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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

There is a merry war between the O. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific for San Francisco business. The Southern Pacific began the fight by reducing the fare from \$25 to \$20, on trains leaving on dates corresponding with steamer days. The rates have tumbled till now the O. R. & N. steamers will carry people between Portland and San Francisco for \$5 first class and \$2.50 second class or steerage. The prospects for a bitter war are extremely good and travellers will rejoice while the rival companies stick the knife deeper into one another. The present lowering of fares recalls the days when the Great Republic ran as an opposition steamer between Portland and San Francisco sixteen years ago. The Great Republic was a large side wheeler, capable of carrying many passengers. She came to an untimely end by being wrecked at the mouth of the Columbia, where for many years part of the machinery was exposed to view. The present war will probably be of short duration, as both companies will soon realize that financially, carrying passengers for next to nothing is not a success, however pleasing it may be to the travelling public.

Those people who are industriously talking about the United States going to war with England, or any European country should read General Miles' report upon the condition of our coast defenses, supplemented by Admiral Walker's statement of our deficiency upon the sea. It is a good thing for the people of a country to keep up a proper spirit of independence, and to promise in advance to resent any insult shown, but there is no good in reasoning from false premises. The United States is not in a condition to fight any first rate power and if we intend keeping up with the progress of the world greater attention should be given our army and navy. As Admiral Walker says, "The greatest protection against war is to be fully prepared for it." It is useless to talk of increasing our navy and providing better coast defenses till a party is in power whose policy will provide sufficient revenues to meet the demands of government. It is clearly proven the democratic party is not such a one.

Of all the cities in the United States San Francisco, just at present, has the most unsavory reputation. A "carnival of crime" has been and still is being enacted which is horrifying and disgusting in the extreme. The Darrant case was bad enough and the world patiently waited till it was through and a conviction secured, hoping that there would be a cessation of crime in San Francisco. But the city seems to be sunken into rottenness and the very air pregnant with crime. If there is a place upon the earth which is in need of cleansing, that place is San Francisco. The city got a wrong start with the riots in the early '50s, which necessitated several lynchings and seemingly it hasn't been able to get on the right track since.

The tragic death of young Green in Portland is almost too sad for comment. But one of the chief lessons that can be learned from it is that modern fashionable society is not the best school for the instruction of either young men or women. A society that considers pleasure the chief end and all and puts religious devotion into a space of time comprising the forty days of Lent, cannot expect its devotees to take broad or healthy views of life. "To be or not to be," is the great question before the people of Eastern Oregon just now. When Hamlet spoke that rather famous line he wasn't think-

ing of the Cascade locks, but the words are applicable just the same. Will the locks be completed by March 1st or will they not, is a query made many times each day. We wish the question were as easily answered as it is asked. Another month or two will tell the tale.

LOCAL BUSINESS POINTERS.

Mitchell Monitor: The Mitchell mill is running night and day, and is turning out from twenty-five to thirty barrels of first-class every twenty-four hours.

Skamania Pioneer: The new scow Thompson, is now taking on her first load of wool at the Nelson creek flume. She is a well built scow equipped with all the latest improvements, and is a credit to her builders. We understand that Capt. G. W. Thompson, well known on the river ever since scows have been run here, will have charge of her.

Antelope Herald: It is thought by all stockmen that "hay will be hay" this winter. As a result of the unusual drouth the past summer, the range is almost entirely bare, and stock will enter upon the winter with scarcely anything to eat but the hay which is given them. Then, if there is much snow falls, it is liable to cause suffering among sheep, cattle and horses. It is hoped these predictions will not be realized.

Klickitat Agriculturalist: The county commissioners met in special session on Friday, the 8th inst., Messrs. Woods and Nesbitt being present. The session was for the purpose of opening bids regarding the exchange of legal county warrants for funding bonds. Three bids were on hand and the bid of R. M. Hurd being the best, was accepted. Mr. Hurd agrees to accept 6 per cent., payable semi-annually, and further, will pay all costs of issuing bonds and cost of test suit in court. The petition of A. Berg for a new road out in Camas, was granted. This road starts at the nw corner of sec 3, tp 2 n, r 12 e, then to Bird creek and thence by the best route to the bridge over the outlet creek on the Camas Prairie and Goldendale road.

Don't Forget It.

The bankrupt shoe store has arrived and opened for business in the store on Second street, opposite C. F. Laner's market, commencing Tuesday, November 19th, at 8 a. m., to close out a bankrupt stock of ladies', gents' and children's shoes at a reduction of fifty cents on the dollar of their former price. Burt's, Packard's, Buckingham & Hecht's, and other leading brands, will be sold at 50 cents on the dollar. All shoes are marked in plain figures—just 50 cents on the dollar. All the ladies' French kid button shoes that were \$5 can be bought at this sale for \$2.50. These low prices are made in order to close out every pair in as short a time as possible. Do not wait until the sizes are broken, but come at once.

Anyone desiring to purchase the stock as a whole can do so by applying to the assignee.

The rain of last week did a great deal of good to the men who are getting out cordwood along the Columbia between here and Cascade, in enabling them to flume the cordwood from the mountains to the river. There has been quite a period of quiet in some localities and from now till winter sets in the wood trade will be lively.

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