

hard, hilly soil, most of the time without oats, fern, and other injurious weeds, early in spring.

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TELEGRAPHIC. EASTERN STATES.

A Contemptible Plot. New York, March 8.—The Tribune has discovered the plot of a confidence game to be played at Washington and here to obtain subscriptions to a pretended memorial to Bayard Taylor. The parties engaged in it are apparently respectable. The plans were laid with much care and deliberation. Forged letters and subscriptions were successfully used. General Dix's subscription for \$50 was obtained; also Frederick De Peyster's for the same amount. Peter Cooper's name was forged for \$100. He had been approached, but declined. It is the opinion of parties involved that operations are carried on through all the large eastern cities. Circulars, invitations and notices were tastefully printed on expensive paper, and the elaborate preparations made by the conspirators would seem to indicate that they expected to be well paid before the bubble burst.

No Rest for the Heavens. WASHINGTON, March 9.—Agitation of the Chinese question will begin with the assembling of the forty-sixth Congress, when Jones of Nevada will appear as the champion of anti-Chinese legislation in place of Sargent. As there will be no delegation from California in the House during the called session, Jones will introduce a bill in the Senate as soon as it commences.

Remains of Bayard Taylor. NEW YORK, March 9.—The steamship Gelfert, bearing the remains of Bayard Taylor, is expected here on Wednesday. The vessel will enter the harbor with flags at half mast. Passengers, officers and the crew in full uniform will assist in landing the remains.

Republican Gains in Maine. The recent local elections in Maine show that the Greenback party movement has culminated. While Portland elected a Democrat-Greenback fusion Mayor by 40 majority, the Republicans carried both branches of the city government. In Lewiston, Auburn, Brunswick, Saco, Kennebunk and many other towns the Republicans gained victories.

Storm in the East. A light thunder storm, accompanied by hail, passed over the city yesterday. At Buffalo lightning shattered the mast of the schooner Queen City. The storm is quite severe. At Ontario considerable damage was done by lightning.

Express Robber Arrested. OMAHA, Neb., March 10.—The police have arrested a man named A. C. Holland who is charged with being an express robber. In the fall of 1875 he was engineer on the North Missouri railroad, and in company with a confederate he cut his train in two and ran his engine and express car from six to eight miles and then they robbed the express safes obtaining about \$3,000 in money with which they disappeared. Holland after considerable wandering came to Omaha a few months ago and secured a position as engineer at the White Lead Works. Suspecting that officers were on his track he recently left the city stating that he was going to San Francisco, but instead of doing so he went to Fort Omaha, north of the city, and enlisted as a private soldier. Officers tracked him there and took him.

Disaster in Maine. NORTH BERWICK, March 10.—The floor in Mechanics' hall gave way this forenoon during a town meeting, precipitating nearly 50 persons to the floor below. No one was killed but many were fearfully and probably fatally wounded.

Burglars Bottled. NEW YORK, March 10.—One burglar was shot and killed and another captured to-night by John P. Richards, who surprised them while they were ransacking a parlor in his house.

A Soldier's Suicide. The New Orleans Picayune publishes a confession of hood Alston, who suicided March 3d at Hay St. Louis. He states that he was wounded in the head at Gettysburg, since which time he has had mental aberrations.

A Real Romance. The Sun to-day relates the circumstances of the elopement and marriage of J. C. Spencer, aged 18, with Martha McDonald, daughter of Dr. R. H. McDonald, of San Francisco. The bride eloped from Vassar College with the assistance of two female companions, and the marriage took place at Poughkeepsie. The parents of both parties were afterwards reconciled. The girls who assisted the elopement are to be dismissed from college.

Trial of Talmage. The Brooklyn Presbytery to-day decided to try Dr. Talmage on the following charges, presented by a committee appointed at a previous session: Deceit and falsehood in statements regarding his withdrawal from the editorship of the Christian at Work; in stating that sittings in the tabernacle were free, in accusing J. W. Hathaway of dishonest practices, and then denying it; of falsehood in collecting subscriptions for the payment of the church debt; of deceit in a difficulty concerning the organist of the tabernacle.

Six Men Drowned. EASTPORT, Me., March 9.—The Turkish Empire steamer John to which six men were on board at Big Dark Island on Friday night, and is a total loss. The captain and six men were drowned.

