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UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

We have never believed in paternalism on the part of the government, but have subscribed to the doctrine that that government governs best that governs least. In other words, that the citizen should be allowed the fullest liberty in all things consistent with the best interests of all. We have smiled at Bellamy's Utopian ideas, and have dismissed, as unworthy of serious consideration the proposition that the government should take charge of the telegraph and railroad lines. We confess that our opinions have undergone a decided change on this latter subject, and hence have taken a long step towards Bellamyism; for if it once conceded that the government may manage the telegraph and railroad lines, the acceptance of the propriety of its assuming the management of the rolling mills to make its own rails and the mines to make its own iron, is a natural sequence.

The railroad corporations have changed the opinions of many on these subjects within the past year, and are still rapidly making converts. If the government can appoint receivers to take charge of and run the railroads in the interest of their stockholders, we see no reason why it cannot do the same thing in the interest of the people. The question of transportation would then be settled; there would be no strikes, because the employees would be enlisted for a certain number of years, at fixed wages, and the roads would only be compelled to earn enough to pay operating expenses and the cost of maintenance. This action upon the part of the government would be contrary to the ideas of the great majority of people, but if the railroads are to hide behind the robes of justice to shield themselves from her decrees, this result will finally be reached, as surely as that the law cannot be forever violated. The government now has this very question to decide in the cases of the Union and Central Pacific roads.

The Reilly funding bill provided that the roads should pay the principal of their debts, on the passage of the bill, and should be given fifty years to pay the balance, with 2 per cent interest a year until paid. Against this bill the people of California, Nevada, and the states through which the roads run are up in arms. They claim, and justly, that if the bill is passed, it simply turns the people over to the roads for fifty years steady and systematic plundering; and that they, and not the railroad companies, will have these millions to pay. This is largely true.

What action will be taken in the matter it is hard to foresee, yet if the bill, or some similar one, is not passed, the government must either lose the \$120,000,000 the roads owe it, or take possession of them. We believe the latter course, under the circumstances, would be best, for it would furnish an opportunity to test the question as to whether the government can operate a railroad more cheaply than a private company. The experiment is worth trying.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular correspondent. WASHINGTON, March 1, 1895.

Senator Gorman was compelled to withdraw his amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, authorizing the secretary of the treasury to issue certificates of indebtedness to meet the deficit in the revenues, because of an agreement among opposing senators to talk away the rest of the session, if he didn't; but before doing so he made a speech in which were some remarkable charges against a democratic secretary of the treasury, to be made by a democratic senator. He said that the responses of the secretary of the treasury to inquiries of the senate, as to whether this legislation was needed, were on their face misleading; that there would be a deficit for the fiscal year of \$60,000,000 and for the calendar year of \$80,000,000; that treasury officials had acknowledged to him (Gorman) personally that there was a mistake of \$30,000,000 in Secretary Carlisle's figures of the amount of money now available to meet government indebtedness; that the expenditures had been underestimated by Secretary Carlisle to the extent of \$40,000,000, and he added: "The truth is, that they (treasury officials) made a mistake about a year ago in making up their balances of \$80,000,000, and they have been trying to adhere to it ever since." Mr. Gor-

man did not speak with any excitement, but with the calm deliberation of a man who had personally gone over the figures of which he spoke, as he said he had; also, that he was somewhat of a book-keeper himself. It is not strange that there should have been excitement on the floor of the senate to such an extent that the services of the sergeant-at-arms had to be called for by Vice President Stevenson to restore order, something that the oldest habitue of the senate does not remember to have ever before been done. Nor is it strange that men say Secretary Carlisle should be impeached, either for incapacity or for violation of the oath of office.

It seems that whenever some government wants something said to another government that it does not care to say itself it calls on the United States to say it, and if Secretary Gresham has declined a single request of that sort the fact has been successfully kept from the public and buried in the archives of the department of state. So far nothing serious has come of Secretary Gresham's latest attempt to do the parrot act, but the incident is not yet closed. It was the insignificant government of San Domingo that made use of the ever-pliant Gresham this time. It seems that in order to force a settlement of a long score against San Domingo, France sent three warships to the harbors of the little black republic. Now this was none of our business, yet Gresham, when requested by the government of San Domingo, told France that no hostile demonstration must be made. The French government took this interference much more good-naturedly than Japan did a similar one, and even went so far as to explain just what it was trying to accomplish. But those warships were not withdrawn. Gresham then sent another communication to the French government intimating that those warships would better be withdrawn. There the matter stands at present.

One of Gresham's little schemes was too much even for the democratic house. He promised to pay the British government \$425,000 for damages sustained by Canadian sealers in Behring sea, but when an attempt was made to appropriate the money the house, very properly, refused by a vote of 143 to 112 to do it, fifty democrats voting with 93 republicans against the appropriation. Representative Hitt, of Illinois, led the fight against the appropriation, and it was his showing from the official records, that all the claims for damages which have been filed by Canadian sealers aggregated only a little more than one-third of the amount asked for by Gresham, that won the fight.

C. A. S.

Summary.

Following is a summary of the weather at The Dalles for the month of February: Elevation above sea level, 116 feet. Mean temperature, 41° 8'. Departure from normal, above 5.9. Maximum temperature, 61°, date 27th. Minimum temperature, 21°, date 10th. Mean of maximum temperature, 50°. 2'. Mean of minimum temperature, 33°. 2'. No. times minimum temperature 32° or below, 12. Total precipitation, .47. Departure from normal, below 1.68 inches. Total depth of unmelted snow, 1 1/2 inches. Prevailing direction of wind, west. No. cloudless days, 12. No. of partly cloudy days, 4. No. of cloudy days, 12. No. of days on which .01 of rain or snow fell, 4. SAM'L L. BROOKS, Observer.

Notice of Special School Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of school district No. 12 of Wasco county, Oregon, that the annual school meeting for the said school district for the election of director and clerk, will be held at the office of William Mitchell, on Third Street, The Dalles, Oregon, to begin at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and continue until 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the 11th day of March, 1895.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director for said district, for the term of three years, and one clerk for the term of one year, said election to be by ballot and the polls will remain open from 2 o'clock p. m. until 6 o'clock p. m. of said 11th day of March, 1895. H. S. WILSON, Chairman Board Directors. Attest: E. JACOBSEN, Clerk.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

W. Ross Winans of Hood River is in the city.

Wm. Staats, Andrew Douglas and James Nolin were in from Dufur yesterday.

George Nolin of Dufur passed through yesterday on his way to Canby, Clackamas county.

Both gates of the lower lock in the canal at the Cascades are in place, but not riveted. About 11,000 rivets will be required to complete the work, and this will take two weeks.

The total number of school children in The Dalles public school district, as given by Clerk Jacobsen are 1212 for the year of 1895, as to 1058 in 1894, this will give our district a good share of the county and state apportionment when made.

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