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THE FARMERS EXCUSE.

Last Tuesday morning we noticed on our rounds for news, a number of sacks of potatoes, which had just been shipped in from the Willamette valley. The NEWS reporter then made some inquiry as to how many potatoes the various merchants of our little town had imported during the past year. To our surprise there has been in the neighborhood of ten carloads brought into this city. Why is it necessary to ship in these potatoes? We have asked the question of a number of our most prominent ranchers. Surely this country where the soil will produce anything you may put into the ground in abundant quantities should be utilized in the production of this commodity in sufficient quantities to supply the home market, instead of raising wheat, which the farmers say does not bring enough to pay the expense of raising. There are several other commodities which our farmers should raise to supply the home market, which is now being shipped in in large quantities. We ask the question again, why is it necessary for our merchants to send abroad for these commodities? Our farmers only have one excuse. "The home merchant will not buy our farm produce." On enquiring into the matter we were told by one merchant that he had paid farmers of the valley more than he could have bought the same article for abroad. There is money in potatoes so we are told at 20c per bushel. There has been ten car loads brought to the valley during the past year, and the average price paid by our merchants has been one cent per pound, which is an immense sum of money that has been shipped out of the country that should have been distributed among the farmers of the valley. It is no wonder the times are not what they should be when our farmers, or rather some of them come to town and buy things for their tables which they should have raised on their own farms. It is time our farmers were looking into these matters. Now is the time of the year our farmers should be thinking of these things. It should not be necessary another year to bring into this valley any potatoes at all. Our farmers have plenty of good land that will yield an abundance of potatoes to supply the home market and they should see to it that the shipping in of this commodity will not be necessary.

Buy your goods of catalogue houses, and then cuss trusts and combinations. Don't patronize your home merchants for they will

squander their money paying taxes to keep up schools, churches and public improvements. And whenever strangers are around, tell what a wicked town we have, but that other towns are right. Don't patronize your printer, but write out your notices and stick them up in the postoffice. If the people can't read them, they will be sure to ask the postmaster what they are. Don't take your home paper nor advertise in it, unless you have a particular love for the editor, and take it or patronize it as a personal favor. In fact, discourage everything at home and do your trading elsewhere and you will greatly help your town—nit.

There is fierce criticism, by Oregon's partisan democratic newspapers, of the course pursued by Governor Taylor in Kentucky. His mistakes since the assassination of Goebel are palpable. He was wrong in declaring a state of insurrection and in calling the legislature to meet in session in Laurel county. These blunders were made during time of great excitement, and possibly during Taylor's belief that he was in personal danger. But these errors are in no sense an assault upon majority rule—the distinguishing principle of popular government. Open to criticism as Taylor's later actions may be, they are insignificant compared to Goebel's wanton and unscrupulous assault upon the state of Kentucky. His murder does not blot out his own record—the killing of colonel Stanford, the theft of a state convention, and the passage of a most fragrant law, designed to rob the people of their choice for governor and to put himself into the usurped place. Taylor's mistakes are dwarfed by Goebel's misdeeds. The errors of the one may never be used to mask the crimes of the other.—Ex.

Adjustment of the Nicaragua canal appropriation has a hint for Oregon members of congress in their fight for the Columbia jetty. The appropriation was cut down from \$140,000,000 to \$10,000,000, enough to start the work and commit the government to it. Let this be done with the jetty. A small beginning can be made, and all the funds that can be spent the first year would not require a very heavy appropriation. If our delegation is not strong enough to effect this, it ought to be strengthened.—Oregonian.

Dewey says he did not promise independence to Aguinaldo. The remark is superfluous. Nobody of sense supposed he did. As for the true anti, he is not concerned for facts. The do not support his theories. Dewey promised Aguinaldo independence, is the axiom of anti imperialism. If the facts are in conflict, so much the worse for the facts.

The Bryanites are now at outs with Arthur M. Sewall, of Maine, the boy orator's running mate in the last presidential canvass. Mr. Sewall said the other day in an interview in the city of San Francisco, that the improved business conditions would have much to do with the presidential election this year. And it did not need the gift of prophecy to make the prediction either.

The old line democrats who will have nothing to do with Bryan and his vagaries are talking of Richard Only, of Massachusetts, Cleveland's Secretary of State, as their candidate for president against President McKinley.

Stump speakers say there is no North, no South, no East, no West, but they cannot deny that there are ups and downs even in this united country.

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