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

Uneasy lies the head that wears the night cap of a pension commissioner. Tanner's reign was short, and now the story goes that Raun's head is soon to be cut off and ex-Senator Blair appointed as his successor.

The Northwest Pacific Farmer is now under the management of Frank Lee, late of the Klickitat Leader. It is a bright, clean, honest, well conducted paper, just as we would expect it to be when Frank has a hand in making it. May the Farmer and its new editor live long and prosper.

Neal Dow wants the liquor sellers of Maine to be punished by whipping. It is safe to say that he won't succeed. And even if he should get a law passed to this effect, its very severity would prevent its infliction. If the people of Maine only believed such a law was right it would not be necessary to pass it. The business would be so unpopular that it could not be carried on profitably.

The manufacture of beet sugar in California appears to be a complete success. The factory at China has been making 40,000 pounds of sugar a day during a part of the present month, and the factories at Watsonville and Alverado have also begun operations. All the sugar tested thus far is reported as first grade and entitled to the full bounty established by the government. If California can produce first-class sugar beets, there are certainly some parts of Oregon that can do the same; and the addition of sugar making to the other industries of the state would be a very important element in the general prosperity which the future seems to have in store for us.

The circular that the "green goods" men send out over the country to induce dishonest persons to purchase their counterfeit money contains these words: "God never intended that one man should have millions while hundreds toil in poverty all their lives; so why not deal in my goods and restore the equality of wealth belonging to man by reason of his inherent rights." These words bear a remarkable similarity to many of the socialistic speeches that now come from the press and platform of thousands of so-called reform politicians. They have but one tendency, the entire overthrow of the present social fabric. A man has a natural right to every dollar he has earned or inherited honestly, and no more. Any other doctrine is anarchy and destruction.

The democrats of Massachusetts have come out squarely in favor of an "honest dollar." In the convention held yesterday they adopted a platform declaring in favor of "honest money." They hold that all dollars coined by the United States should be of an equal intrinsic value, and that all paper currency issued by the government should be redeemable in either gold or silver, at the option of the holder, and not at the discretion of the secretary of the treasury. The platform opposes the free and unlimited coinage of silver and all "dangerous" silver legislation enacted by the last congress. Such is the difference between twaddle-dum and twaddle-dee. Were it not for the last five words it would make an excellent republican platform.

If there is one thing more than another that brings liquor selling into contempt, even with men who are in no sense entitled to be called temperance or prohibition cranks, it is the practice of some saloon keepers of selling whiskey to habitual or periodical drunkards after they have filled up to stupidity. There is perhaps no town anywhere that has not a number of men whose appetites for intoxicants are so depraved that they cannot smell alcohol without getting drunk. A saloon keeper should not sell such men liquor, much less should they do so after they are already full of it. The law is against it; common decency is against it; and every impulse of humanity suggests that men whose self-control is lost and gone through drink should not have the weapons placed in their hands for the utter completion of their destruction.

The opinion of the Washington attorney

ney general that the reading of the Bible in the public schools is in direct violation of the state constitution may be all right from a legal standpoint, but if so, it is all the worse for the constitution. So long as the constitution of the United States remains in its present form it is very questionable if any power can banish the Bible from the public schools or anywhere else so long as its use does not involve a tax upon the public funds. The Book from which the best men of the American nation, from Washington to Lincoln, drew their inspiration, and whose moral teaching is the basis of the nation's greatness, deserves a better fate. We may not force its use upon others. To do so is un-American. It might be left to local option. In any case, putting it under the ban is retrogression and not progress.

The impression seems to be generally prevalent that this country is on the eve of very prosperous times. The stimulus that reciprocity has given to our export trade, added to the immensely increased European demand for breadstuffs, has already started a gold movement in this direction, the effects of which will soon be felt through all the arteries of the nation's life. A comparison has been drawn between the present period and that immediately following specie resumption twelve or thirteen years ago. After a period of liquidation, which, however, was far longer than it has been now, good crops here and poor ones in Europe sent the total of our exportations at that time up sharply and started a gold movement in this direction which gave the country two or three years of increased business activity and consequent prosperous time. All signs indicate that we are on the eve of another period of business extension and diversification.

The first estimate of cost of the canal and locks at the Cascades was made by Major Michler in 1875 and called for \$700,000 to complete the works. The second estimate was made by Major J. M. Wilson in 1878 and called for \$1,753,767. The third estimate was made by Captain Powell in 1882 and called for \$2,460,400. The fourth estimate was made by Captain Powell in 1887 and called for \$2,992,500. The fifth estimate was made by Lieut. Burr in 1890 and called for \$3,623,000. The first appropriation of \$90,000 was made in 1876 and the work commenced in October, 1878, and now after nearly thirteen years have passed one can scarcely hope that thirteen years more will see it finished. This is simply an illustration of the superiority and efficiency of governmental methods, and yet there are thousands who desire to turn over to the control of the government our railroad, steamboat and telegraph lines under the misapprehension that they would be managed more efficiently and more cheaply than it is possible to do by private enterprise. The fact is, the government is too slow for this fast age. The work at the locks is fine beyond controversy. It will be a monument to the engineering skill of Major Handbury and Lieut. Burr. The trouble is the people want a canal, not a monument. When we start to build monuments Major Handbury won't be in it.

BRIEF STATE NEWS.
 Isaac Coy, aged 60, one of Marion county's most prominent farmers, was thrown out of his wagon by his team running away. An hour or so later he was picked up unconscious and taken home. His limbs were paralyzed from the effect of injuries to his spine, but at last accounts he was slowly recovering.

News from the Poorman mine is very encouraging. New silvered plates and a fine screen arrived at Brownsville for the company, and Thursday Messrs. Ellwick and Blanchard started with them for the mine. A good report is looked for when they get the mill in shape again, although it is now saving some gold.

Horace Cline has brought suit in the state circuit court at Eugene against J. C. Goodale, asking for the annulling of a contract entered into between the plaintiff and defendant on March 10, 1891, which was for the sale of the Coburg sawmill, lumber and water privileges, the consideration of which was to be \$20,000, and for the sum of \$4500 paid on said contract.

J. A. Warner, who has been engaged in surveying the lands that are being allotted in severalty to the Siletz Indians, says the Indians are quite indifferent as to whether they receive the land or not. The most of them have no higher ambition than to have the government provide them plenty of food and blankets. A few, however, are good farmers, raise good crops and want to farm their own land.

John Wink, of Pendleton, will sue the Union Pacific for damages. Wink is the young man who was thrown, with others, from a handcar which left the track near Hilgard, and badly hurt. His eyesight was affected and he was rendered totally deaf. As it is claimed the accident was caused from spreading rails, Mr. Wink wants remuneration from the company. It is understood that he was offered \$500, but declined to settle on these terms.

Dr. Meek and W. H. Spease, the two men arrested a short time ago in Pendleton for procuring an abortion on the person of Mrs. Weaver, a widow whose husband was drowned at Arlington some years ago, had an examination on the 28th which resulted in both being bound over to appear before the grand jury on the sum of \$1000 each. They were unable to furnish this amount and were again remanded to jail.

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