Fatal Fire. ST. LOUIS, March 9.—A fire at East St. Louis destroyed half a dozen buildings. Mrs. Catherine Horst, Henry Shopperketter, C. Gutschbach, John Zepp and Emma Zepp, the two last named being children, were burned to death. Mr. Bausch jumped from a window, was injured severely and will probably die. At the inquest this afternoon the testimony pointed strongly to incendiarism.

The Speakership. WASHINGTON, March 9.—The political news to-day is that all the sick Democrats are convalescing and all the distant members have been heard from and will be called to help elect a Democratic Speaker.

Whiteaker of Oregon has telegraphed that he will be here by the morning of the 18th. There is very little doubt that the nominee of the Democratic caucus will be the speaker of the 46th Congress, or that Randall will receive the nomination.

Too Far Off. Spotted Tail's Indians, would go to a new location they chose for themselves, and now they want to go back to the Missouri river. Too much distance to travel makes things cost them too high, just as they were told before they went there.

Maine Elections. Bangor, Me., elects a Republican Mayor, and Biddeford, Me., elects a Greenbacker and Democrat.

Colored Men's Convention. A convention of colored men from the 3d Congressional District, Va., has met, and discussed all matters relating to rights and privileges of the race, and is to call a State convention to meet in May and further consider the same.

Commission on Public Lands. The late Congress, in the sundry, civil, appropriation bill provided for the expense of a commission for codifying laws relative to survey and disposition of the public domain; a system of classification of public lands, surveys and recommendations as to the best methods of disposing of land to actual settlers. Commissioner of the General Land Office, Director of Geological Surveys and 3 civilians are to compose the commission.

Obstructive Commerce. Testimony is being taken to show that the Brooklyn bridge is an obstruction to shipping. Vessels in the California trade cannot pass it without lowering masts.

Another Walking Match. A walking match has commenced at Gilmore's garden, New York, between O'Leary, the champion, Rowell of England, Harriman of Boston, and Ennis of Chicago.

Wade Hampton. Wade Hampton may not be well enough to attend the extra session as Senator from South Carolina, but he thinks the House ought to refuse to pass the appropriations and Congress sit forever rather than yield to Republicans.

Ex-Senator Patterson. Patterson of South Carolina, is liable to arrest, as indictments are still pending against him. Amnesty and oblivion has not been offered him.

Ten Dollar Certificates. WASHINGTON, March 11.—The treasury department will be prepared to issue on the 1st of April, in addition to the ten dollar certificates convertible into 4 per cent. bonds, like certificates on similar condition to be registered on the books of the treasury in the name of the owner, which name will also be entered on the face of the certificate. The first class are received from the other by order of transfer properly attested.

King is King. It is stated on semi-official authority, that the position of director of the geological or consolidated surveys will be given to Clarence King.

A Texas Row. GALVESTON, March 10.—Alex. Cavitt and W. Armstrong of Bryan, quarreled about some corn, and the former shot the latter three times, killing him instantly. He escaped.

A News-Clarkville special says an old feud between the Dillard and the Jones and Murphy factions culminated to-night. The two Dillards and two friends met Henry Jones and a friend near Jones' bridge. Jones was instantly killed and the Dillards fatally wounded.

The Walking Match. NEW YORK, March 11.—In the pedestrian match the score at 11 A. M. stood—Rowell, 149 miles and 2 laps, Harriman, 135 miles, Ennis, 122 miles, and O'Leary, 119 miles and 1 lap.

Shooting a Sheriff. ST. LOUIS, March 11.—H. H. Vickery, sheriff of Douglas county of this State, went last Saturday with a posse to the house of Shelt Alsup to arrest him. Alsup resisted the process, fired a number of shots at the sheriff's party, one of which killed the sheriff. Alsup and his little girl, five years old, were then killed by the sheriff's posse and two other persons wounded. The child's death, of course was accidental.

Fatal Affray in Georgia. ATLANTA, March 11.—This afternoon the office of the State Treasurer at the capitol in this city was the scene of a bloody tragedy, the parties being Col. Robert A. Alston, a member of the legislature, and Captain Ed. Cox, of De Kalb county. Alston fired three shots and Cox two. Alston was shot in the right temple, the ball passing through the brain, and Cox was shot in the mouth and in the left hand. Alston is dead, and Cox not seriously hurt.

