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"ARE THEY."

The Cottage Grove Leader under the above head takes us to task on the court house question...

Evidently the editor of the Leader is laboring under a mistake as the only expression of that kind that we have published is an article copied from the Guard of June 12th...

Our position on the matter of a new court house is this: Lane county is very much in need of a larger building in which the public records may be kept with a reasonable degree of safety...

How many of the boys and girls can tell why the 4th of July is observed as a holiday by the people of the United States? Nearly all of them can, but how many children or grown people either have much of an idea what danger and suffering our forefathers endured to gain that independence...

This was impressed on our mind by this remark made a few years ago by a friend who is of German descent but born in Canada a few miles from the boundary line between that province and the United States. "My father was born under the rule of King William and did not think anything about the difference between living in a kingdom and in a republic...

JOHN COURTRIGHT, who stole about four bits worth of tobacco from the store of A. Bond & Son, of Irving, was sentenced last week to one year in the penitentiary. We have no desire whatever to cast reflections on either judge or jury, and presume they performed their duties as the law directs...

How much better it would be if all the people living in one town and engaged in the same business could speak kindly of one another and devote their energies to the upbuilding of the city instead of calling one another names and saying hard things...

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DAVID B. Hill occasionally says a good thing, though he has not been saying much of anything lately. Not long since, however, he said to a New York interviewer: "The country's prosperity in the future depends on the prudence and foresight of its business men, not upon any policy dictated by cranks, demagogues, or political adventurers..."

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SUBSIDIES FOR SHIPPING.

The establishment of a subsidized steamship line between Canada and the Central and South American ports may be safely regarded as an event of the near future. In the first place, such a project is now under way; in the second, it has behind it the practical encouragement of two successful previous ventures...

A well-equipped competing line of this sort would be a serious matter for our mercantile and shipping interests. With the advantage of cheaply built British steamers, low-priced seamen and low-priced coal there would be the same marked difference in favor of the Canadian line which the British mercantile marine has long held over American rivalry...

Whatever may be the abstract opinion about subsidies for the merchant navy we shall have to come to them or let what little foreign carrying trade we have left go to the dogs with what we used to possess. It needs but little argument to prove this. When rebates were given by the railroads the merchant who could not get one was unable to compete with the other who could. The same is true of shippers...

We subsidize a good many enterprises in this country, railroads directly and manufactories indirectly. We even subsidize patriotism in our costly pension system. We subsidize labor, in a fashion, by eight-hour laws and various other special easements. We subsidize inventive genius by giving it the enormous gains of monopoly. What is the tariff but a wise, necessary and profitable subsidy to citizens who make something which they wish to sell at no risk from the cheap competition of foreigners? Under all these circumstances why is it objectionable to subsidize commerce? There may be special privilege involved, but surely it is widely enough spread to give it the features of a general privilege...

So let us have subsidies for ships. Then if Canada or any other foreign state attempts to invade our markets we can meet it on even terms and can go still further and enter its markets in the same way.

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THE UNIVERSITY DIFFICULTY.

The board of regents dismissed the charges against President Chapman of the State University considering them too trivial to be worthy of notice.

The complaint was signed by quite a number of the leading citizens of Eugene and shows a feeling against Chapman that unless things change, is likely to prove detrimental to the University. If the fault is in Dr. Chapman then it seems to us that the interest of the University would be advanced by making a change in the presidency. If the fault is on the other side then the people of Eugene should not allow their personal prejudices to warp their judgment and thereby work an injury to cause of higher education in Oregon.

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NOTWITHSTANDING all the talk concerning his political aspirations Ex Governor Penneyer says that when his term as mayor of Portland expires he will retire, draw in his shell and have nothing more to do with politics.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT. WASH. June 21st, 1897.

