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HERE WE ARE.

This is the first number of a new enterprise in Pendleton whose success will depend chiefly upon the amount of substantial willing patronage which is accorded to it.

Every week—almost every day—strangers ask: Haven't you a daily here? and seemed to think it strange that there was none.

Unlike our new neighbor, the Daily East Oregonian is not started for campaign purposes. It is started as a newspaper, and has come to stay, if possible.

The East Portland Vindicator having suggested that some newspaper man be nominated for Congress, the Astorian says the East Portland man must have a poor opinion of his confederates.

DIGNIFYING LABOR.

The Republican State Central Committee, in its call for a State convention, requested the co-operation of all those who believe in dignifying labor by adhering to protection.

Whenever and wherever ignorance dwells among intelligent selfishness and greed, it must be led captive. This was the fate of the Mexicans and Peruvians, for example, after the Spanish invasion.

A tax—a high, unnecessary, extortionate tax—bearing heavily upon the poor and their necessities, maintaining the dignity of labor! Well, how? Is it sufficient to merely assert this, continuously, vehemently, vociferously, by the very ones who are the apostles of selfishness and greed?

Come, is there an example of high taxation dignifying labor? Can a single instance of it be cited? If so, who, and how, and when, and where? We desire to learn more about this.

How is it with you, mechanic, carpenter, blacksmith, plumber, millwright, harness-maker, shoe-maker, what not? Because every tool you use, and every substance you manufacture, as well as everything you buy to eat and wear and build with, are taxed high, higher, highest, do you feel any greater degree of dignity in your labor?

And the explanation is as utterly and irredeemably silly as the theory. It is that "protection" gives men in the employ of manufacturers permanent work and good wages, and so prevents the going out and seeking other avocations; thus directly benefitting them, and indirectly benefitting others by decreasing competition and preventing over-crowding in those other avocations.

The alleged facts are not facts, or at least but segments of facts; and even they do not support the theory. There is no proper comparison between this country and England. The conditions of each are dissimilar, diverse, antagonistic.

What think you of the plan? Your deeds will show. Is it not about time to drop that old dry-bone of a phrase: "The political pot is beginning to boil?"

The information given elsewhere regarding school matters ought to be of interest to the people of Pendleton generally. A director is to be elected Monday to succeed Mr. Zahner.

No good newspaper man, who is able and willing to perform the duties of his position reasonably well, ought to desire an office. Even the position of Congressman is a long step downward, not upward.

would be a greater barrier in a lion's path than protection is to foreign labor, whenever the protected barons cannot establish among native employes whatever degree of slavery they desire.

How a farmer can be a protectionist, is a mystery. Let us use briefly, an illustration of how his labor is dignified. An English manufacturer brings over a dozen yards of cloth, such as the farmer needs, and offers to sell it for a dollar a yard.

This the wholesaler and retailer have to pay, and the farmer finally pays not only the \$8.40 cents extra, but a percentage on that as well as on the \$12 to the several dealers. But if, as is the case with a multitude of articles, the Englishman finds the tariff so high as to be prohibitive, he takes his cloth to some other country and sells it.

Then comes insult added to injury—a protective tariff on wheat, and meat, and other produce, which is never imported, and which constitutes the only exports of the farmer and the stock-raiser.

Who are they who are thus striving to "dignify labor?" Every millionaire manufacturer; every rich man who employs Chinese labor; every mine-owner whose serfs live on mush and treacle; every railroad robber like Gould, Huntington, and Crocker; every man who has made and is making immense wealth by binding labor with legal chains to the gaunt and hideous form of Poverty.

Whose labor is degraded and not dignified by protection? Every factory hand whose toil is a life-long serfdom, from which there is neither escape nor respite; every coal-digger working for 80 cents a day, with family half clad, half fed; every mechanic, every farmer, every clerk—every workman, wherever found, of whatever degree, or however employed. Protection is a scheme the very design and all the operations of which are to degrade labor, not dignify it.

We hope to see the time come—and we believe it will come—when the farmers and workmen of this grand country, and especially of the Great West, shall move forward in mighty hosts against this bulwark of a monster gilded lie, and demolish it into undiscoverable atoms.

"A very young man would grow very bald headed if he watched with the expectation of Pendleton ever catching up. Remember Salem is growing."—Salem Statesman.

Time will tell. We'll "just fool you." Within five years at the farthest, Pendleton will be a larger town than Salem. We believe it does as much business now.

WHAT ONE Senator or Representative in Congress can't think of, in the way of pensions, to squander the people's money, another can. At the rate they are going pensions in a few years will amount to more than all other expenses of government.

PALMER & REY.

The Only Type Founders, Press Dealers and Auxiliary Publishers in the Northwest.

The only type founders, press dealers and auxiliary publishers in the Northwest is Palmer & Rey, of Portland, 112 Front street. The printing machinery, the type, and other material used in the publication of the Daily and Semi-Weekly EAST OREGONIAN, was purchased from them, at prices the equal of those quoted by Eastern dealers.

The three Peerless job presses, in the job department of the EAST OREGONIAN office was also purchased of Palmer & Rey. They are of the latest design, and are model presses. The Peerless is claimed to be, and in the opinion of the E. O. man, is the best job press on the market to-day.

A FARMER'S LETTER.

A Poor Crop Prospect—Thinks There is no Need of Excitement About Division.

Farmers are busy plowing and seeding. A good deal of fall-sown grain has been winterkilled and is being re-seeded, something that has never been seen before since I have resided in Umatilla county.