Homestead Bill. WASHINGTON, March 13.—Following is the full text of the act granting additional rights to homestead settlers on public lands within railroad limits approved on the 3d inst. Be it enacted, etc., That from and after the passage of this act every section within the limits of any grant of public lands to any railroad company or to any State in aid of any railroad or military road shall be open to settlers under the homestead laws to the extent of 160 acres to each settler, and any person who has, under existing laws, taken a homestead on any even sections within the limits of any railroad or military road land grants, and who by existing laws shall have been restricted to eighty acres, may enter under the homestead laws, an additional eighty acres adjoining the land embraced in his original entry, if such additional land be subject to entry; or, if such person so elect, he may surrender his entry to the United States for cancellation, and thereupon be entitled to enter lands under the homestead laws the same as if the surrendered entry had not been made; and the person so making an additional entry of eighty acres or new entry, after the surrender and cancellation of his original entry, shall be permitted to do without payment of fees or commissions, and residence and cultivation of said person upon and of the land embraced in his original entry shall be considered residence and cultivation for the same length of time upon and of land embraced in his additional or new entry, and shall be deducted from the five years' residence and cultivation required by law; provided, that in no case shall a patent issue upon the additional or new homestead entry under this act until the person has actually and in conformity with the homestead laws occupied, resided upon and cultivated the land embraced thereon at least one year.

An Assignment. CINCINNATI, March 12.—The latest phase of the financial troubles of Archbishop Purcell and his brother developed to-day was the filing of an assignment by the Archbishop himself. The bond of Munix as assignee of Father Edward Purcell was filed today in the sum of \$250,000. His creditors are George Hoarley, John Holland, Charles Stewart and Michael Walsh.

Mexican Murderers. ST. LOUIS, March 12.—The Globe-Democrat has special from Texas stating that several Mexican murderers of Judge Howard, and Messrs. Atkinson, McBride and son several months ago, have been arrested and

jailed. Bandit Mexicans threaten to rescue them.

Death of Mrs. Gen. Sherman. NEWPORT, March 12.—Mrs. Gen. Sherman died this morning. The general is very low and there are but slight hopes of his recovery.

Later.—Gen. Sherman is so low that it has been deemed advisable not to inform him of his wife's death at present. Physicians have but slight hopes of his recovery. Mrs. Sherman recently underwent a severe surgical operation and this undoubtedly was the immediate cause of her death.

Come West. PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—The Erie track is covered 10 feet deep with water and the telegraph poles are swept away. An ice gorge has formed at Swartansville, extending a distance of three miles and piling the ice up 30 feet high.

Panic. NEW YORK, March 12.—A panic occurred at Gilmore's Garden at 8:25 this evening. A section of temporary boxes about 45 feet long and 20 deep fell. Nearly a dozen persons injured, one fatally. Several women were among the crowd.

Fitz John Porter. The board of inquiry in the Fitz John Porter case held a final session yesterday in this city. The proceedings consisted in the submission of some documentary evidence, all of which was admitted after objection. The evidence consisted of one dispatch and part of another in the handwriting of Mc Dowell, which have been recently discovered, some extracts from reports by Pope and some confederate reports from the archives of the war department. Schofield announced that public sessions of the board were closed. The report will be made up and sent to the president next week.

Mystery Solved. MIDDLETON, N. Y., March 12.—The skeleton of a man was found recently in an abandoned lead mine at Ellenville, Ulster county, which on being re-opened, was identified as being the remains of a telegraph operator named David Smith, who disappeared from that village in February, 1866. The general belief is that Smith was murdered.

Nad Securo. NEWARK, March 12.—Mrs. John Taylor and two sons, Willie, aged 10, and Johnnie, 5, were drowned in the Niantic Ice Company's pond to-day.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Bismark Flies Off the Handle. BERLIN, March 10.—Bismark and Herr Lascker quarreled violently in the Reichstag Saturday in consequence of the prince having attacked the Liberals for favoring judicial leniency.

In the course of debate in the Reichstag on the cattle plague Bismark, referring to the smuggling of cattle, took occasion to accuse the Liberals of having made the penal code so mild that it protected criminals instead of citizens. Herr Lascker said that Bismark's aggression showed where was the true element of disorder in debate. He intimated that the first aim of the gagging law should be to control the language of the government. Bismark replied, and an angry controversy ensued. During the same debate Bismark ostentatiously quitted the house twice to avoid the disagreeable necessity of listening to the speeches of Herr Richter, progressist.

