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The Right of Eminent Domain.

The late decision of Judge Shattuck appointing a Board of Canal and Locks Commissioners, and providing for suin that property. There is no doubt that the Supreme Bench of Oregon will fully sustain the decision of Judge Shattuck and we may consider the sovereignty of the State as maintained by the courts in the fullest sense.

Late decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, in cases brought to it from Wisconsin and Illinois, unthese States, establish the power of any 500,000, and if the fish continue in good sup-State to hold almost unlimited control ply the business of 1877 will amount to a over business transactions within its inilition dollars more. It has become evilimits, where the public good demands | dent, to the men engaged in the business, interference. In other words the peo- that the supply of fish must rapidly decrease ple have a right to be protected by law against imposition or monopoly. It is sustained that rates of fares and freights on railroads can be regulated by law, is every reason to believe that before propaand, carrying out the same principle, that all public enterprises that subsist it will certainly decrease greatly in quantity. on the patronage of the people are Therefore the owners of fisheries and canamenable to regulations of law, we do neries have prudently taken steps to immenot see why all sorts of transportation cannot be regulated by enactment. No doubt common carriers can be so con- twenty-five thousand dollars to put in operatrolled in every respect, in every State of the Union, for carrying the principle out fairly, it is evident that if the people possess this inherent power, under the common principles of law, no Legislature can pass enactments to prejudice the rights of the people, or create it is stated that for about twenty-five thouscorporations possessing powers to con- and dollars full preparations can be made, and after that the sum of five thousand doltrovert the public good.

The Supreme Court at Washington million fish annually." holds that State law can regulate tells to be charged in warehouses and elevators, and if so why not the tolls to be had great experience and made many expercharged by mills? . There is, in fact, imental connection with fish breeding, and under these decisions, unlimited power that it was possible be might be induced to in the hands of the representatives of visit Oregon and give his direct supervision the people to legislate for the public to the construction of the hatchings and the good, and this power will find its limit early working of them. and be regulated by those high consid- If we are not mistaken, at the time steps erations that must govern an educated were taken to stock the rivers of California, and enlightened people.

which monopoly and imposition must sums needed to commence operations. hesitate. It is also true that while the people may have the power to impose neries are commencing operations on the ance, as the corporation or person interested can decline to run railroads, stages or steamboats, or to operate warehouses elevators or mills, when the in Oregon. On all of these sufficient hatcherterms imposed are below what is reasonable. It has been well said that "a boy can lead a horse to water, but forty men cannot make him drink." tions.

can claim to be independent of the othwith iron hand, and while that is dangerous, there is also danger, when popthat it can be carried to extremes. It is now beyond controversy that the like punishment, State has almost unlimited power to regulate all the commercial relations of the people, a power it will be danger- priday or last week, present a large attendous to exercise except with the utmost apen and much interest manifested. Work caution, while, in fact, the very knowl- in the fifth degree was very interesting, and edge that we possess this power will ofted remove the necessity for its exer- the most careful manner, showing the adcise. Who en the monopolist under-cise. Who holds his privileges by stands that he holds his privileges by an uncertain tenure, dependent on the until a late hour in the evening. The next popular eatimate of what constitutes meeting will be held at Silverton the first the public a ood, he will be very cau- Friday in June. tious in atten pting usurpation or imposition and wi, 'I study to humor and flatter a public th. it he dare no longer with a full spring took and attempt to bully and cajole.

" Competition," it said, "is the life of trade. healthy condition is that w. tition can freely exist; but t. railroad not always be competition in . transportation, for frequently the

ness of a region cannot possibly sustain opposition roads. Public policy would hardly demand legislation to regulate prices where competition is both possible and natura!. In most of the important branches of trade it will be safe to encourage competition and leave the issue to the nature of things. Interference with usages and customs of business would often be revolutionary and destructive, but the fact is fully established that the Right of Eminent Domain resides in the State and no act of legislation can defer or impair it. With this safeguard the public good is secure of preservation so long as the producers and consumers of the State are awake sustains the act of the last Legislature to their just rights. The consciousness of power is itself mighty and the rich monopolists will not care to wake a pervision of the Locks at Oregon City sleeping Sampson when they know he and protection of the rights of the State can pull down the temple they have reared to bury them all in its ruins.

