

WHAT SHALL THE FARMERS DO TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST MONOPOLY IN THE WHEAT MARKET?

In these days when moneyed monopolies rule supreme, everything is done by the job. Even the farmer is robbed of his hard earnings by wheat sharks who meet in secret conclave at midnight, to devise means by which all the profits of the field shall flow directly into their coffers.

The question is, what shall be done to bring about the much needed and necessary equilibrium? We suggest that the wheat producers form associations; say in districts of ten miles square or less, as may be convenient; accomplish a perfect organization with suitable and honest officers; resolve to put their wheat each year into good, substantial and safe granaries, and there keep it until prices shall be offered which shall recognize the laborer worthy of his hire.

When the money is received for the grain let the association appoint a capable and honest man to go to New York and purchase the necessary supplies of groceries and clothing for the year, so that each member could have what he desired at cost and carriage. A well regulated system of this character, kept up in the State for a short time would entirely break up the wheat monopoly in the country, and bring purchasers to the feet of the producers; and then, and never till then, will they receive fair play and equal justice.

PROFOUND LOGIC.

The Bulletin is of the opinion that it would be dangerous for Congress to attempt to fix the rates of toll for freight and passengers, upon our railroads through the several States, for fear the railroad monopolists would put their heads and means together and take the country, General Grant and all. This is terrific, but in perfect keeping with the logic of the chief editor of that paper since we have known him. If the time has already come in the history of this infantile republic, when the people have lost the right to control their common carriers, then indeed is the country already in the hands of these moneyed sharks, and beyond redemption. But the people are waking up to their duty and privilege, and the Bulletin's master must succumb.

CORRESPONDENCE.

INDEPENDENCE, JAN. 27, 1873.

ED. REPUBLICAN:

Although the Christian Messenger is published within two miles of this town, yet it never sends us notice anything transpiring in our midst, for fear of offending some of its patrons residing in that thriving village, who (it is alleged,) think that the mentioning of our town in their paper, would be detrimental to their interest. Why this rivalry should exist, I could never understand, as the two places have nothing in common to strive for, and it may (as I hope) only be a garrison, nevertheless, the fact does exist that that paper never mentions anything transpiring in our town, though it may be interesting to outsiders. For that reason I have concluded to write to you occasionally, and inform you of anything that may transpire, it may be interesting to some of your subscribers and as I am sure there is no jealousy existing between our two towns, I expect you will publish them.

Since the boats have commenced running with some regularity, our town appears more business like. All the ware house men being busy shipping the 115 thousand bushels of grain that have been stored in this town since last harvest. Most of this wheat has been purchased since the last rise in the price. Though there is considerable yet on hand which is not disposed of, the owners awaiting further rise; but I am afraid they will not see it this season. We came very near having a flouring mill established here (which I think would be a good investment), but the refusal of the citizens to contribute two thousand five hundred dollars the enterprise failed. Quite an interesting debating society has lately been organized, which is in a flourishing condition. The members expect to be able to save money enough through this winter to purchase for themselves a small library of which this town stands in need, as there is hardly a single book in town to refer to on any question.

I suppose you have heard of the organization of a Farmers Club to which most of the substantial farmers of the Luckiamute and surrounding country belong. Their aim is to force the millers and speculators to pay higher prices for their wheat, and if they could induce the farmers of other counties to follow their example, I don't know but what they would succeed. Their Constitution and By Laws provide: "No member shall be allowed to dispose of his wheat for less than seventy five cents, and then only after giving the club the refusal. Should any of the members be forced to sell before it brings that price, they will take his wheat and advance him fifty cents per bushel, he paying interest on the money until the wheat is disposed of. In case the price raises and the wheat is sold, he gets his share of the advance after deducting the interest."

INVESTIGATIONS.

