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The "Farmer" and the "Oregonian."

Recently the WILLAMETTE FARMER has, by inference, asserted that the Oregonian prepares its market reports in the interest of a ring of Portland operators. Since that paper has removed to Portland and become a weekly edition of the Bee, and a sort of tender to the Mitchell political ring, the public will not consider its reputation for independence and veracity established on a particularly broad and deep foundation.

The above is from the Oregonian, and while we have not sought a direct controversy with that paper, we concede that we meant it when referring to an influential journal whose reports were in the interest of a ring of Portland operators. At the time alluded to, about the first of November, the editorial columns of that paper predicted a war between Russia and England; spoke of the war as certain and immediate, and in the same issue its confidential article took the ground that owing to this impending war, wheat would advance much higher, the tenor of the article being such that producers and warehousemen up the valley would be very sure to hold on for high prices.

We have come to Portland for the purpose of giving more reliable markets for all, and of making a newspaper that any farmer in this whole region may take, and it shall be as complete as the postage will justify. When our 30,000 circulation increases to 50,000, we shall leave you nothing in the way of a similar newspaper to which we can appeal.

We repeat with contempt the malicious insinuation that the Farmer is a tooler to a political club, but that indignation comes with less venom than a man who has always been the self-righteous agent of political rings, or whose life has always consisted in the manipulation of the county to control Multnomah, the higher ground, and the valley to carry his miserable greed to justice.

At least thousands of facts, carried by devious and palpable methods, in the rights of property. We do not desire to go to war, as it would enable the manufacturers of the United States to steal away her trade with all nations. England forged a commercial contest with us more than with Russia.

We then asserted that this thing had the appearance of collusion with the wheat ring, members of which had no ships chartered, but had been large purchasers of wheat, and wished to sell for a sharp advance. We predicted that wheat would advance five cents a bushel, and as soon as the ring had unloaded to the waiting vessels the price would drop back to old figures, and wait for another chance to manipulate the market.

This was every word of it fulfilled within a week. The wheat buyers sold at five cents advance to the shippers, and then wheat fell back. How often the Oregonian would have aided that ring for Portland wheat buyers since that time if it had not been exposed, we cannot say.

During the past week the Oregonian's Liverpool cables have stated that orders for wheat to be immediately shipped from this port were 44s to 44s 6d, and we have found no higher figure named than that, yet last week the Farmer announced that orders had been received and a ship chartered and loaded on a basis of 4s 6d, which was true. How comes it that the editor of the WILLAMETTE FARMER, coming to Portland a comparative stranger, can immediately give correct information of Portland grain transactions? How comes it that the Oregonian, having been published here almost thirty years, and possessing more financial resources than all the rest of the newspapers in Oregon, never has been able to tell the producers of Oregon full and correct news?

Even when we published the FARMER in Salem, we could go to press Thursday noon with actual information of the state of the Liverpool wheat market the same morning. The telegrams in the Oregonian are always two days old. Not long since, one Tuesday morning the Oregonian came out with a statement that the wires were down, and no dispatches had come; and the same morning the market column of that paper contained a cable dispatch from Liverpool dated three days previous, to be sure, which was received in Portland Saturday, and by agreement with the wheat ring held until Tuesday. It is said that in consideration of this delay it gets the grain report either for a low figure, or for nothing.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

EASTERN STATES.

Woolen Mill Burned.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.—The woolen mill of John Brown & Sons at Eighteenth and Tasker streets, burned this morning. Only the bare walls are standing. The loss is estimated at \$250,000; insured.

Insurance Trifles.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Insurance companies here are endeavoring to establish a tariff association to insure better rates.

New York Nominations.

It is thought the New York Custom House nominations will be eventually confirmed. The President expects to show that Collector Arthur's official course cost the government great loss of revenue, viz.: \$375,000 per annum duties on kid gloves; \$3,000,000 per annum on silks. Conkling thinks the charges cannot be sustained.

Brief Statement.

WISCONSIN, Jan. 20.—The President has nominated Wm. C. Thompson, of Iowa, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of that State.

The Senate and House sub-committee on claims substantially carry upon all the features in the bill introduced by Representative Clark, excepting the provisions in regard to the remedy of establishing excess wages when labor is thereby condemned and lawfully reduced, and whose remedy to contract Multnomah, the higher ground, and the valley to carry his miserable greed to justice.

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A Late Season.

