



NARROW-GAUGE RAILROADS.

The sooner the people of the different counties in the State fully realize what benefits will accrue to them from the construction of short narrow-gauge lines of railroad, the quicker will they find what is necessary for their advancement in wealth and the promotion of the general welfare; and then they will build longer lines, and have reason for rejoicing because the State has been made a network map of different lines for land transportation. People in the Eastern States, and in Colorado and elsewhere, have come to this conclusion long ago, and so profitable was the commencement line found, that with what has already been constructed, there will be at least 6,000 miles of narrow-gauge railroad in active operation within two years inside the limits of the American Union.

Heretofore we have pointed to the fact that the people of Douglas and Coos counties have the same natural inducements to build a narrow-gauge line as did the people who constructed them in Ohio and Pennsylvania; and they are found self-sustaining in Colorado, why should they not be so in Coos and Douglas counties with a grain producing district at one end of the line, and a seaport and inexhaustible coal-fields at the other, and but a very short line to be built?

It is true there has already been a movement made in favor of such a line by the citizens of Coos county; but the movement so far as we are informed—has resulted in nothing more than a series of resolutions, and, to all intents and purposes, might as well have never been made, without it might be thought, as proper in the way of an initial step in the right direction. Coos county, however is at least ahead of Douglas. Our people have not held a public meeting even, and their conduct with this regard, will never do. Had we the right to censure, we would use strong terms, and tell them they act as does Idleness, when she holds her lap open and expects it to be filled with blessings innumerable, without an effort on her own part, and then curses fortune and complains at hard times when she discovers her mistake.

If we want an increase of demand for our products, and content in old age, we must work for it. In some way the people of Douglas county must not spend their time in counting upon their fingers the wealth a narrow-gauge line will bring to them. They must work in connection with the people of Coos county, and do something for their own salvation besides building an outlet to the sea on paper.

It Was the Merchandise.

The government stamp upon a piece of paper, the greenbacker knows, gives that paper value. This was proved during the war, when the greenback remained steady, while gold went wobbling about in the most frightful manner. No, it could not have been gold that went up or down, because that, also, has the government stamp on it. But something or other fluctuated violently, and as merchandise did not have the government stamp, it must have been merchandise that flew round so strangely.

Determined for the Right.

Independents everywhere are pleased with the course pursued by this paper. We are gratified to know this to be true. The people's cause is our own, since we are one of the people; and that they are determined in favor of the right serves us as a stimulant in all our work in their favor. So long as we know we are with the people our desire will be to serve them to the best of our ability; whenever we fail it will be when we are not properly informed.

SECTIONALISM.

"A solid North" and "a solid South" are the captions just now to political articles in various newspapers. If the paper is Democratic in politics, the latter is the heading of the leading article; if Republican, then we see the words, "A solid North" staring us in the face in bold capital letters. It seems from this that both parties want something solid, and either is content if its organs can possibly make it appear that there is a solid section in its favor anywhere.

But where is the patriotism in all this? There is nothing more than the drawing of sectional lines, and the announcement that through party prejudices and party strife there must remain what existed long before the war—a divided country—a North and South. Who are the mischief-makers? What is there wrong in our laws? It must be that the leaders of the factions whose insane acts and unparliamentary motives on both sides brought about the rebellion, are again coming into office, and again would engender strife between sections for their own chance of aggrandisement, even though by so doing the perpetuity of the Union was once more endangered.

Time may prove that the struggle is to be renewed. It will be sectionalism is to be a feature in the government. The only hope against this proposition is that the people will have too much good sense to be led the wrong way by leading political cormorants. Without they put on the check, and are independent of party, it may be that the darkest hour of the Republic is yet to come.

To Protect its Rights.

A Washington dispatch says: "The mission of the Chinese embassy to this country is said to be to protect the rights of the Peking government in case any legislation is attempted to reverse the Burlingame treaty, so as to give this government some control of the matter of Chinese immigration. The Chinese have an idea founded upon demands made by congressmen from the Pacific coast, that to bring the control of immigration solely within the power of the United States is virtually to prohibit it. It is believed that if such action is insisted upon by congress, China will take steps to prohibit American immigration to China to the extent that Chinese immigration is prohibited in the United States. To guard well the interests of China in this respect is said to be the specific duty of Chin Lan Pin and his suite, in coming to the United States."

Newspaper Change.

The last issue of the Plaindealer announces the retirement of W. H. Byars from that paper, and that C. Y. Benjamin has purchased the same. While engaged in the newspaper business Mr. Byars and the editor of the INDEPENDENT have had some bitter arguments, and most probably from the fact he did not know us better; now that he is no longer in the position he occupied then we say to him we bear no malice, (and we never did so), and wish him success in whatsoever he engages. To the new proprietor we extend the fraternal hand of the craft, coupled with the hope that he may meet with great success financially.