Secretary Sherman, in order to justify his own turn around toward annexation, made a diplomatic break and gave away a state secret. He said that under ordinary circumstances he was opposed to annexation, but that when he learned that a scheme was on foot to put Hawaii in possession of Japan, he favored annexation. Thereby hangs the whole story of the hurrying up the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii, which President McKinley sent to the senate last week. It would have come in time anyway, but the administration recently learned of a plot on the part of Japanese on the island and the friends of the ex-Queen, who is in Washington, and who made an opera bouffe protest against the ratification of the treaty, to overthrow the present government of Hawaii and set up one of their own, with the ultimate design of turning the islands over to Japan, and that caused the treaty to go to the senate much earlier than it would otherwise have gone. The Japanese government has all along denied that it had any grabbing intention toward Hawaii, and its denial may have been perfectly honest and it may have been entirely ignorant of the plot to overthrow the Hawaiian government. As the information concerning that plot was secret and was not mentioned in the president's message accompanying the treaty, diplomats regard it as a bad break on the part of Secretary Sherman to have publicly mentioned it, and the Japanese minister regards his having done so as almost an insult to his country and is consequently somewhat disgruntled. There isn't opposition enough to the treaty in the senate to prevent its ratification, but there is enough to make the debate quite lengthy, so it is intended to allow it to go over to the regular session.

No stronger plea for some action on the part of this government that will restore peace to Cuba has been put forth than is contained in an official report prepared by the agricultural department, showing our trade with Cuba for a period of years. For the fiscal year 1893, our commerce with Cuba amounted to \$102,864,204; for the fiscal year 1896 it had dropped to \$47,541,610, and estimates for the fiscal year 1897 place it at less than \$20,000,000.

The administration is moving very leisurely towards the inauguration of its Cuban policy. Gen. Woodford, of N. Y., has been nominated minister to Spain, and the official statement made that Ex-Congressman Aldrich, of Ill., will shortly be nominated consul-general of Cuba. But there is little probability that either of them will be at their post inside of a month, and the new policy is not to be started until Gen. Woodford gets to Madrid. Report says the policy will be to request Spain to withdraw its troops and allow Cuba to have home rule under a system similar to that in vogue in Canada, and that Spain is willing, provided that this government can persuade the rebellious Cubans to accept and to agree to assume the debt of Cuba.

Senator Morgan called attention to the failure of the tariff bill to provide for the repeal of the income tax, imposed by the Wilson tariff bill and declared to be unconstitutional by the supreme court. He said he was glad that the bill did not provide for its repeal, because if it were left upon the statute book, a change in the court might cause it to be sustained.

Quite a number of the senators who helped to knock out the Pettigrew anti-trust amendment to the tariff bill, have offered amendments of their own, especially aimed at the sugar trust, with which they appear to have a dread of being considered friendly. One of these offered by Senator Pettus, prohibits the importation of raw sugar by the sugar trust, and another, offered by Senator Nelson, provides that any attempt to monopolize the trade in raw or refined sugar among the states or with other nations shall be punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$500, nor more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment at hard labor not less than six months nor more than two years, or by both said punishments in the discretion of the court. This amendment is very carefully drawn and goes into particulars as to how indictments are to be drawn, and what shall be accepted as evidence of the existence of a trust. Notwithstanding all activity on the part of individual senators, there is no probability that the tariff bill as it finally passes and goes to the president will contain any anti-trust amendments.

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A PROPOSED COLONY.

ROGUE RIVER COURIER. Eugene Debs' scheme to start a socialistic colony of 100,000 men now idle in Chicago, may take shape before the next winter comes on. He is looking favorably toward the new state of Washington, where there are still large tracts of still uncultivated land.

The question of meeting the expense will be solved like that of the Salvation Army prospect under Gen. Booth, by an appeal to friends of socialism, who are expected to contribute funds. Mr. Debs thinks he can raise \$25,000 a month through this means. If this big experiment is successful it will form a nucleus about which will gather other socialistic communities till Bellamy's idea of an ultimate peaceful revolution will be realized. The present trend of the times toward millionaires at one end of our social fabric and poverty-stricken families at the other, cannot last a great while longer, because the American people are not like those of India and will not submit to the conditions very long without a struggle, and if Mr. Debs, Mr. Bellamy or anybody else can give us a peaceful solution of our social problem while making us all free and equal according to our industry and ability, he will be looked upon as a second Washington by future generations. Mr. Debs however, has a hard task before him.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The senate has completed the wool, silk and tobacco schedules of the tariff bill. There remains now only to go through the bill the second time and pass on the items passed over. Then the internal revenue features will be all that remain.

It is expected the house committees will be named by Speaker Reed on the last day of the present session of congress. Ellis of Oregon is to be chairman of the committee on irrigation of arid lands, Kerr of Ohio on invalid pensions and Hooker of New York on rivers and harbors.

Consideration of Corbett's claim to a seat in the senate has been postponed till the next session.