The Salmon Trade.

The business of canning and packing salmon, on the rivers of Oregon, has developed into one of great proportions. Fortunes are made at it by those who have old established fisheries and canneries. The salmon business on the Columbia river slone, in the year der the so-called "granger laws" of 1876, must have amounted to a total of \$2,and ultimately entirely fail, unless some precaution is taken to propagate the fish and so replenish the stock. As it takes a salmon at least three years to attain a good size, there gation can succeed in replenishing the stock diately construct and operate hatcheries, and in this connection the Oregonian says:

"It is proposed to raise a fund of twenty or tion a hatching establishment on some one of the tributaries of the Columbia. It is year will seems the propagation of five

We stated some time since that this matter was talked of and that those interested were

Senator Corbett also secured a handsome ap-There are great considerations enter- propriation for the same object, on the Columbis and other Oregon rivers, which was ing into the exercise of bread legislat- nover used. However, the men interested a reive powers, that in our country will be show good sense in not waiting for governsure to temper the exercise of almost ment ald, but in supplying the means from unlimited power by the people. It is a their own pockets, as they cannot afford desatisfaction to know that we possess a lay and they can well afford to spare from restraining and governing power before their large profits the comparatively small

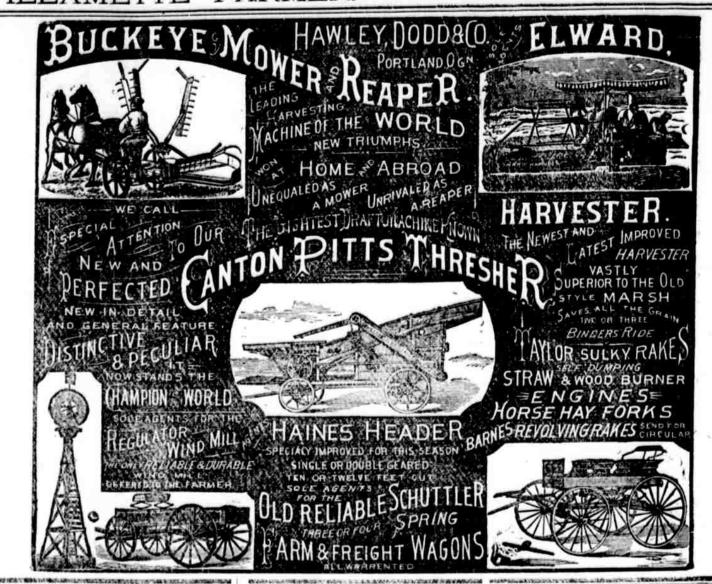
in regard to the extent of the salmon trade it is not only true that many new canterms they cannot compel their observ- Columbia, but establishments are being pieced on all the small rivers that empty into the ocean and the different bays and 'uget Sound, including Rogus River, the Umpqua, Coquille, Coos, Siuslaw, and others ics should be placed at an early day.

Time the Avenger.

The old saying that "Murder will out," is exemplified in the case of John D. Lee, So with a railroad, when rates are un- who, twenty years after the dreadful Mounreasonably reduced it can cease opera- tain Meadows Massacre, has been tried, convicted, and shot on the very spot where the There is a mutuality pervading all massacre occurred, for his leadership in that the operations of life. No one class terrible bushery. There is proof to convict the Morman church of having ordered Leeto carry out this massacre, and when in ers. Capital is more useless without Salt Lake years no we learned that Brigham labor, than labor without capital. This Young for yours rode in a carriage that bemutual dependence must regulate our longed to the victims. Lee was but an inrelations so as to protect both labor and strument of Mormon avaries and vengeance capital. We have seen monopoly rule and the church was the real effender, with Brigham Young at its head, and when a victim was demanded, even at this late day, niar sovereignty is fully established, justice will not be appeared until those under whose orders Lee acted meet with

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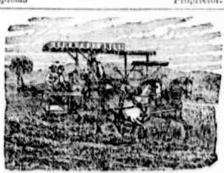
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