Stock of all kinds have wintered over with but a little feed, and look well. I see a goodly number of precincts not represented when called by the Central committee—Cottonwood, Milton, Weston, and Mountain among the number; none of this end of the county was represented.

Some little is being said about division, but I don't think that this local question will be excited to any great extent. I don't see any reason for any excitement upon this question, yet some one is always ready to get up a local issue to defeat the Democrats of this country; or at least this has been the case for the last eight years.

ALL honor to Senator Vest for daring to boldly tell the truth about the plundering pension bill.

The Semi-weekly EAST OREGONIAN will be issued just the same as usual, with substantially the same that is published in the Dailies.

The Portland News is still for Blaine. This exhibits its estimate of his character, and proves that it is quite willing to support a brilliant liar.

Nearly all the present office-holders are candidates for re-election. They seem to like the place. If the people are satisfied with them, they might as well stay.

SLEEPY SIMON and his coadjutors on the Portland police commission need just such tools as Parrish and the horde of gamblers and thieves who abound in that city. Simon has use for all of them next June, to help out the Grand Old Party.

SHERMAN has introduced a bill allowing National banks to issue bank notes to the full amount of their bond deposit. The bankers are all becoming so poor that some measure of relief is necessary, and kind old John is the one to look out for the poor.

ABOUT the biggest steal ever proposed at any time or in any country, is the plundering dependent pension bill, now being discussed in Congress. If this outrageous bill is passed it won't be long till the population of the country may be divided into two classes; pensioners and pension agents.

Two Illinois farmers, living near Tuscola, went to law over a \$3 pig more than three years ago, and the case was appealed until it reached the Circuit Court. That Court has just decided that one of the litigants shall pay for the pig and the other pay the costs. Altogether, in costs and attorneys' fees, the pig has cost the two men \$1,250.

PORTLAND LETTER.

Quite a City—The Rich Men—Costly Blocks The Willamette Bridge—Public School Buildings, Churches, etc.—Manufactures and Business.

A VALUABLE SUMMARY.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Take it up one side and down the other and cross lots, Portland is considerable of a town, even if it is so extremely far from "back East," where everything big is supposed to belong.

Yes, Portland is quite a city. It is over three miles from the northern to the southern suburbs, and about one and a half miles from east to west, saying nothing of East Portland, a fine city itself, which is connected to Portland proper by a magnificent bridge.

There are six public school buildings here and among them the finest school edifice in the United States—the High School building. It is of brick, and occupies an entire block. The style of the architecture is what is called transition, or semi-Norman, which prevailed during the reigns of Henry II. and Richard I.

Our lumber capacity is two million feet annually. Orders come here from as far East as Omaha. All the lumber used in the construction of a new wood and iron bridge at Omaha, costing two million dollars, was of Oregon growth and shipped by a Portland mill.

The several furniture factories are pushed to their utmost capacity—Eastern competitors made a stubborn fight for our furniture trade, but the home made article gained public favor so rapidly that we are left masters of the field. The output for 1887 amounted to \$600,000.

It will not doubt be a surprise to many to learn that a big business in meat packing is done in Portland. The product of one firm amounted last year to one million dollars. There are several such firms in the city. The several soap and candle factories sell a large lot of goods. The fact that local goods are fast taking place of Eastern wares is very encouraging to manufacturers here.

Three artificial ice factories in successful operation shipping fresh salmon to Eastern States has created a big demand for ice. Last year's business amounted to \$100,000.

The Portland Telephone company, which was organized in 1878, has met with great success. They now have over 500 subscribers and 300 miles of wire in operation, their lines covering Oregon City, Oswego, East Portland, Albina and St. Johns.

Nearly 20 miles of street railway is in operation. Flouring mills, canneries, electric lights and gas works, reduction works, lime

works and a multitude of other "enterprises" of more or less magnitude give employment to a host of men, women, boys and girls.

The Willamette Bridge Street Railway company are building a road that will take in Sellwood, Vancouver and East Portland, terminating at the west end of the Morrison street bridge.

We have twenty-six newspapers, (thirteen of that and weep) and one hundred incorporated companies with capital stock aggregating in round numbers \$35,000,000.

The St. Charles, Esmond, Gilman, Holton and Merchant, all fine brick, are our principal hotels and are doing a paying business.

One first class theater, J. P. Haver's New Park, is all the city can boast of in that line, but good shows always receive an exceptionally liberal patronage, and the theatrical people of any merit, who visit us, speak well of Portland wherever they go, on that account. The Cyclorama (Battle of Gettysburg), is something in the way of shows that does credit to our city. It is a most magnificent exhibition, and makes a lasting impression on all beholders. I will make this institution the subject of a letter a little later on.

The residences of Portland are not to be sneezed at, either. For instance, B. Knapp occupies quarters that cost clean hundred thousand, the homes of J. N. Dolph, W. S. Ladd, C. H. Prescott, S. G. Reed, Henry Failing, the Jacob Brothers' and many others are simply magnificent, and I can point out hundreds of dwellings that cost from ten to twenty-five thousand.

Are the only practical mechanics in town. They do their own work, and guarantee it against repair for one year. They have no hired help to pay, and only desire to make wages on their work, and they can give.

THIRTY VALUABLE LOTS! In Pendleton, including the slightly block on the hill, in plain view all over town. Just the Site For a Fine Residence.

James Leezer, At Leezer & Kuebler's Drug Store, mehl daw Court Street, Pendleton.

Seventy-Eighth Annual Exhibit OF THE HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF HARTFORD, CONN.

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Clopton & Jackson, Resident Agents, daw PENDLETON, OREGON.