The sitting left the impression that Bismark was deliberately trying to provoke the diet, and that dissolution is imminent.

Four Frons. At a parliamentary seshon on Saturday the Chancellor said that partial disarmament was impossible. He said that Germany had to show a front in four different directions and could trust none of her neighbors.

The Plague. Gen. Melikoff telegraphs that foreign physicians, at a meeting held at Artikan, have declared that the epidemic may be considered to have died out, as there has been no case since the 9th of February; but, as it is impossible to guarantee that it may not reappear, especially at Wettiakan, they recommend the continuance of certain precautions. The cordons around the government of Asrakhan, which the foreign physicians considered no longer necessary, has been withdrawn.

American Cattle. LIVERPOOL, March 10.—The first consignment of cattle subject to the new regulations arrived to-day from Boston in good condition.

Dahomey to be Blockaded. LONDON, March 10.—It is rumored at Lisbon that France and Portugal are about to blockade Dahomey.

South Africa. LONDON, March 9.—It is said the Zulus desire peace on the basis of tribal independence. A large proportion of these are temporarily disabled for harvest. Col. Pearson, after repulsing the Zulu attack which occurred on February 13th, burned Entamdia. A dispatch from Kimberly reports that the Zulus have burned eight "kraats" belonging to friendly Caffres, near Dornburg, and killed the inhabitants. It is reported that Chief Seceocoo is preparing to attack Seydenburg, in Eastern Transvaal.

British Defeats in Afghanistan. NEW YORK, March 10.—A cablegram says the British were defeated in the Akosta valley, Afghanistan, and also experienced a severe defeat at Fort Khonak mountains. Fort Langar was taken, and the English Governor taken to Cabul.

British Troubles in Burmah. CALCUTTA, March 9.—Affairs in Mandalay cause grave anxiety. Garrison in British Burmah have been doubled. The Burmese have intercepted the telegraph lines between Rangoon and Mandalay. The situation in Upper Burmah is regarded very serious for European residents. It is stated that recent massacres at the instance of the King only amounted to forty, but the killing was attended by every possible atrocity. The victims were beaten and kicked, and the women shockingly and shamefully abused. Royal princes were reserved to the last, and made to witness the tortures and death of their families.

French Affairs. PARIS, March 11.—A committee from the chamber of deputies recommend a second election, that of Paul Cassagnac to be declared void. De Fonton will demand to be tried and not merely left off with a vote of censure which he contends the chamber of deputies, not being a judicial body, has no power to pronounce on those no longer in office.

The committee on the acts of the ministry of the 16 of May have issued a supplement to M. Brisson's report containing hundreds of telegrams in support of the facts adduced in the report. The royalist right has unanimously decided to oppose impeachment.

Fearful Flood. LONDON, March 12.—A dispatch from Szegedin this morning says that after a fearful night of anxiety all efforts proved useless and the water broke through with immense force at three o'clock, carrying away a part of the railway station, the embankment and rolling stock. Within three hours the town was many feet deep in water. Shrieks and cries from thousands are heard, houses are crashing by the score, and in many cases

carrying their inmates with them. God knows what we shall do to-night. There is no gas, the works being 15 feet in water, and I fear we shall run short of food. One boat was just going to save a large house full of people when a fearful crash carried with it the whole living freight. The scene is simply heartrending. Over 80,000 people are out of house and home, hundreds are drowning, and the water is still rising rapidly.

PACIFIC COAST.

Murder Will Out. SAN RAFAEL, March 10.—About two years ago Peter Rusan, of Novato, in this county was murdered. Who murdered him has ever since been a mystery. The grand jury has found a presentment against Rusa's wife and a hired man, and they are now both in custody.

The Tunnel Trouble. SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—Regarding the rumor of the reopening of negotiations between the Suto Tunnel Co. and the mining companies, Adolph Suto states that while nothing has yet been done in that direction, it is not improbable that consideration of a compromise may be renewed in a few days.

