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FOR SEVERAL YEARS the current of the river has been striking against the bank in the upper part of Florence in such a manner as to keep constantly washing it away. It has already cut back for quite a distance and if something is not done to stop it and change the direction of the current, it is difficult to say what the result may be.

THE MAIL from Eugene due at Florence Tuesday evening failed to reach here, a mistake having been made in the mail-racks somewhere on the route and the Florence mail left at some other office.

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A WAY OUT FOR CHINA.

The hope of the Chinese government that it may be able to escape the perplexities of a new loan by getting an extension of time for the payment of the Japanese war indemnity is not without practical bearings.

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THE SIALAW VALLEY.

People coming to this coast from a cold climate find the winters pass with every day seeming like spring. While in the middle and eastern states the thermometers have shown a temperature varying from freezing to thirty degrees below zero, but once this winter has the mercury at Florence been more than three degrees below freezing and only about an inch of snow has fallen during the season.

For those who like a mild climate, western Oregon has certainly as fine a one as can be found in the world as it is subject to no extremes either of heat or cold.

The soil in the Sialaw valley is very rich, producing large crops of vegetables of all kinds. Small fruits yield abundant returns for the laborer while the apples, pears, plums and prunes would make a Minnesota or Dakota farmer open his eyes with surprise could he see them.

Stock thrive well, cattle, sheep and goats getting their living on the range and need little or no hay during the winter. Dairying has been carried on here ever since the country was settled and last year a creamery was successfully operated.

Untold millions of feet of the finest fir timber in the world grow along the banks of the Sialaw river and its tributaries and lumbering is sure to become an important industry in this valley.

Salmon in great numbers come into the river every fall and their flesh has been an important article of food for the inhabitants of the valley for many years before it was settled by white people. The hatchery at Mapleton has been operated for two years past and if it is continued as it probably will be, the salmon will afford a yearly supply of food besides being an important article of commerce.

About \$100,000 has been expended on the jetty and when the work is completed vessels can go in and out of the harbor regularly thus affording opportunity for shipping produce to market.

Taking everything into consideration we believe there are but very few if any places in the world where a comfortable living can be obtained easier than in the Sialaw valley. Homeseekers and intending emigrants will do well to visit this place and learn about it for themselves before locating elsewhere.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH., D. C., Feb. 7th, 1898.

Has the predicted industrial war between America and Europe begun? Quite a number of well informed persons are disposed to regard the partial shutting out of American fruit and the threatened shutting out of American horses by Germany as the first blow in that war.

There is said to be a difference of opinion between President McKinley and Speaker Reed as to the advisability of the house passing a financial bill at this session. Mr. Reed thinks the voting down of the Teller resolution by the house was sufficient to put the party on record against silver, and that it would be wiser to have the house finish up the regular business of the session and adjourn as soon as possible, than to have the financial debate that would be necessary to put through a financial bill along the line recommended by the president's message; while Mr. McKinley thinks that it would be better for his party to further emphasize its position by having the house pass a financial bill. Although some persons are predicting that this difference of opinion will lead to trouble, the chances are that it will not.

The house committee on labor has favorably reported a bill amending the eight hour law in such a way that it can be enforced for various reasons, principally lack of jurisdiction, the law has only been enforced in spots, and no where very rigidly to the house, and will try to get the bill voted upon.

It is now known that Jerry Simpson's speech about the London label in Representative Dingley's hat, which the gentleman said was put there by the American maker to catch the dukes who were willing to pay extra for anything labeled London, was prompted by Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, who never loses an opportunity for a joke. He accidentally saw the label in the hat and told Jerry to go and look at it, knowing that he would be sure to make a speech about it. He did, and now some of the republican members are expressing fear that the London label in Mr. Dingley's hat will be heard from oftener than his explanation, especially in the rural portions of their districts.

