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APPROACHING CIVILIZATION.

The report of the annual conference of the Dakota Indian Mission attracts a great deal of interest. To us in Oregon, where the Indian title of occupancy is so recently extinguished, and where the feeble remnants of the old order are daily seen upon our streets, this report should excite especial sympathetic interest. The topics discussed, while of local importance, have a general bearing upon all aboriginal communities.

The general trend of opinion expressed by the delegates showed that the future of the Indian promises to be very different from the past. The old maxim concerning the equality between a dead Indian and a good one is not going to hold, and the earnest way in which the red man has taken hold of agriculture and stock-raising in Dakota shows that the old tribal influence is passing away, and the Indians, while cherishing the legends and memories of their forefathers, realize that the white man's way is the only way, and that the sooner the adjustment to the new order of things is made, the better it will be for the Indian. The schools, maintained by the United States government, have done a great work in instilling ambition and a desire for improvement in the Indian boys and girls; but the weakness in the system hitherto has been that when the young men and women were turned loose from school restraint the only place they had to go was the squalid hut or shifting tepee, out of whose filth they were taken. Since the allotment of lands in severalty the conditions are changed, and the Indian is given a prospect for advancement and accumulation of a competence which furnishes a motive for endeavor.

The passing of this once powerful nation is nearly complete, and the next generation, brought up under the influences of the Indian schools, will be a people of different habits and inclinations than their fathers. The alternative of being crushed from existence in the progress of the white people, or changing their modes of living, has been offered to the Indians, and, from all reports received, those that remain from the different tribes have chosen the latter and the wiser course.

DIRT AND ROCK ROADS.

One of the great questions before the people of Oregon at the present time is the subject of road building. The interest which the Eastern states have been showing for several years is beginning to be felt by the people of the Northwest and its importance becoming realized. The United States government also recognizes that one of the valuable adjuncts to commercial prosperity is a system of good roads and is taking decided action in ascertaining the best way of securing the desired benefits. Recently the reports of several investigations conducted by experts of the agriculture department have been submitted to Secretary Morton, and one of the reports contains the following statement concerning the advantages of the dirt road over one constructed of rock. The report says:

"A fine, dry smooth dirt track is the perfection of roads, easy on the horses' feet and legs and free from noise and jar. The stone roads, on the other hand, wear more in warm weather than in wet. Practical experience shows that the junction of the stones and earth sections of the roads can be kept even, and there is no difficulty in the meeting and passing of loaded teams, two points which have been raised in the discussion of construction methods. No rutting of the earth roads result."

Every day brings new evidence of the disastrous workings of the present tariff bill. The consideration of how free trade will affect this country has passed outside the realms of speculation, and is determined by cold hard facts. According to the returns in 1892 the democrats proved themselves the ablest debaters, and showed an aptitude for twisting arguments till the voters followed their lead and swept into power Grover Cleveland and his European-loving administration. But the last two years have furnished facts and figures against which all the sophistry of democratic spellbinders will be unavailing. Especially interesting to the people of Eastern Oregon is the wool situation. Since 1892 the imports have shown a great increase, but the domestic supply has shown a corresponding reduction. In 1890 the figures for the American wool clip were

309,000,000 pounds; '93, 364,000,000; '94, 328,000,000; '95, 264,000,000. The figures of the last two years show what a terrible blow the wool industry of the United States has received at the hands of the democratic party.

The promised European war seems likely to be fought in Asia. It makes little difference to the United States where the clash comes as long as it keeps away from the Western Hemisphere. The present administration has shown itself incompetent to deal with international complications, and if the attention of foreign powers can be centered in other places till the advent of a republican administration, to whom the Monroe doctrine seems something, the United States will not have its dignity further impaired.

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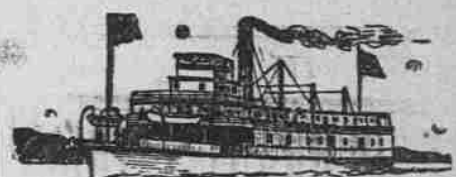
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