Arrests for Arson. On the night of July 24th, 1877, during a hoodlum riot in this city, a Chinese wash-house was attacked by wretches. All the occupants with one exception escaped, though several shots were fired at them by their assailants. One who failed to get away was barricaded in the building, which was then set on fire and consumed, and the bones of the unfortunate Chinaman were found in the ruins. Since that time the police have been on the trail of the perpetrators. They now believe they have sufficient testimony to secure the conviction of the offenders, and this evening George C. Miller, John C. Minkel, Wm. K. Cevallos, Patrick Cronan and Joseph Barry were lodged in the city jail charged with arson.

Stricken from the Roll. The Baptist ministers of San Francisco have stricken the name of Rev. W. H. Reed from their roll for misrepresenting sentiments of Baptist and Christian people generally on the Chinese question.

Municipal Elections. Oakland had a heavy vote Monday and the Citizens' ticket elected five Councilmen and School Trustees, and the Workingmen two Councilmen. Citizens probably have the Mayor. In Salinas Citizens elected nearly the full ticket.

Bribed Legislators. VIRGINIA, March 10.—There is considerable excitement here to-day over a report that the District Attorney of Ormsby county will cause the arrest of three of the Story county legislative delegation for accepting bribes from the V. & T. R. Co. for their votes.

The More Murder. SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—In the case of The People vs. Sprague, for the murder of T. Wallace Yore, the Supreme Court, on motion of counsel for the defense, granted a stay of proceedings pending a motion for rehearing.

Republican Rally. Republicans held a mass meeting at Platt's Hall this evening, which was well attended, about 2,500 being present, including perhaps 400 or 500 sand lot lads. A. G. Abel, Chairman of the State Central Committee, presided, and Gen. John F. Miller, Col. H. R. Savage and Hon. W. B. May addressed the meeting. Good order prevailed throughout, the Kearney element being conspicuously civil till after adjournment, when they indulged in their usual demonstrations in going out.

Failure of a Jewelry Firm. The firm of Koehler & Ritter, manufacturing jewelers, No. 35 Post street, has been attacked by Levison Bros. for \$53,000; Lorsch Bros. for \$3,600; Henry Epstein for \$11,000; L. Kahn for \$1,846, and the London and San Francisco bank for \$3,243.

Railroad Break. MARYSVILLE, March 11.—Repairs on the U. & O. R. R. are so far completed this afternoon that an express train passed through to the end of the break, three miles above the city, where passengers and mails were transferred a distance of half a mile to a train waiting on the other side. The Orville train made the first trip this evening since the break on a temporary track laid around the break.

Banking Business. SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Besides the circulars to borrowers heretofore noted, the Sacramento Savings Bank has issued a circular to depositors stating that if the new constitution is adopted they must prepare for a reduction of dividends. The question of taking some similar action has been mooted among directors of the savings banks of this city, but as yet nothing has been done.

"Red Mike" Convicted. In the case of "Red Mike," who has been on trial for several days on charge of the murder of Mrs. Ann Barry, near Lone Mountain cemetery, the jury this evening, after being out a few minutes, brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree and recommended imprisonment for life.

Johnny the Greek's Body. The body of "Johnny the Greek," whom Nicholas Michaelis confessed was drowned in the course of a fight with him in a boat on the bay two weeks ago Sunday, was found to-day off Blossom Rock. The flesh was entirely eaten off the head and face. A cursory examination shows no marks of violence. A small amount of money was found in the pockets of the deceased.

California Flood. RIO VISTA, Mar. 12.—The latest news from the Cache Slough section is that the entire district is under water or will be by to-morrow morning. The north Yamhill is running over the levee all along the slough, causing great destruction of crops.

British Columbia. VICTORIA, March 12.—Muirhead & Mann's sash and door factory, the most extensive in the province, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The loss is \$40,000, on which there is no insurance.

Colfax, W. T., after a storm looked "like a saw mill turned loose and scattered broadcast." The grade is to be lowered, says the Union, on the summit of the railroad towards Wallula.

Thirty families from Healdsburg, Cal., will immediately settle in Columbia county, W. T.

Stockholders of Dayton woolen mills, Columbia county, W. T., have increased their stock from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

The Bonanza saloon, Walla Walla, has been closed as a disreputable house after a disgraceful row between soldiers, gamblers and harlots.

COST OF FOOD PRODUCTS.

