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WOOL-GROWERS CONVENTION.

The convention of wool-growers, which meets in The Dalles next month, promises to be the means of drawing attention to the resources of Eastern Oregon as a stock country, as well as to this city as a wool emporium. Every indication points to the success of the meeting. The committee appointed by the Commercial Club to have charge of all arrangements has received assurance from the governors of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon that they will send accredited representatives, and, if possible, attend in person. Prominent speakers from different portions of the Northwest have promised to address the convention on matters of interest to wool-growers, while the assumed attendance of stockmen will give to the meeting the representative character desired.

The holding of this convention, as well as others of similar nature, is in line with the progressive policy now adopted by the O. R. & N. Co., which is seeking to develop the territory adjacent to that line. It is a gratifying sign of the progress of the country when railway corporations are learning that the prosperity of the largest number means increased earnings for them, and the pursuance of this liberal policy will go far to smooth down the antagonism which has so long existed between the railroads and the people.

It is peculiarly fortunate for all concerned that The Dalles has been chosen as the place for holding the convention; fortunate for The Dalles because its citizens will be able to demonstrate to the visitors the remarkable advantages possessed by this city as a wool-shipping center, and fortunate for the members attending because they will come as welcome guests to a city which will receive them with open arms, and which has the means and spirit to entertain them properly.

Much good may be made to result from this wool-growers' meeting, both to our visitors and ourselves, and as citizens we shall use our best endeavors to make this first meeting a notable pattern for those which follow.

To the wool growers of Oregon The Dalles bids an hospitable invitation, and trusts that everyone who can will come and partake of the welcome prepared.

Representative McCullough, the member of the South Carolina legislature from Greenville, is reported to stand sponsor for an act which throws an amusing side-light upon the new sociological conditions in the Palmetto State. The bill in question, according to the Columbia Register, makes it unlawful for a citizen of South Carolina to wear what is known as a "hip-pocket" in the rear of the trousers, and affixes a minimum penalty of \$100 fine and imprisonment for six months for violation of its provisions. The object aimed at by this bill brings out one phase of the revolution in thought which distinguishes the new South Carolina of today from the old South Carolina which crumbled to pieces with the triumph of the "Reformers" in 1890. The bill aims to reduce the number of homicides by making the means more difficult.

The politicians are coming to the front, and candidates are being carefully groomed. Among the gubernatorial possibilities mentioned are Governor Lord, who earnestly de-

sires a re-nomination, it is said; Charles W. Fulton of Astoria, T. T. Geer of Waldo Hills, and Phil Met-schan, the present state treasurer. With these as active contestants, the battle will be a royal one and the issue uncertain; only it is safe to say that Governor Lord will be among the unsuccessful ones. As a candidate before the people his name would not cause the wildest enthusiasm; but, on the contrary, many knives would be sharpened for use. Any of the remaining candidates mentioned would make an admirable nominee.

Evidently Spain does not wish mediation by the United States, as she has refused the offer now the third time. Is it not undignified to longer continue the farce? Either this government should declare to the world that it has no interest in the Cuban war, and that Spain may butcher as much as she pleases, or else, in the cause of humanity, step in and stop it. Our present shilly-shallying course is becoming ridiculous.

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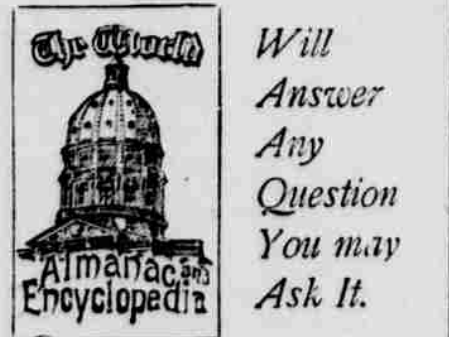
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