Where Have they Gone?

Where have those Republicans gone who were so bitterly cursing Hayes' policy just prior to the late State elections—those blood-and-thunder fellows who had no mercy in their hearts for the Southern people? Since the President's olive branch was proven to be in accordance with the wishes of a majority of the people, and therefore good policy, we have not seen one of them around. If there is one in the county he is speaking with a weak, small voice just now.

First Call of the Season.

The first New Year's call of 1879 will be on John Sherman by a prodigal who has been going up and down the land these many years with "This is a dollar" tacked to his greenback. The poor fellow will be taken in and redeemed, and his life of vagabondage will be over. Thereafter he'll be as good as gold.

NOT ROMANCE.

The Oregonian of the 12th inst. has the following: Senator Mitchell, it appears, has been rousing again. On the 29th ult. he told the Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Mail that "had he been home two weeks in advance of the meeting of the Legislature he would have been re-elected; and, as it was, he came within twelve votes of an election to a Democratic legislature." The record shows, if we mistake not, that he got two votes out of ninety, after failing utterly to obtain a caucus endorsement from the Republican minority. On the whole, therefore, a reasonable doubt may be entertained as to his coming so near a reelection.

There was as little romance in what Mitchell said to the correspondent of the Eastern paper as any one can well imagine; the history of the last Senatorial contest, in fact, if rightly written, would prove the truthfulness of his words.

It is true he was not endorsed by the Republican caucus; neither was any other Republican endorsed; but Mitchell would have received such endorsement the moment enough Democratic votes had come over to him to make his election certain. The Republican managers could only hope to elect the Senator through shuffling, and their failure to endorse any Republican was but a ruse to lull Democrats into fanciful security by apparent internal dissatisfaction until the time for action came through an advantage gained.

Eastern Oregon members gave many to understand that unless Slater was nominated in caucuses before the first ballot in joint convention was held they would vote for Mitchell's re-election. They were afraid to commence balloting before a caucus nomination was made, for the reason they believed Gen. Lane would be elected; and, as they had votes enough to do as they pleased, they simply left it with the party to choose between Mitchell and Slater. Having no other alternative, the party voted for Slater.

These are facts generally known to those who were in Salem and closed watched the contest; and they stand as proof undeniable in favor of the story told by Mitchell to the eastern newspaper's correspondent.

Knows How it is Himself.

Mrs. Belle W. Cooke, under the caption of "Gossip," thus writes to the point in a late number of the Salem Statesman: I do not believe this is such a bad world after all. If you want anything long enough, just keep on and never let up; it will most always come to you, in some shape. Of course it is more satisfying if you can help it along, or work to get it in some way; but if you do your best, and cannot seem to help yourself, I think in most cases something "turns up," as Mearns has it, and you gain your reasonable desires.

Death of an Able Editor.

Wednesday evening W. H. Newell, editor of the Walla Walla Statesman, departed this life. At this time it is impossible for us to speak of the deceased as we knew him when learning the art preservative under his wise direction. Like many others who were well acquainted with him we deplore the death of one who was an able writer and ever a warm-hearted friend. May God have received his soul in heaven.

Justice Will be Done.

There are men who will assert, contrary to facts so far set forth, that the committee of investigation now sitting at Salem, will not bring forth the proof as they find them. Nobody would say this if they were personally acquainted with Mr. Galloway, of Yamhill. He will spare no one's faults, and he is an honest man, and his aim is justice to all.

A New Paper.

We have received a copy of the Seattle Daily Post, published at Seattle W. T. It is edited by our old friend, Kirk C. Ward, a gentleman for whom we have the warmest personal friendship. We wish you success, old friend, and that prosperity which your sprightly daily paper eminently deserves.

The Casting Vote.

Indiana will have the casting vote if the election of President is thrown into the House of Representatives, since her people have elected to Congress a greenbacker who says he will vote for a greenback man first, a Democrat second and a Republican last.

Don't Condemn Him Yet.

Common charity and justice demand that ex-Governor Chadwick be not condemned for wrongdoing until the proof is furnished. What right has any man to bear witness against his neighbor without positive proof of his neighbor's guilt, or a personal knowledge of such fact? The answer is plain—none at all.

Wants to Know His Policy.

The New York Tribune of the 6th urges Secretary Sherman, in view of the popular expression favoring resumption, to announce specifically his policy on that issue, indicating what steps he proposes to take to equalize gold and paper in the market value, and also whether he proposes resumption in silver only. It suggests the withdrawal of small notes in favor of silver and the payment of gold freely in advance of the day fixed for resumption.

NEW TO-DAY.

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