The Statesman says, no party ever instituted so many investigations into alleged corruptions as the present Republican party. That may be so, but it also true that no party ever had so much corruption to investigate. The truth is, that the fountain is corrupt and from it must necessarily flow corrupt streams. If there is any honest politician or Grant appointee in the party, we should like to have some of the Grant Journals point him out, so that preparations could be made for sending him to Barnum's Museum. Such a pack of political thieves as now hold the reins of this Government, was never congregated before on God's green earth. "More investigations," yes—they are so blood thirsty to rob the people and steal from each other, that they are compelled to investigate each other out, so that the spoils can be equitably adjusted. We can conceive how the thief on the cross, could be saved, but the thieves of the present decade, never.

The whole country, east of the cascade mountains and reaching to the Atlantic coast, is being visited by unusual, extreme cold weather. Many persons have frozen to death, and many others have lost their limbs.

SAN DOMINGO.

The question of the secret treaty made by General Grant with the usurper Baz for the annexation of this miserable Island of the Sea, was fully discussed in the REPUBLICAN during the last canvass as our readers well know. The mantle of hypocrisy by us then mentioned, is now full spread over our immaculate Caesar, and San Domingo is to be purchased by a private company with the people's money, and General Grant says he has no objection. Great God!

STATE NEWS.

"Our Suburban neighbor" is what Salem calls Jefferson.

The M. E. Church Sunday School at Corvallis contains 130 scholars.

Sawtelle's library, which was burned with his house at Yaquina, was worth 1,000.

Rev. N. Doane, pastor of the M. E. Church at the Dalles, received a donation visit from his parishioners last Wednesday evening.

At Corvallis several of the persons who were burned out at the late fire are in the Phoenix business—that is, they are rising from their ashes.

The Corvallis Gazette says that no real cause existed for the Slez excitement, and that the Indians were as badly scared as the whites.

In the Benton County Jail there is an individual who bids fair to outdo the Millers and Mabells in poetry. The Democrat man has seen him and heard him read some of his compositions.

A son of Henry Johnson, three miles west of Albany, was caught a few days ago by a falling tree, which he had cut down, and one of his legs were broken and a shoulder fractured. The Methodist Church at Empire City is about to be sold for debt. There are but two members in the place, according to the Advocate, and they are not full handed. The Church owes \$700.

A Douglas county paper says: There is more sickness in this county now than ever before since its settlement. The measles and whooping cough are the most prevalent. Doctors are kept busy.

The son of Mr. Packard, of Canyonville, who fell out of a mill a few days ago and fractured his skull, is recovering. A portion of the cranium was removed by a surgical operation. The little fellow is seven years old.

Corvallis College is now enjoying great prosperity, and the Faculty are laboring with untiring zeal and energy. Every county in the State is now represented in the State Agriculture Department. Spring session opens March 18th.

McMinville has two flouring mills, one planing mill, four dry good stores, two drug stores, one harness shop, two boot and shoe shops, three blacksmith shops, one furniture shop, one hotel, one paint shop, one butcher shop and a picture gallery.

The Salem Mercury says: The Governor, on Wednesday last, made out a list of lands embracing 1,840 acres selected for Capital building purposes, and caused the same to be transmitted to the La Grande office for approval; said lands being located in that district. Also a list of the same class of lands embracing 641 30/100 acres, located in the Roseburg district. Congress has donated 10 sections for this purpose.

A large meeting of farmers was expected at Corvallis last Saturday. The Gazette says: Many farmers of Benton county were, by threat of law and other means, compelled to dispose of their wheat at 50c to 55c per bushel when, in a short time thereafter, it would have readily commanded 75c to 80c per bushel. The farmers have endured this until forbearance has ceased to be a virtue, and are now moving to throw off the galling chains of serfdom that have too long bound them.

TELEGRAPHIC.

New York, January 27.—A Washington special states that the case of Phelps, Dodge & Co. was settled there for the original offer, \$260,000.

The non-appearance of Judge Boardman again prevented the hearing of Stokes' bill of exceptions.

In the Tweed trial, Samuel J. Till's examination was continued.

Washington, January 25.—Mr. Sumner is still feeling doubtful whether he will appear again in the Senate this session.

Washington, Jan. 25.—It is stated that President Grant is very desirous that General B. R. Cowan should except the office of Commissioner of Indians, Affairs, tendered him some time ago and it is now probable that he will do so.