Instead of being offended at the numerous jokes that are told about the autocratic manner in which he runs the house, Speaker Reed is constantly adding them. His latest was gotten off in a street car on Representative Hicks, who was absent when the house voted on the Teller resolution. Mr. Reed was in the car when Hicks came in. As soon as he saw him, the speaker said: "Hicks, come here," and when Mr. Hicks stood before him, he continued, using the tone of an irate school master: "Hicks you didn't come to school last Monday afternoon. Have you brought an excuse from your mother?" The joke was so apparent that everybody in the car, including a number of congressmen, joined in the shout of laughter that followed, and Mr. Hicks forgot to answer the question.

Commissioner Evans of the pension bureau, has the courage of his conviction as shown by his attack on the present system of medical examination of applicants for pensions and of pensioners, of which he said: "The examining boards are expensive, inefficient, and swayed by political and local influences. There ought to be only one corps of examining physicians and surgeons that would travel from one state to another at advertised times to examine old soldiers. Then they would not be swayed by local likes and dislikes, as they are now, nor by the congressmen, as the local boards are now." As an example of the kind of work done by these boards, Mr. Evans cited the case of an old soldier that he personally took to Philadelphia and had examined by four boards, no one of them knowing that he was to go before the other. They each rated him differently, the ratings running from nothing, up to \$24 a month. Asked whether there would be a fight if he tried to get the present system abolished, Mr. Evans replied: "Well, I guess there would, Congress as a whole would sit down on the idea so quick it would make my head swim and only congress could bring this change."

THERE SEEMS to be a wholesome activity in regard to the Nicaragua canal which means business rather than a plan to influence congressional action. Representatives of several large syndicates of capitalists and contractors are on the ground with the Walker government commission, with a view to estimating the cost and gaining practical knowledge necessary to intelligent tenders for performing the work or of taking hold of the project. Estimates for the completion of the canal have been reduced to fifty million dollars, which makes it no greater financial or physical undertaking than that of building a line of railway. Altogether the outlook for commencing and pushing the work to completion seems to be more promising than ever before.—Tacoma Ledger.

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GOVERNMENT TESTS OF TIMBER.

It is surprising that in these days, when the strength of all structural material is carefully determined, we should possess such imperfect knowledge of the strength of the various woods which are used in construction and manufacture. There is lacking today a thoroughly reliable table of the strength of woods. We say this with the full knowledge that all the text books and engineers' and mechanics' pocket books give such tables; but unfortunately the data upon which they are founded is not of that comprehensive or scientific kind which alone can give such tables their proper value. Most of the investigations of the strength of timber already made have been carried out by individuals who had neither the time nor the means to do the work as thoroughly as it should be done. The first investigation of the subject on an adequate scale is now being carried out by Dr. B. E. Fernow, of the forestry division of the department of agriculture. To examine and test a sufficient number of specimens of any given species is a costly undertaking; but the department has shown good judgment in preferring to expend its appropriations in doing thorough work on a limited number of species rather than in doing more or less superficial work upon a larger variety.

During the past year, owing to the failure of the government to provide funds for carrying on this work, Dr. Fernow rented a testing machine with which to carry on his investigations. In the course of his work he made the important discovery that a constant mathematical relation exists between the compressive and the tensile tests of any species of timber, and that henceforth it will be sufficient to make a laboratory compressive test, the tensile strength being calculable from the data so obtained. Dr. Fernow gives the credit for this important discovery to Mr. S. F. Neely, one of his assistants. It is needless to say that the cost of completing the investigation of American woods will be greatly reduced, and it is to be hoped that congress, encouraged by the fact, will grant the appropriations asked for the coming year's work.

MILITARY RULE NECESSARY.

Popular government loses in favor with the world, and something in the estimation and confidence of its own people, when it fails or is slow to preserve order and protect its people who are advancing its interests in new territory. England has extended its influence and authority round the globe by the policy of giving prompt protection to every honest Englishman who had attempted to do business where there was no established government to protect him. It has sometimes gone so far as to protect some who were not over honest but the world has rather admired its inclination to err in that direction rather than the other.