We do not remember a season when fall wheat and other fall-sown grain was as late as it is this year. The earliest sown grain in many sections not made its appearance yet, and we fear will in a great number of cases have to be re-sown. Whether it shall become necessary to re-sow or not all grain will of necessity be very late. The advantages of having an early fall winter growth to wheat are many, but all these advantages are lost this season, from the fact that the season has been up to this time too dry to secure them. Ordinarily the early sown grain at this time of the year covers the ground, and in this way holds the moisture in the soil, and thus has the benefit of this protected moisture to accelerate its growth later in the season; this year no such advantage is secured.

Again, the early sown grain as a general thing by this time has from three to twelve stems from each kernel, and hence the greater yield of such grain than that sown late. This year it will have no such advantage, for the simple reason that up to this time it has made no growth at all, saying nothing about sowing. Another advantage of early sown grain generally over that sown late is that it has secured a good hold of the soil by its many deep mining roots, and is thus more certain to withstand any dry spell or drying north winds. This advantage is also lost this year. Indeed, we cannot find a single advantage for early over late sown grain this year, but this is the first year California has experienced in which such has been the case. In fact we are not sure but a great deal of early sown wheat will have to be re-sown, thus bringing to the farmers who are generally on the winning side an actual disadvantage—the loss of time, labor and seed—without any advantage. This being an exceptional year, it will not have the effect to discourage the usually prudent practice of sowing early.

Want the News.

A friend who works for the good of the WILLAMETTE FARMER writes us that many more would take it if it gave complete news. That is just what we propose to do. We are now favorably situated in Portland, with every facility for furnishing complete news with certainty of more profitable advertising, and a prospect of adding thousands to our subscription list. We have steadily improved and enlarged the FARMER for seven years past, and our next move will be to send out the main sheet devoted to distinctly agricultural matter good family reading, miscellaneous and scientific matters suited to the people, careful editorial work and as much valuable correspondence as the people will furnish us. In addition we propose to publish a half sheet full of news, including telegraphic, local and all that interests Idaho and Washington Territory. Send on the subscribers, pay up averages and we will do this immediately.

A favorite toast in Algiers—The Day we celebrate.

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the election was declared elected, the vote being: Cameron 107; Clymer 76; Agnew 14; McPherson 2.

Wisconsin Senator.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 22.—The Republican legislature met in session this morning, nominated Matt H. Carpenter for the U. S. Senate by acclamation, this is equivalent to his election.

New Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Waddington introduced a bill granting California five per cent, of the net proceeds of the sale of public lands within the State; also a bill defining the acts granting land to the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Puller, of Maryland introduced a bill extending the land laws over Alaska.

The Fishery Treaty.

In executive session of the Senate, Edmund delivered an elaborate speech in advocacy of the resolution which provides for the termination of so much of the treaty of Washington as relates to fisheries, by giving the notice required by its provisions. According to present appearances, it will be adopted by the Senate without opposition, and President Hayes will give the required notice.

Railroad Matters.

Waddington introduced a resolution instructing the judiciary committee to inquire into the alleged forfeiture of the grant made to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company of California by act of July 27, 1865, and report such legislation as may be necessary to prevent infringement of the past and prospective homesteads and pre-emption settlers on lands claimed by said company. The interior department is unable to ascertain whether the company has the right to retain the lands.

Indiana Soldiers Progress.

The tenth annual report of the Board of Indiana Commissioners when published will show that more than one-half of all the Indians have discarded the blanket and adopted civilization. About half have changed their wigwams for houses. The number of the wigwams has doubled. In ten years, within which time pupils in Indian schools have doubled, and the land cultivated by the Indians increased five-fold. They raised vegetable feed enough last year to supply ten bushels to every Indian in the country, and possess on an average of one horse or mule, one cow, one sheep and one hog to every Indian.

Trouble With Alabama Courts.

In Alabama the U. S. district attorney and U. S. marshal have been arrested by State or municipal authority, for failure to bring ballot boxes used at the election last November, when ordered by such courts. Then ballot boxes were in use by a U. S. grand jury as evidence for alleged election frauds and they were demanded for a similar use by a State grand jury. Return was made that they were in use by U. S. district court, and not in hands of these officers, who were issued for their arrest.

U. S. Bonds for Europe.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—A contract was this day completed between the secretary of the treasury and N. M. Rothschild & Sons, J. S. Morgan & Co., Seligman Bros. and Morton, Rose & Co. of London, and A. Belmont & Co., Drewry, Morgan & Co., J. and W. Seligman & Co. and Morton, Bliss & Co. of New York, for the sale and delivery in Europe of not less than \$5,000,000 per month to purchase of local crop to owners of the Oregon wagon road grant, which was partially absorbed by the Klondath Indian agency.