We find in the Chicago Inter Ocean an inquiry into the cost and the price of food products, which is a most interesting and important subject for consideration of producers. The decline in market values of all broad stuffs, meats and manufacturing staples, such as wool and cotton, including the whole range of farming products, causes solicitude on the part of producers, and the Inter Ocean, being called upon for its help in supplying a remedy, makes a statement showing the relation of current to past prices, with the following result: During the period from 1821 to 1878 the average price of wheat ruled at \$1 31 1/2 cents per bushel; from 1821-61, the average was \$1 30 per bushel; from 1861-77, average price \$1 31; 1862-74, \$1 37; 1875, \$1 12; 1876, \$1 24; 1877, \$1 16; November, 1878, \$1 03 1/2.

From 1821-78, Indian corn averaged 68 1/2-10 cents per bushel, and in November, 1878, the price declined to 47 1/2 cents per bushel. These figures give us the fact that wheat and corn bear a much lower price now than the average for 57 years, and a price disproportionate to the purchasing power of gold for all that time.

That paper attributes the cause to forcing paper currency to par with coin, and to disproportionate development of agriculture. It states that since the panic of 1873 half a million people have gone west from New England and most of them have engaged in farming. Also others have gone from other Eastern States. Want of employment in towns has driven thousands, throughout the United States, to agricultural pursuits. During the year ending June, 1878, there was increased sale of public lands to support this view, and official reports show an unprecedented flow of immigration into Minnesota, Nebraska and other States. It is claimed that we have overdone the business of production, and the remedy is said to be that we must increase home manufactures and so increase demand for home products. We give the argument of the Inter Ocean as follows:

The remedy is simple, but time will be required to apply it fully and successfully. We must build up more branches of manufactures at home. For instance, in the ten years ending June 30, 1877, we consumed tin plate to the value of \$105,147,077 64, every cent of which was paid to foreigners. This manufacture represents an annual consumption of over 150,000 tons of pig-iron, and about 1,000,000 tons of coal, with about fifty rolling mills to supply the demand for this plate. Were this employment for capital and labor transferred to our soil, a new market would be opened at home for the sale of American food, with great benefit to our farmers.

During the ten years ending June 30, 1877, we imported, mainly for our home consumption, \$43,747,685 of raw hemp; \$20,705,137 of manufactures of hemp; \$9,483,744 of raw flax; and \$168,394,719 of manufactures of flax—an aggregate \$242,231,250. Nearly all this might have been produced at home. In that case, agriculture to-day would not be developed far out of proportion to manufacturing industry, and would not be suffering so intensely from low prices for farm produce.

Western farmers must arouse themselves to a due regard for their own interests. The remedy for grievances is in their own hands. They might profitably raise immense crops of flax for both seed and fiber, but this cannot be done until the tariff shall be so adjusted as to transfer the linen manufacture, in all its branches, to American soil, so as to create a large and steady demand for flax fibers.

That paper proceeds to urge farmers to demand thoroughly protective duties on all articles we can produce and manufacture at home, and we must say that we believe in wholesome protection, and recognize that if we were independent of the world and able to keep the products of our mines and of our labor, we should of necessity become the richest people in the world; but we must also recognize that at the present time the world is our customer in great excess of our own purchases of foreign goods. Our manufacturing industries are prosperous already, as the result of protection, and therefore it is reasonable to believe that extending protection to other branches will give us still wider range of enterprise in that direction. While that is a reasonable view we must look the main question in the face and not dodge any point that is material to the issue and the solution of the problem we seek.

If labor saving machinery and the many appliances that increase production in agriculture as well as manufacture, enable half or two thirds of the working people of the civilized world to produce as much in proportion as the whole community could produce two generations ago, or a hundred years ago, it will follow that unless wants are stimulated beyond what they were in the past, a great proportion of the people who seek labor must remain idle, or that the employment of all who seek labor will cause over production and glut the markets of the world and cause revolutions and ruinous reactions. If such is the case—while protection may stimulate our home industries and enable American enterprise to compete more successfully than ever with other nations—it will not relieve the universal evil of over production. It is no doubt true that a natural solution will be worked out for this great world-problem, but meantime we believe that the existence of a multitude of small farms, well tilled, will aid that solution by

building up towns, villages and manufacturing all through the land, while extensive farms and great landed monopolies must retard any country and prevent its people from being prosperous in any reasonable degree.

THE DARIEN CANAL.

