonstrated that a good road, at a moderately reasonable price for construction can be built where interested parties, for various reasons, have constantly insisted no road could be constructed, or rather which is more strictly true, by a route that few ever thought of.

### BRIEF STATE NEWS.

The Klamath cannery is preparing for a big season's run. Twenty boats with forty men will coop in the fish.

The First National bank of Roseburg will be in working order by the first of next month. All preliminary arrangements have been made or are now in progress.

Allen Ramsey, of Thirty-mile, met with a painful accident one day last week by a horse falling upon him, dislocating his shoulder and smashing him up generally.

William Q. Brown was making geological observations in the Emigrant creek region last week, mapping the sandstone layers for the next annual report of the United States geological survey.

Captain R. S. Littlefield has already driven two solid rows of piles at the mouth of the Coquille river. In a month work on the jetty will be advanced far enough to commence dumping rock.

Little or no work is being done at the Seven Devils mines at present. Some of the men are working their own properties, and the surface indications promise a lively time in the near future.

Over 100 men are now employed at the Myrtle creek mines and about fifty more will be sent out in a day or two. Work on the big ditch is being pushed rapidly and will be completed about October 1.

A new bridge is being built at Coast Fork, near Taylor's. The bridge at this place washed out a year ago last winter, and is very much needed to be rebuilt, especially in the winter, as the river gets up so it can't be forded.

The farmers of Jackson county are

manifesting much interest in the farmers' alliance movement. T. Birabum, of the Kansas national organization, is now there, under whose efforts four alliances have been recently organized.

The 800,000 acres of land granted to the Oregon Central Military Wagon Road company has been sold to a company of eastern capitalists. It is said that they will start mills along the Middle Fork next year and put the lumber on the market.

Quite a number of horses are dying in the Haystack section of Grant county from distemper. The disease first appeared in the neighborhood of the Wall creeks, but has extended to other sections. Range horses are suffering more than others from the disease.

Jap Griffith was shot through the calf of the leg at Heppner last Tuesday by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of a herder, while the latter was putting it in order. He was lying on the ground a few feet distant with his leg elevated above his head, the bullet passing over his head and entering the fleshy part of the lower leg.

### GENERAL PERSONAL MENTION.

Hon. Bayliss Hanna, minister to the Argentine republic during the Cleveland administration is dead.

Governor Tillman, of South Carolina, who has been taken to task for using railroad passes, explains that he saved money for the state by this use.

Philip D. Armour is said to be the largest individual commercial operator in the world. His transactions last year reached the enormous aggregate of \$63,000,000.

The czar is one of the few living banqueters, it is said, who can "drink a toast" according to the old style, swallowing toasted apple, liquor and all from the brimming cup.

The Shah of Persia is developing into a kodak fiend, and his courtiers all say that his pictures are wonderful successes. It wouldn't be healthy for them to say anything else.

Mlle. Derriova, a wealthy and refined Russian lady and a relative of the czar's minister of the interior, has commenced her big task of walking from Kieff to Moscow and thence to Paris.

Lady Aylesbury is one of the most extraordinary figures in London society. She is nearly 80, and wears a wig of corkscrew curls. She is noted as the possessor of a sharp tongue, and her language is at all times picturesque and vigorous.

The pope does not speak English "better than many Englishmen," as is stated in a paragraph now going the rounds. He does not speak the language at all, and holds converse with English speaking people through an interpreter in Latin.

Col. Cogswell Wake Up.

What an artless cherub is Col. Cogswell of Lake county! At Portland, the other day, he was lamenting to an Oregonian reporter the neglect of Lake county trade by the Portland merchants—and his state pride was sorely wounded by the thought of so much Oregon business going down to San Francisco, instead of going up to Portland where all good Oregonians would prefer to have it go. And yet this same prominent citizen of Lake county, with his keen Oregon sensibilities, is the state senator from Lake, who devised and pushed through the wagon road bill which expended \$10,000 from the state treasury to make a new road from Klamath county down the Klamath river into California, and to turn the trade from the southeastern counties across to the railroad on the south side of the Siskiyou.

In his innocence the colonel couldn't see that if the money should be expended so as to make a good road through the mountains to an Oregon town north of the Siskiyou, the trade would go to Portland. And the Oregonian and the astute merchants of Portland and the Oregon legislature were all so much afraid of losing a vote or two for the non-taxable bonds bill that they wouldn't raise a feeble protesting chirp against Cogswell's bill to turn the trade of Oregon over to California. The colonel's grief over the despoilment of the state's commerce, reads pleasantly in Southern Oregon now. He is almost as dear to the hearts of the people here as is the anti-wagon-road governor who saved the road improvement fund to build the state capitol dome.—Ashland Tidings.

