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A JUTE SACK FACTORY.

Following the lead of THE CHRONICLE for an employment for the state convicts in Oregon which would not be oppressive to free labor, upon our suggestions of a jute sack factory in the penitentiary, as one is conducted in Walla Walla, several journals of the state have favorably commented. The Pendleton Tribune of yesterday thinks "the matter of letting this labor out to the highest bidder, as has been done in the past, is not a wise policy. The state can just as well utilize it and reap considerable profit thereby, and yet not bring such labor into competition with other institutions which employ free men in this state.

The state of Washington has made a success in this matter, and it seems that Oregon would do well to follow the example set by her sister state. The manufacture of jute bags is a business that has a large field, and there is room for another jute mill in Oregon. In fact, Oregon alone could easily use all the bags that could be manufactured by the labor of the Oregon convicts and the production of this commodity would be profitable, and not interfere with the employment of free labor, while the present system of letting out the labor of convicts to the highest bidder allows this class of cheap labor to interfere with the wage earners of the country, such as the manufacture of stoves, which ought to be produced by the manufacturing industries of the country.

The manufacture of the jute bags at Walla Walla last year, to the number of about two million, had a great tendency to keep the corner from being made on the Calcutta bags, and actually saved the states of Oregon and Washington vast sums of money.

No better way can be suggested to use the convict labor of this state than for this state to build jute mills and manufacture the jute bags in competition with the jute manufacturers of India, for no other class of labor except convict labor can compete with the pauper labor of India.

Democratic organs continue to wail over "the corrupt use of money by republicans" in the late election. They seem to think it will serve democracy as a shield to hide behind. But when the president elect openly led the forces with \$25,000 and a democratic newspaper boasted of raising \$34,000 and hundreds of others made equal claims to such honors, the howl against republicans will not amount to much, and will hardly serve to hide their own crimes.

A paper in Eugene is kicking at Pague because they had a sunshiny day recently when his forecast of the weather announced rain. That is rough. Up this way the people place considerable confidence in the forecasts of the weather, and we disagree with the Register. We think "the fellow" who sends them is mighty right, and does much to soothe the nerves on a chilly day by his moderation clause.

The question of supplying free text books to all pupils in the public schools of Washington is being agitated by various papers throughout the state, the consensus of opinion being generally in favor of the movement. In part of at least twenty-one states in the Union school books are in whole or in part supplied free to scholars, and in the whole or part of eleven states text books are entirely free.

Engineers Meek, Kennedy and Chalk, who divided names and created one for the station known as Mekecha, left behind them a puzzler equal to that left by Buckley, Colter and Davis, who similarly divided and left Bucoda for their cool mine, or Chief Engineer Thielsen's daughters Clara and Fannie, for whom Clarie was named. Tourists generally write these names as coming from our charming Indian dialect.

A petition is in circulation for a division of Grant county, the new county to embrace most of the territory north of the range of mountains north of the valley now lying in Grant county, and a tier of townships from Umatilla county.

Baltimore cut into a monster plum pudding and sent President Elect Cleveland "a twelve pound slice." It was "English," you know. A duck or a snipe pudding would have been more pointed.

Democrats claim that is a Cleveland winter. It is pretty much such a one as followed his election eight years ago. A sort of paralyzer, so to speak.

There are several combinations on foot for the speakership and presidency of the senate. It is said they extend into the politics of the future.

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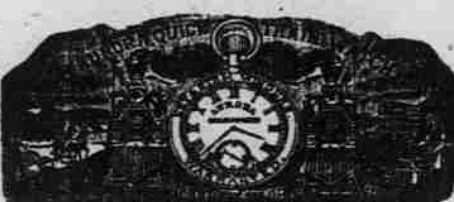
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