A young man named Edward Walker was killed near Bonanza, Klamath county June 20th by being thrown from a horse and his foot catching in the stirrup. He was dragged about 100 yards before his companion could release him.

A railroad trestle near Missouri City, Mo., gave way on June 28th carrying down 4 cars of an express train. The number of dead is estimated at from 9 to 25.

The Rogue River Courier has been sold to Price & Voorhies.

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SUN NEVER SETS ON U. S. DOMAINS.

"The Britons proudly boast that the sun never sets on the Queen's dominions as if they were special subjects of solar favoritism," writes William George Jordan on "The Greatest Nation on Earth," in the July Ladies' Home Journal. "But it is equally true that there is always sunshine on some part of Uncle Sam's great possessions. When it is 6 p. m. on Attoo's Island, Alaska, it is 9:36 a. m. of the day following at Eastport, Maine. If we locate the centre of the United States, calculating it as midway between longitude sixty-seven of Eastport and longitude one hundred and ninety-three of Attoo's Island it will be found on the one hundred and twenty-sixth degree of longitude, about two hundred and eighty miles west of San Francisco, in the Pacific ocean.

It is reasonably safe to state that the tariff on lumber as it has passed the senate will become the law of the land. The duty of two dollars a thousand on most all kinds of rough lumber, means that imports from Canada will practically be nil. The duty on timbers, either hewn or sawed—will be one dollar. There was a pressure brought that allows lumber of white wood, sycamore and basswood to come in on a one dollar rate. The construction of the measure seems somewhat ambiguous on cedar but it is probable that a duty of 15 per cent will be laid on that under this act. Shingles will be taxed 25 cents a thousand. It is possible, though hardly probable that congress may pass the tariff bill by July 1st. The national convention of lumbermen through its executive officers is entitled to the credit of securing the passage of this act.—W. C. & P. S. Zimmerman.

Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

The homeliest tasks get beautiful, if loving hands do them.

Strange that the things we long for most, should be the last to happen.

When we make little sacrifices we like to have them appreciated, at least.

Nothing more annoys a woman than delicate attentions diluted with judicious neglect.

Individuality and spirit—how weak when the superstition of imagination wraps them round!

Clothes possess an influence over many more powerful than worth of character, or the magic of manners.

Often between ourselves and those nearest and dearest to us, there exists a reserve which it is very hard to overcome.

To be ill thought of in another person's mind is in itself no wrong-doing, although it may signify some discomfort to yourself.

Even to remember is scarcely possible; to put ones self back is sometimes a feat almost as difficult as to put ones self forward.

The wall between friendship and love is not a fit standpoint for any one. On either side is happiness and content, but betwixt, neither.

We mortals are very impatient beings, and we seem to have some instinct by which we make bad matters worse, far worse than they need be.

Simple, sincere people seldom speak of their piety; it shows itself in acts rather than in words, and has more influence than homilies or protestations.

When known evil seems absolutely good to a man, and conscious falsehood takes on the semblance and the authority of truth, the devil has him fast.

In some ways disappointment is as good as success, for it does not prevent the sincerity of your good intentions, nor alter the truth of your feelings.

It is true that interest itself fails at times, and that life is then very saltless and ashy to the taste, but even this is a part of its experience, if honestly accepted.

That tide which flows and ebbs, that alternate waking and sleeping which belong to all living emotions. If our hearts did not beat with alternate pulses, they would not be alive.

People are made up of so many contradictory feelings, that when a person's conduct surprises us, we forget how much circumstances have to do with the outward aspect of life.

One of the sweet uses of adversity is the genuine satisfaction which comes from hearty work of head and hand; and to the inspiration of necessity we owe half the wise, beautiful and useful blessings of the world.

Some people have a gift of magnetism of personal influence, which is quite indescribable, which belongs partly to the interest they take in the concerns of others, partly to some natural simplicity and elevation of soul.

Our motives are never so good as we think, and never quite so bad as our enemies suppose. Our best is interwoven with evil, and our worst, let us hope has some strands of good. Only God can unravel the complexity.

When woman is the adviser the lords of creation don't take the advice till they have persuaded themselves that it is just what they intended to do; then they act upon it, and if it succeeds, they give the weaker vessel half the credit of it—if it fails, they generously give her the whole!

Those well-meant deceits, those agonizing suppressions by which people try to save others from pain, are they worth the grief they occasion? Very often the sense of confidence and security far outbalances any pain of frankness, and even of condemnation expressed.

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