Philadelpa, Jan. 25.—The State will probably appropriate a million and the city half a million dollars in the aid of the continental cause.

Washington, January 26.—McMillan and McKay contestants for Kellogg's vacant seat in the U. S. Senate, will act in their own behalf and for their own respective parties and will be assisted by outside counsel; but during the session of the Senate Committee on Elections these two will only be allowed to make suggestions and examine witnesses. Lynch and Longstreet, representing the Kellogg returning Board, arrived here to day from New Orleans and brought three large trunks full of documents which are supposed to be the returns from the recent elections called by the committees.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The Treasurer has informed enquirer that the terms of the syndicate are the same as heretofore with the addition that financial parties agreed to insure the Department against loss in the exchange. The arrangement will go into effect on the 20th February.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—Bismark was in the Chamber of Deputies to-day and was warmly received. He said that his retirement from the Prussian Premiership was occasioned solely by ill health. There was no disagreement between any of his colleagues and himself.

Madrid, Jan. 25.—The Committee on the Abolition of Slavery in Porto Rico presented their report to the Courts on Monday, recommending the issue of bonds to the amount of thirty million pesetas for the indemnification of slave owners. Senor Padia announced his intentions of several amendments still liberating the bill.

Santa Cruz, Jan. 27.—In the trial of Blakely for robbing the County Treasurer for the robbery of the County Treasurer, the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The man's acquittance he made while confined in the State Prison at San Quentin. After the robbery the two men proceeded a short distance from town and divided the results of their night's work, after which Mortimer went to Sacramento and his accomplice returned to his home in this county.

New York, Jan. 23.—Latest European dates assert that the most formidable opponent of Thiers is neither Gambetta nor Louis Blanc, but Jules Dufaure. His recent speech in the Assembly during the struggle between the Right and Left raised him to prominence. Dufaure was a Cabinet minister under M. Cavignac and D. Tocqueville in 1831. He retired to private life, but after a few years' seclusion entered again the arena of politics. It is hinted now that he is not averse to the idea of being taken up by the Right to be substituted for Thiers in the Presidency.

Stockholm, Jan. 25.—Felix King of Sweden, Oscar II, will be crowned on the 1st of May.

Paris, Jan. 25.—Legitimist journals reports the words of the Duc de Nemours announcing that the union of the Orleans branch with the older members of the line of the House of Bourbon is complete, and that seven Princes of the Orleans family have recognized the Count de Chambord as the rightful King of France.

London, Jan. 26.—The Queen has subscribed \$800 in the aid of the North Fleet sufferers.

Lisbon, Jan. 26.—The Empress Melia of Brazil died in this city to-day aged 61. She was married to Emperor Pedro in 1829.

Yreka, Jan. 28.—from a letter received this morning by Dr. Dean from the surgeon in the field on Lost river, we learn that on the morning of the 25th inst. the Modocs attacked Col. B. S. Sutter's camp on the southeast corner of Yule Lake. They were repulsed with the loss of one killed and three wounded, and their horses captured. No casualties on the part of the troops.

Sutter Creek, Jan. 28.—On Saturday afternoon, the miners employed by the Lincoln Gold Mining Company of this place were notified by Mr. Horne, their foreman, that hereafter the night shift would be required to work their full time on Saturday nights. Previous to this, it was customary to quit work at midnight in this and other mines in the vicinity. After a short consultation, the miners struck and quit work yesterday morning the strikers, numbering about seventy, marched to the mine and requested the men still at work to quit. Many of the men declined. To-night a large force of strikers marched to the mine and demanded the men to quit work. The men, however, held out, positively refusing to do so, and shooting commenced almost immediately by both parties. Eighteen shots were fired. One of the strikers, an Austrian, name unknown, was seriously wounded in the hip. There are no others injured. Great excitement prevails here this evening.

Valejo, Jan. 28.—A man named Gunderson had his head badly mashed while working in the navy yard. There is serious trouble brewing between England and Russia,

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