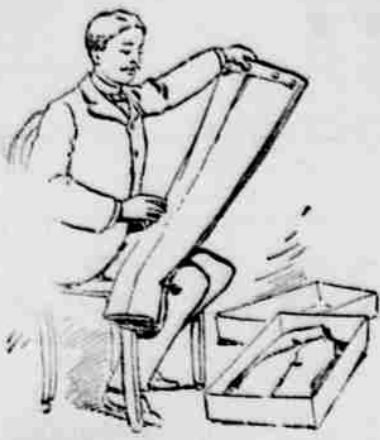


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WHY "IDIOTICALLY PREPOSTEROUS?"

A writer in the Times-Mountaineer, over the signature of "Common Sense," passes some very severe strictures on the two Washington congressmen, Messrs. Cushman and Jones, because, forsooth, "they recently stepped over into Oregon with a doubly nonsensical effort to accomplish an impossible and preposterous absurdity by introducing a bill—or bills to appropriate ever so many hundreds of thousands of dollars for a portage railway from the Dalles to Celilo. "Common Sense" wonders if "these fellows are fools or knaves," and asks if they do not know that "what they are professedly working for is not only absolutely impossible but idiotically preposterous." "Common Sense" then oracularly affirms that "it has been decided over and over again—twice in this same Dalles portage case—that without an amendment to the constitution of the United States, congress cannot appropriate money to build and operate a mile of railroad for commercial purposes anywhere upon the continent or the globe." THE CHRONICLE has no desire for controversy but it would like to know, and thousands of people in the Inland Empire would like to know, upon what historical or legal basis this opinion of "Common Sense" rests. "We are well aware that the government has never heretofore attempted such a work. But this is surely not the same as saying that the government is inhibited by the constitution from attempting it. If this question has been "decided over and over again" by any competent authority, "Common Sense" would confer a favor upon a large number of people by letting us know when the decisions were made and by whom. This is not written in any spirit of captious criticism. Far from it. THE CHRONICLE is in favor of any measure that will open the river and open it soonest. It is delighted to learn that "trains will be running on a Dalles-Celilo portage within less than ninety days" on the Washington side. It would be still more delighted to think that another portage on the Oregon side was among the near possibilities. And why not? The right of way has been procured by the government and over two hundred thousand dollars, already appropriated, remain unexpended and available for the work the moment action is taken by congress. Instead, therefore, of "so many hundreds of thousands of dollars," as "Common Sense" speaks of, a small appropriation of about \$200,000 would suffice to construct and equip the road. More than this, A

railroad of some kind will have to be built to facilitate the construction of whatever permanent improvements the government may ultimately determine upon. Why could not such a road be built and devoted to the use of the public, as are the locks below, until at least the government is ready to undertake the permanent improvements. And till these are completed the road might be used jointly as was part of the little portage road at the locks. Where is there anything "absolutely impossible" or "idiotically preposterous" in all this? The truth is the letter of "Common Sense" voices sentiments foreign to these parts. Our wishes may be "absolutely impossible of realization and our opinions may be "idiotically preposterous," but all of us who are not under the control of some transportation company are in favor of competition around the dalles obstructions, and the more of it the better. We feel indebted, therefore, to Messrs. Cushman and Jones for their efforts to serve us, and we shall not believe that these efforts are "idiotically preposterous" till we know better.

"The universal defense of the Porto Rican tariff bill made by Republican papers," says the La Grande Chronicle, "is that it is only of a temporary nature, the law expiring of its own force within two years." The Chronicle is mistaken. The bill is never defeated on that ground. If it is wrong in principle, it is wrong if it should be in force only two minutes, let alone two years. The bill is defended on the ground of its absolute necessity. No other means of raising needed revenue was practicable. Taking the constitution there and enforcing our revenue laws would have been confiscation. The masses of the islanders are in the very depths of poverty and wholly unable at this time to bear the burdens of a direct tax. These are some of the grounds on which the bill is defended. The temporary nature of the bill is only mentioned when Democrats and recreant Republicans lyingly insist that it was ever intended as a permanent measure.

Now that the campaign is on, Democratic editors who have not the ability to write their own editorials are making generous use of those of the Oregonian. And they have all the bitterness and disingenuousness of the Simon pure Democratic article.

Wm. J. Landers, resident manager of the Lion and Imperial Fire Insurance Companies, wishes to announce to the patrons of these companies that owing to the sickness of Mr. C. E. Bayard and the resignation of Mr. Hugh Gourlay, their former agents, the agency for both companies for The Dalles and vicinity has been placed in the hands of Mr. Timothy Brownhill. Any business given to Mr. Brownhill will receive prompt attention and will be appreciated by the companies. Office in C. E. Bayard's old stand, No. 85 Washington street, The Dalles, Oregon. a16-1m

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Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory,"

William K. Ketchum, of The Dalles, County of Wasco, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 199, for the purchase of the W. S. 2324 and S. 1/2 S. 2325 of section No. 32 in T. 1 N. R. No. 11 E., W. M., and all other proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at the Dalles, Oregon.

Saturday, the 23d day of June, 1900.
He names as witnesses: J. B. Goff, D. P. Ketchum, Joseph Hantz and William Spencer, all of The Dalles, Oregon.
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