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THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

California has taken an active interest in the building of the Nicaragua canal, and while Senator Dolph represented Oregon in the senate, our state had an able and enthusiastic supporter of this great work. Californians appreciate the importance of this canal because it will enable them to market the products of their orchards in the form of fresh fruits in the great cities of Europe, and the fruit industries of the state will never be embarrassed by an over-stocked market. With the development of the apple orchards of this state we shall need the same quick route to Europe. But right now the opening of this canal would make an incalculable difference to our state; transportation of wheat, flour and wool would be facilitated and the expense greatly reduced; as facilities for transportation are increased the market is improved.

Oregonians generally, we are afraid, do not begin to appreciate the benefits which will immediately result to this state by the opening of this canal. We certainly hope Senator Dolph's successor will take as deep an interest in this project as he did, and leave nothing undone to aid the building of this canal.

REPORTED MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS AT CHENG TU.

A very startling report is cabled from London to the effect that the Chinese in Cheng Tu have slain all the American, English and French residents of that city. Usually such reports, when pertaining to events at a great distance, are less shocking than when they relate to events near home. Upon this report, however, all Christendom will take arms against the Chinese government, and if it proves true, a severe penalty will be exacted; but it will be none too severe.

When in Christian and well-governed America we permitted a mob to murder Chinamen by the wholesale at Rock Springs, Wyoming, or repeatedly in our own state Chinamen have been blown to pieces by dynamite, or shot down like dogs, the world, and even our own nation, has been little concerned. This report simply illustrates how much more sensitive are the nerves of Christendom when Christians are murdered than are those of the followers of Confucius when their fellow countrymen are massacred.

GUARD AGAINST FOREST FIRES.

The interior department having rescinded its order excluding sheep from the Cascade Reserve, sheepmen should see to it that no forest fires arise from their use of the forest pastures. As we have before suggested, a forest fire will do more harm to the timber and underbrush in one night than all the sheep in the country can do in a whole summer. Let us show our appreciation of the opening of the reservations by seeing to it that no fires devastate the forests.

The people in the pretty city of Walla Walla have not only plenty of enterprise but also a faculty of doing anything they attempt in a thoroughly complete and satisfactory manner. Four years ago a party of soldiers completely captured the town and proceeded to shoot a gambler named Hunt, who had killed a soldier. Three days after the soldier was shot Hunt was lynched without the formality and expense of a trial. Night before last, the dispatches say, a party of fifty citizens well disguised and organized, tarred and feathered young Fossati, who had brought down upon himself the condemnation of the community for taking into himself for a wife a dusky maiden of the African race. The couple have been compelled to leave town and Walla Walla has given another example of her ability to execute any task with neatness and dispatch.

There should be a large attendance at the mass meeting Thursday night to nominate city officers for the ensuing year. Just at present there are questions more important to the citizens of The Dalles than the silver controversy or the tariff dispute. The selection of wise and capable men to municipal office is an absolute necessity for good government. Under the new charter The Dalles must not go farther into debt, and we must choose men who can guide the city's affairs so that neither will we run into debt, nor any excessive taxes be imposed. This is a matter for business men, not politicians. Our city must be run as a wise man conducts his business, and only men should be chosen

for our offices who have demonstrated this ability in the wise management of their own affairs.

The attention of THE CHRONICLE has been called to the condition of some of our sidewalks. On Second street, just west of the First National bank is an example of shiftness which should bring a blush to whoever the duty of fixing it belongs. We haven't read the city charter closely enough to determine the proper functionary, but our city council could do far worse things than to provide somebody with a twelve-pound maul and have the spikes, which protrude above the sidewalk, driven in to their proper place. It would be a convenience to drunken men, who are continually stumbling against them,

It is reported that a mass meeting of working men, held in Omaha Sunday evening, denounced the supreme court for its recent decision in the Debs case. The meeting was addressed by "General" Kelley, of industrial keep-off-the-grass fame, and others. This explains how the meeting came to be designated as a meeting of "working men." Working men are not concerning themselves much about what the courts do with the violators of the law; the denouncers are the kind who followed Coxey and Kelley to Washington, and were there compelled themselves to obey the law, and keep off the grass.

Chili has imitated the "diabolical and dastardly" example of the United States and demonized silver. We wonder who its "conspirators" are who thus have undone the nation. The "robbers of the poor" have gotten in their treacherous work there, and hereafter the "gold bugs will rule." (We hope the Evening Telegram will not think we are serious in the foregoing.)

Kingsley Notes.

Warm weather, and grain all looking fine.

E. L. Boynton and family have moved to Kingsley.

A force of carpenters are at work on the new residence of Geo. Friend.

Wm. Hunter is over from Grass Valley, and Madam Rumor says he will take a housekeeper back with him. Shake, Willie.

Frank Stratton and M. K. McLeod cut something less than 1,000 cords of wood last week. Ask them about that sheep they felled the tree on.

"Ole" Russell holds the championship for making quick time between Kingsley and The Dalles. He has been on the road seven days at this writing, but says he will "get there" if he breaks every wagon in Wasco county.

Kingsley rejoices over the importation of a genuine, unadulterated town cow. Take a trip out this way and listen to the merry jingle of the bell.

L. S. Minton, of Sherman county's prosperous young farmers, passed through Kingsley last Saturday with a band of horses, bound for the Willamette valley.

A grand ball will be given at the Hendry hall next Friday evening. A general invitation.

Everybody and his brother are requested to meet at the Kingsley cemetery Thursday, June 13th. We are going to fix it up.

Last Sunday E. L. Boynton was called to the bedside of his son, Edward, who is dangerously ill at his home in The Dalles.

Geo. Friend, found his dog—found him dead—Jim Thrall smiles, and says it's all right, he had no business to kill his coyote. George buried the dog Sunday, and Sunday evening Jim erected a monument bearing this inscription, "He jacet, Geo. Friend's coyote-killing pup."

Matoes Items.

MATEOS, Crook county, June 5th. To THE EDITOR:—I thought I would send you a few items for your paper.

Mr. John C. Riggs and family arrived on the Matoes and are well pleased to be home again.

The crops are looking fine and the farmers generally expect a large harvest. The snow is all gone and the mountain range is very good for stock of all kinds.

Some of our neighbors are indulging in the exciting sport of bear hunting. There have been a great many bears caught, six bears being killed in ten days by two men.

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