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WAR PROBABILITIES.

The present shape of our relations with China has reached a critical point, and already a vision of war with that power is, according to the latest advices, a prospective possibility. As yet, however, there is more sensation than fact concerning the apprehension. If war is declared China will be responsible for its commencement, as no overt act is likely to happen on the part of or in the United States. Since the Geary act is declared constitutional, no nation has the right to question our own laws, or to dissent to the extent of arbitrament by the force of arms. The United States has been most liberal in the matter of permitting Chinese to settle among us without becoming citizens. It has finally become expedient to restrict further immigration under these conditions, and to that end an act has been formulated requiring those already here to register. Through incompetent advice the Chinese paid no attention to this simple requirement. This is the whole story simplified, and it should not cause any great amount of trouble. For diplomatic reasons it may now be wise to extend the time for registration, but it does not follow that the government need recede from its purpose. The apprehended trouble over indignities to Americans in China might occur in any case, as during the time when our relations with China were most friendly, it has been related that American settlements were at times compelled to defend themselves with arms from an ignorant rabble. The diffusion of the late news throughout the empire may have the effect of increasing the rancor on the part of these irresponsible mobs, but the Chinese government must be held responsible for this, which is the only cause for immediate alarm.

SO SAY WE ALL.

The Eugene Journal of recent date says: There can be no doubt of the injustice and bad policy of having all the State institutions in one city. Such a concentration of interests and the large appropriations to carry on all the business of the state could not long fail to build up a ring of combination that would control the state. By scattering the institutions over the state they are among the people and no such combination can arise, for one balances another and each holds in check any undue advantage sought by any one. The capitol or state house was located at Eugene by a majority of the votes of the people in 1880, but a person or persons residing at Salem sent to Southern Oregon and induced certain county clerks to fail to send in the votes of their counties until after the time prescribed by law. This nullified the election, and delayed the location of the seat of government four years, so that, at the election in 1884, the increase of population at Portland and in the northern part of the state gave it to Salem. This located the capitol at Salem for 20 years, which has long since expired, and is now subject to removal. The clause in the constitution, which was put there before the capitol was located, declaring that all the other institutions of the state should be located at the state capital, was wrong, and has been regarded as a dead letter for 20 years. Under that clause, in the early years of the state government, the penitentiary and the insane asylum were moved from Portland to Salem. This was a grave mistake, for which that now obsolete clause in the constitution was solely responsible. It would have been much better to have kept these institutions at Portland, especially the penitentiary, which is merely a huge workshop and ought to be at a commercial and shipping point. With the removal of these two institutions, the location of any more of the public institutions at Salem ceased, by common consent, and all the institutions since then have been located at Eugene, Corvallis and other places. This policy should be and will be continued, without any regard to a clause in the constitution that has been as dead for a quarter of a century as the clause prescribing that none but "free white male citizens" could vote. And if anybody insists that this clause shall be revived, at this late day, and every public building and all the appropriations to carry on all the business of a great state shall be dumped in to Salem, it will not take the people long to change the constitution. This country and all south of here will vote solid for it, and so will Eastern Oregon and the northern end of the Willamette valley. Surely Salem ought to be satisfied, and we have no doubt the majority of her citizens are, with the capitol, the asylum and the penitentiary. However, if they sanction or permit a fight to be made against the location of

the remainder of the state institutions outside of Salem, they will find that the people of other less favored sections of the state will be delighted to take up the challenge, and when that time comes Salem will be fortunate if she retains what she now has or any part of it.

Crop-Weather Bulletin.

WESTERN OREGON.

Weather—The rainfall for the week has ranged from a trace to .18 of an inch.

Crops—The fall-sown wheat is knee high of good color, well stooled and well rooted; early spring sown grain is up. Oats have an increased acreage. Rye is heading out in most of the counties. The peach crop has been somewhat injured and curl leaf is more pronounced than usual. Strawberries are in full bloom and in the southern counties they are ripening. Cranberry culture is being increased, those now out are doing finely; the same in Coos and Clatsop counties. The hay crop promises to be very heavy; early grasses are heading out; clover is unusually heavy. Pastures are excellent and stock is improving.

EASTERN OREGON.

Weather—Warm clear weather has prevailed during the week; in some of the interior counties non-injurious frosts occurred on the 9th and 10th. Correspondents all agree that no more favorable weather could have prevailed; no rain is reported to have fallen except an occasional sprinkle, the mean temperature ranged from 48 to 56 degrees.

Crops—The favorable weather has caused vegetation to make rapid growth. Peaches are somewhat injured, and will not be a full crop. Other varieties of fruit are fully up to the average. East and south of the Blue mountains the fruit buds are swelling, but few are in bloom. Summer fallowing is about done. Fall sown rye is heading in Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties. Fall wheat is from 4 to 10 inches high and spring grain is coming up. Some wheat is jointing. Wire worms continue to do damage in Sherman county. Cutting of hay on Columbia bottom lands has commenced. Sheep shearing is nearly done in the Columbia river valley counties and an extra good wool clip has been secured. Wool is now being hauled to the warehouses. Ditches are being prepared for irrigation in Malheur and Harney counties. Peach and cherry trees are in full bloom in Lake county. Advancement in the season has been made, but vegetation and farm work is in Grant, Crook and Klamath counties behind that in the other counties.

Rivers—There has been a steady rise in the Columbia and tributary rivers during the past week. The river at Portland is today 16.3, an higher point than ever before at this date in May when higher water followed in June. The rivers will have a steady continuous rise for next six days, when for a few days they may become stationary.

Indigestion and Immorality.

The possibility of a relation between dyspepsia and crime is not a new conception. But the idea is one which is altogether too little considered in most of the work undertaken for the reformation of the criminal classes of our great cities. The good Calvin sent poor Servetus to the stake while in a fit of indigestion. Carlyle's misanthropy has been very correctly traced to his dyspepsia. Washington Irving tells of a certain emir ("Eves of the Caliphs") named Al Hejagi, who had suffered for many years from abdominal pains due to dyspepsia, and who is distinguished as having been one of the most cruel rulers the world has ever produced. He left fifty thousand persons in prison when he died, and during his life had caused the death of one hundred and twenty thousand persons, not counting those who fell in battles of his instigation.—Good Health.

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