The success of the Suez Canal is a forcible argument in favor of the construction of a ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien. The cost of the latter will be a great deal more than the other, for, while the Suez Canal is constructed mainly through sandy wastes, the Isthmus of Darien presents much more formidable obstacles, and the cost will be from five to ten times greater. The Suez Canal connects Europe, and chiefly England, with India and China. The trade is great, and increases continually, and the tolls are said to amount to six millions of dollars annually. Navigating from England through the Mediterranean and Red Seas, and in fact all the way from the English Channel to India is difficult and dangerous, while from England to Darien, and from Darien to Australia, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the Pacific States of North and South America, is comparatively safe and easy.

There would be an immense traffic through the Darien Canal. We might expect the British trade with China to take this direction, and certainly all the trade of both Europe and America with the Pacific States of South America, Australia and the Islands, and the growing commerce and wheat traffic of Oregon and California with Europe, as well as the bulk of the commerce between New York and this coast, would come by sailing vessels or freight steamers through the Darien Canal, and give relief from excessive charges by the overland railroad and the collusion we are victims of between the overland railroad and the Panama route. That ship canal will break up monopoly and increase commerce by the reduction of freight tariffs.

This canal, like that of Suez, must be constructed by government, as it is above the reach of private capital. The United States will be the chief gainer by it, and must take the lead, and can even afford to undertake the enterprise alone. If it can be constructed for one hundred millions of dollars, it can be made profitable to a nation that can borrow money at 4 per cent., as our own can. It will add greatly to the prosperity of the United States, and especially to the Pacific States. A two-months' voyage will convey our products to Europe, and we shall save millions annually in decrease of freights on many goods that now have to come overland, or pay equal tribute by the Pacific Mail line.

AGENTS FOR WILLAMETTE FARMER.

- Albany..... J. E. Hannon
Ainsville..... J. A. Lagworthy
Alsea..... Postmaster
Amity..... R. L. Simpson
Buena Vista..... D. M. Calbreath
Bethel..... L. B. Frazer
Butte Creek..... J. L. Gulliford
Butteville..... J. W. Batchelder
Brooks..... Wm. Harris
Brownsville..... W. B. Kirk
Bellevue..... Jeff Davis
Cottage Grove..... J. H. Shortridge
Cornelius..... H. O. Brown
Canby..... Wm. Knight
Canyon City..... D. B. Frisback
Cove..... John S. Clark
Corvallis..... E. Woodard
Crofordville..... Robert Glass
Chewfish..... Geo. Shultz
Damascus..... E. Forbes
Dayton..... E. C. Hadaway
Dexter..... J. H. Hunsaker
Dallas..... J. D. Lee
Eola..... Thos. Pares
Ellensburg..... M. Riley
Eugene..... J. H. McClung
Elkton..... A. H. Haines
Fox Valley..... A. D. Gardner
Forest Grove..... W. L. Curtis
Goshen..... J. Handaker
Gervais..... M. Mitchell
Goldendale, W. T..... Ames & Wetmore
Hoppner..... C. M. Mallory
Harrisburg..... Hiram Smith
Halsey..... T. J. Black
Hillsboro..... W. D. Pittenger
Independence..... W. L. Hodgin
Jacksonville..... Mas Muller
Jefferson..... J. W. Rowland
 Junction..... Smith, Bradford & Co.
King's Valley..... Conor C. Grimes
Lincoln..... L. M. Abrams
Lincolnton..... R. M. Powers
Lafayette..... Dr. Pappleton
Lewistville..... I. N. Vokes
Marion..... R. H. Rutherford
Mt. Pleasant..... F. S. Thayer
Mehama..... J. J. Blair
Monroe..... W. F. Jones
Miller's Station..... H. Newman
Moumouth..... W. Waterhouse
McMinaville..... A. Reid
Neddy..... Jacob A. Ritter
North Yamhill..... C. C. Stewart
Newburg..... Samuel Holness
Newport..... M. Williams
Oakland..... J. H. Shippe
Prineville..... O. M. Pringle
Peoria..... William Holder
Pilot Rock..... E. Gilliam
Powell's Valley..... L. K. Williams
Sheridan..... H. B. Sonerville
Seattle, W. T..... Julius Horton
The Dalles..... S. L. Brooks
Union..... J. L. Hooke
Upper Ochooos..... John Creighton
Vancover, W. T..... S. W. Brown
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