While the theory of popular government is opposed to material law, and free people are at times jealous of military authority, there can be no objection to either where the civil law is not established, or where for any cause it is not strong enough in emergency to protect honest people against outrage. A condition of things now exists at Skagway and Dyea that calls immediately for a more vigorous control of things than civic authority can give. It is a condition such as might have been anticipated. A sudden rush in that direction of people seeking wealth has been followed or attended by a rush of others seeking only to prey upon them. The lawless element, as always happens in such cases, being the most aggressive, has taken control. Honest people have no rights that are respected, or that it is safe to assert if there is need to assert them. Popular government there, for the time being, would be a rule of disorder, because the disorderly element has most time and most inclination to assert itself. The national government has, therefore, heeded the call of the peaceably disposed citizens of these towns for a military police. To provide it and provide it promptly will quickest prepare the way for the rule of civic law. Once the military police control life and property will be secure, and civil government in some form can be established to replace it.

There can never be any objection to the use of the military in this way, and there never will be any except from those who prefer disorder to order. These two towns are in United States territory. No state government has yet been organized there. The territorial government is scarcely a government at all. It is utterly unprepared for what is happening and is in no way calculated to cope with it. Military rule for the present is the only rule that can be effective.

Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

The want of occupation is no less the plague of society than of solitude.

No is a surly, honest fellow, speaks his mind rough and round at once.

Those who never retract their opinions love themselves more than they love truth.

The real man is one who always finds excuses for others, but never excuses himself.

We are not so much troubled by the events of life as by our own reflections upon them.

The home where each member has learned to rule his or her own spirit is an ideal home.

Liberality consists less in giving much than in giving it the right way and the right moment.

The exact value of any man's religion may be determined by noticing the effect that it has on his conduct.

The woman who really wishes to refuse contents herself with saying, No. She who explains wants to be convinced.

There are many dirty roads in life; but, if you use your judgment, you may always be able to find a clean crossing.

He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper; but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstances.

The most knowing man in the course of the longest life will always have much to learn, and the wisest and best, much to improve.

Resolution, with foresight, is but a temerarious folly; and the consequences of things are the first points to be taken into consideration.

Avarice and ambition are the two elements that enter into the composition of almost all the other crimes. Ambition is boundless, and avarice is insatiable.

Have any wounded you with injuries meet them with patience; hasty words rankle the wound, soft language dresses it, forgiveness cures it, and oblivion takes away the scar.

More is got from one book on which the thought settles for a definite end in knowledge, than from libraries skimmed over by wondering eyes. A cottage flower gives honey to the bee, a king's garden none to the butterfly.

Restraint is honorable to man, and what is more, restraint is honorable, even in the lower animals. A butterfly is more free than a bee, but you honor the bee more, just because it is subject to certain laws which fit it for orderly functions in bee society.

In the course of our reading we should lay up in our minds a store of goodly thoughts in well-wrought words, which should be a living treasure of knowledge, always with us, and from which, at various times, and amidst all the shifting of circumstances, we might be sure of some comfort, guidance and sympathy.

It is the close observation of little things which is the secret of success in business, in art, in science, and in every pursuit in life. Human knowledge is but an accumulation of small facts made by successive generations of men, the little bits of knowledge and experience carefully treasured up by them growing at length into a mighty pyramid.

The enormous influence of novelty—the way in which it quickens observation, sharpens sensation, and exalts sentiment—is not half enough taken note of by us, and is to me a very comfortable matter. And yet, if we try to obtain perpetual change, change itself will become monotonous; and then we are reduced to that old despair. If water chokes, what will you drink after it? The two points of practical wisdom in the matter are, first, to be content with as little novelty as possible at a time; and secondly, to preserve as much as possible, the sources of novelty.

Change of Climate

Breaks Down the Health of an Oregon Man

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