Alabama Bigamy.

Clemmons reported from the Senate Judiciary Committee a sub-committee of the pending bill relating to bigamy, repealing the crime and its punishment. The President is to grant amnesty when the conditions of the law are complied with. Issue of plural marriages, is to be before Nov. 1, 1865, are declared legitimate and shall have rights as heirs. Polygamists cannot perform jury duty.

Gen. Reynolds, the convicted bigamist of Salt Lake, asks a rehearing on the ground that the law does not authorize the sentence against him to hard labor.

The Reno Investigation.

More evidence was taken as to the orders received from Custer, and the particulars of the fight Reno's command had with the Indians, but nothing new or important was elicited.

Appeal Sustained.

The Supreme Court, on appeal, questions the validity of the act of Congress for collection of taxes in insurrectionary districts passed March 13, 1863. Half the land in Beaufort County, South Carolina is held under such tax sales, and this decision confirms the title to more than 2,000 pieces of property in that State.

Script Instead of Land.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The House committee on public lands to-day agreed to recommend the passage of Luttrell's bill providing for the issuance of script to owners of the Oregon wagon road grant of July 2, 1864, for a number of acres equal to the area of the lands within the limits of said grant subsequently embraced in the Klondath Indian reservation. The proposed script is to be locatable on any unclaimed and unappropriated public lands, not mineral, whether surveyed or unsurveyed.

Senators Elected.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Jan. 22.—A joint convention of the Senate and Assembly at Madison today elected Matt H. Carpenter for U. S. Senator to succeed J. G. Hawe.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 22.—The two Houses of the legislature have elected Gov. Z. B. Vance U. S. Senator.

Gold a Nuisance.

OMAHA, Jan. 22.—There is an oppressive amount of gold in this city, and bankers complain that they cannot get rid of it, persons preferring currency and bringing it back as soon as they can, when forced to take it. A correspondent in Chicago of the Omaha National Bank has refused to pay express on balances, and it threatens to be an expensive article. The testimony on this point is unanimous, and one reason of the over supply is that gold comes in rapidly from the West, mainly from San Francisco. The Union Pacific panites employ from Omaha, last month in gold, which usually takes \$250,000, and they also disbursed among their help in this city last month over \$100,000 in gold. The Omaha National Bank, being the depository of the Union Pacific, receives daily from \$10,000 to \$20,000 in gold from the West. It is a fact that the Omaha banks, of which there are four, are now paying their exchange as between themselves in gold, a thing never dreamed of before.

Washington News.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The secretary of the treasury has called for 20,000,000 bonds, principal and interest, to be paid on and after April 21st next.

The Senate today passed a bill to declare certain lands granted the Pacific railroad companies by acts of 1862 and 1864 subject to taxation by the States or Territories to which they are located.

The House committee on appropriations has finished the post office, legislative judicial and executive appropriation bills.

Representative Hewitt had a conference today with Senator Jernside, who requested

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Labor Troubles in England.

Shipbuilders, masters and men, have compromised their differences as to wages.

Blackburn is placarded with notices to a general strike of the weavers.

PACIFIC COAST.

Fatal Accident.

SANTA CRUZ, Jan. 21.—This afternoon we Benet's lime kiln, near Felton, an accident occurred in which Eben Benet, the proprietor lost his life. A blast had been set off in the quarry, and Mr. Benet went in with the men to assist in the work, when a huge boulder came down and crushed him. Mr. Benet was a member of the firm of H. D. Holmes & Co., San Francisco.

Kearney Will Reorganize.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—Dennis Kearney says the Workingmen's party is to be entirely reorganized for the coming campaign. The Workingmen will choose delegates, and State and County conventions some time during June. The State conventions will nominate a full ticket and place it in the field, and the County convention, which will be held in this city about the same time, will nominate municipal officers, with the exception of supervisors, leaving the nomination of supervisors entirely to ward clubs, which will soon put in the field a man to represent it in the board.

The North Wales Miners' Association has resolved to vote to the men members of the union who desire to emigrate to America, and £10 to emigrants to Australia.

Nothers were posted Saturday by the Fleet Trade Employers' Association in the iron shipbuilding yards and factories in Liverpool and the district around it, a resolution of 17,000 men, to go into a strike of 7½ hours each day after a charge of 12s a day.