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A Washington dispatch informs us that Mr. Herrmann has obtained a decision from the interior department which is of much interest to settlers upon unsurveyed lands within railroad land grants. A number of settlers in Oregon, residing within the unsurveyed indemnity limits of the Oregon and California road, in the Willamette valley, had been denied the right to file their claims in the local land office upon the day the plats of survey were filed in that office, and these settlers submitted their case to Mr. Herrmann, who appeared for the settlers in the department. The department now decides that the order of restoration made August 15, 1887, which was a revocation of the indemnity withdrawal as to that grant, embraces the unsurveyed as well as surveyed lands within the indemnity withdrawal, and that any qualified settler thereupon, previous to the filing of lists of selections by the railroad company, is entitled to the land.

People on the east side of the cascade mountains, anywhere within a reasonable distance of the Barlow road, will sign a petition to the legislature for a renewal of the charter to the road company. They realize that if it was not for the Barlow road company there would be no road, and without the road there is a great many people who would be practically shut out from the valley. It would be money in the pockets of Lebanon, Albany, Salem, Oregon city, and selfish Portland, to make it a free first class road; but they will never do it.

A glance over the country furnishes sufficient evidence in proof of the proposition that he who conducts his farming in a diversified manner invariably reaps good profits. He raises everything that can be raised on a farm. If one kind of produce finds a sluggish market, the others are certain to make up for the loss. He sells eggs, butter, meat, fruit and vegetables, besides wheat and barley and oats. As a result there is perhaps no man in the country more prosperous than the man who farms in this way.

The usual inquiry is: "When will work be commenced at the cascade canal and locks?" Up this way the answer is: when? The Oregonian sometime since said: "After the close of the rainy season." At Cascade. Locks that may be May. Then the water will be coming up too high for work. "The Lord only knows when work will begin," suggests a Brother, ask Him. We give it up. This would be a suitable topic for discussion by The Dalles proposed Bureau of Information. Hurry up the bureau.

The strong advantage of the French government lies in the conflict which always springs up between the Bonapartists and the royalists of the old regime whenever the republic shows signs of weakness. Either prefers the republic to the other, and both know each other. The indications are now strong that the present government has the army, the navy and the masses well under control, and that it will be able to subdue any revolutionary movement which the opposition may be capable of developing.

The present snow storm has probably played havoc with freshly ripened berries which were to have been plucked from vines west of the mountains on New Year's day. Notwithstanding this there is consolation in the thought that there are but few states in the latitude of Oregon producing ripe strawberries and raspberries up to the middle of December, as this state did.

Secretary Foster will resign his portfolio before leaving for Paris to act as agent for the United States before the Behring sea arbitrators, who meet on February 23d. As only three weeks will elapse between his departure and the end of the present administration the vacancy will not be filled.

The snow and consequent blocking of the street car lines has cost the merchants of Tacoma not less than \$10,000. One firm alone estimates its loss at \$5,000 because of the loss of two days' business.

A young printer by the name of E. F. R. Dawe, has fallen heir to a half million dollars by the death of an uncle in Devonshire, England. He says he will invest in Spokane.

Fred Grant of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer has been appointed minister to Bolivia.

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