### Need of Caution.

The men who control in the directory of the Columbia River Railway and Navigation Company are people who have been the trusted agents and railroad builders for the Northern Pacific for many years. Its charter does not allow it to build branch lines, therefore the Northern employs others to form separate corporations, and after having completed a branch line in any desired locality it is turned over to its own operating department. In this way Paul Mohr and A. M. Cannon, the apparent head and front of the Columbia River Railway and Navigation Company, have built several lines of road for the Northern Pacific. It is more than suspected that the scheme they have now on hand is another Northern Pacific job which these enterprising gentlemen have undertaken. Before recommending the subscription to the capital stock of this company of \$500,000 the chamber of commerce committee should make such thorough investigation as to leave not the slightest chance of a mistake in the matter. If the Northern is in the scheme, it is in it to control it and we all know what that means.—World.

### Next.

The Milton Eagle says that there is no word in the English language to rhyme with music. The Eagle is away off. We have a man in this county whose name

is Busic. And for anything we know he's fond of music. How is that for a starter. Dalles Chronicle. In Portland there is a rising young journalist named Cusick. Next—Oregonian. There's a man in Klamath county whose name is Cusick, and at driving bargains he'd make a Jew sick.—Klamath Star.

### Things Worth Knowing.

George Francis Train took dinner at New York Friday with the captain of the steamer Mystic. They discussed Train's proposed tour of the world, and agreed that the best time to start was the month of December.

Some of those who have been black-berrying in the Cascade mountains this year estimate that each berry they found and picked cost them about five cents.—Prineville News.

Mr. J. E. Barnett, county assessor, is attending to his duties in the valley. He has been on the east side a week or more, and will no doubt call on everybody ere he leaves.—Glacier.

The new move in Chicago to hold primaries under the Australian ballot system is a step in the right direction. There has been more fraud in an hour at primaries than at general elections.

Henry Hahn moved his family and effects to Portland this week. Mr. Hahn has been a resident of Prineville for a period of about twelve years, and is one of the best business men in the State. He accumulated his wealth in this country.—Prineville News.

The Wasco Observer of last week says: Mr. I. C. Nickelson and daughters, of The Dalles, visited our city last Monday, returning home Tuesday. While in the city Mr. Nickelson disposed of a fine piano to Mrs. McPherson.

The New York Herald tells its half million of readers that Oregon cherries are so luscious that you wish your throat were a mile long. What a nectareous tear a man with such a neck could go on in a Royal Aun cherry orchard!

The working of the Australian ballot law gives entire satisfaction. It is a great improvement over the old method of congregating around the polls. It does away with the ward politician. It dignifies politics and brings out the respectable element of society. It lessens the chances for fraud and gives an honest vote. The Australian vote is a step in the forward march.—Walla Walla Union-Journal.

The cry "Equality!" is about as clear nonsense as ever made an echo on earth. It demands a clear definition, yet nobody can tell what are its properties. The anarchist uses it as a child uses a rattle. He makes a noise with it. He dances around the institution of private property shouting "Equality!" It is the war yell of degradation and imbecility, causing wisdom, industry and social worth to clap their palms to their ears and exclaim, "Mercy, what a silly noise."—Klamath Star.

The following good words are from the Baker City Republican: "Perhaps one of the most discreditable phases of our party politics is that when a man, no matter how pure and noble, enters a political organization, he at once becomes the target of the severest censure and denunciation from the opposite party as to personal character and intentions, though grand in character and sincere in his efforts to work for the good of his country. It will be a grand day when bitter personalisms shall have passed from our political parties."

Not long ago some one wrote an article for a Dalles paper, in which he stated that the rainfall of Eastern Oregon is growing less each year. The writer is mistaken. The greater portion of Crook county lies in what is often called the arid district of Eastern Oregon. The oldest residents here came to the country over twenty years ago, and all of them agree in the statement that the rainfall of this region has quite perceptibly increased in that time. Numerous satisfactory proofs might be given to show that the annual rainfall of Eastern Oregon is of the increase instead of being on the decrease.—Prineville News.

It is significant that the decrease in the mortgage indebtedness of Oregon was maintained steadily during last year, says the Central Point Enterprise, when the crops were short and the resources of the farmers were curtailed beyond the usual limit. If such a showing was possible with the limited yield of farm products last season, what may not be expected in view of the bountiful harvest and the excellent prices of this year? Nature surely has done everything to help Oregon farmers this year, but what is more encouraging still is the growing disposition of the farmers to pay their debts, to cultivate habits of economy, to husband their resources and market them to the best possible advantage, a subject of careful and intelligent study.—Portland World.

Just what the hop crop will amount to this season is somewhat of a puzzle to the growers. The depredations of the hop lice during the early part of the season so completely upset all calculations it will be next to impossible to estimate the extent of the crop until the crops have been picked. Commenting on this subject, the Polk County Observer says: "The hop lice question is resting and waiting results. The lice are not decreasing any in number, but the damage to the hop vine is not visible yet. The hop men will not promise what the crop will be, some thinking the lice will do no damage to speak of, while others think the crop is ruined. It would be a pity to have Portland separated from the Pacific Northwest League because, without it, the league would go entirely to pieces. But, on the other hand, if as the Portlands claim, Secretary Rockwell has rendered his decision fairly, it would be not only advisable, but proper to withdraw and join forces with the California league.

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