

The early development and prosperity of a section adds to the material wealth of the whole nation, as well as to the advancement of the people directly benefited. It has ever been the policy of the national government to foster and develop our commercial resources by from time to time making such appropriations for the improvement of our rivers and harbors, as was necessary to furnish an outlet to the sea, the great highway for international commerce, and furnish a market for the industries of our people, as each section of our broad domain became populated by the advance guard of civilization. These appropriations are usually expended and improvements made by the executive department of the government. The benefits derived are proportionate to the intelligence of the war department, to which they are referred, or the skill and wisdom of the person to whom each specific work is intrusted. During the last session of Congress liberal appropriations for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the Pacific slope were passed, in opposition to the executive, and by the terms of the bill much was left to the discretion of the Secretary of War, in applying some of the most important appropriations for this section. So far but little or nothing has been done by that degenerate son of a noble sire, who occupies the position of Secretary of War, Robert Lincoln. This great "boobey," thinking to make a drive at the committee on commerce in his report to Congress, took occasion to say that in the last river and harbor bill there were appropriations not in the interest of commerce. Congressman Page, chairman of the committee on commerce, reported a resolution to the House, which was adopted, calling upon the Secretary to point out the appropriations which were not for the benefit of commerce. The Secretary, in response to the resolution, called upon General Wright, chief of engineers, and requested him to prepare such list. The General was surprised at the request and promptly informed him that he knew of no such appropriations. He however, had a list prepared which he has sent to Congress, which he claims are no benefit to commerce, among which are the majority of the appropriation for the Pacific slope. The rivers and harbors named and the reasons assigned, at once expose the ignorance of the great incubus, and confirm what was said of his intelligence during his father's administration, which won for him the sobriquet of "Dobbeey. If we fail to receive adequate benefits from the appropriations which our Congressmen and Senators have obtained, it will be attributable to the unpardonable ignorance at the head of the war department, which in this instance, completely proves the fallacy of hereditary greatness of fitness for office. Representative Page, in answer to a direct inquiry whether the House commerce committee would in the face of the report of Secretary Lincoln undertake to put through a river and harbor bill this year, said they most assuredly would; that the committee intended to frame a reply to the Secretary's report, which would show that he had made some very wild statements. He said that among the list of harbors the Secretary said would not be benefited by the expenditure of money appropriated, was Plymouth harbor, Massachusetts, and yet the President had sent to Congress a special recommendation for this appropriation. He said it would be news to the Pacific coast that the Sacramento river is not a navigable stream, yet it waters carried on vessels for hundreds of miles and had a large commerce. Page said that the bill would be drawn and passed making appropriations for all rivers and harbors where it appeared that appropriations heretofore made would be exhausted by next July, notwithstanding the President's recommendation.

A Buffalo paper says "the result of the election was hailed by the old contractors' ring with delight, because it took away from the head of the city government the man whom they hated and feared." This sounds bad enough for Buffalo, in one sense, because she loses a good mayor; but, as a part of the State of New York, she can congratulate herself on having a good Governor. All he has to do now is to become a terror to the State ring, and next he will probably smash the federal ring.

A WASHINGTON dispatch of late date says that the President has approved the act to reimburse Oregon and California citizens for moneys paid in the suppression of Indian hostilities during the Medoc war.

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THE RESTRICTION ACT.

The Republicans and people generally, in the East, do no more comprehend the Chinese question than they understand the Indian. The telegraph informs us that the Attorney General has given an opinion that prohibition against Chinese entering our ports applies only to laborers and others intending to remain in the United States, and that the law does not prohibit Chinese of any condition landing in or traveling through the country whose purpose is to go elsewhere. Under such a ruling, the restriction act is utterly worthless and amounts to nothing. Ten thousand Chinamen can land here to-morrow and on simply their word that they propose going to New York and thence to Cuba, or perhaps to England, every one of them could safely stay within five hundred miles of this city and never be molested. There is not one heathen in fifty known from one another on our streets after he is landed, and what is to prevent them, after once landing, asserting that they had a residence here prior to the passage of the restriction act. If a dozen white men were to swear that a particular Chinaman had come subsequent to the passage of the restriction act, a hundred Chinamen would soon be ready to swear he was born here, if 100 years of age. There is absolutely no security against the influx of the Chinese, if this opinion is taken by the Federal officers, and coming from the Attorney General, it is an official order which they must obey. We may not expect to see them, under this ruling, to come here by the cargo. They are sharp enough not to land in bulk at our wharves, but they will land in British Columbia and Lower California, and in squads make their way into the interior of California and Oregon, and no power will be found to prevent them from becoming permanent inhabitants in the first town they strike. In case a Chinaman arrives here, under this opinion, and the law officer attempts to refuse him a landing, and he claims he has come to Oregon in order to go to Victoria, whose duty will it be to see that he goes; or, he states he wishes to go to New York and thence to Europe, who will follow the movements of such, and see that he goes. Under such a rule as this, the restriction act should at once be repealed and not allowed to stand as a lie upon the statute books. It is a face of the most palpable character, and shows the utter dishonesty of the Republican party which has claimed so much devotion and love for the laboring classes. So far every case decided under the restriction act has been against the law, and it is probable that the Republicans who voted for the bill knew it was of no value when they did so and Arthur signed the bill with the same knowledge. A law passed and placed in unfriendly hands to be carried out, as a rule, amounts to but little and in this case to nothing. [Stand.

REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE has introduced a bill to-day asking for the following appropriations for the north-west Pacific coast, principally in accordance with the estimate of the engineers in charge: For the permanent improvement of the mouth of the Columbia river, \$500,000; additional appropriation for the harbor of refuge at Port Orford, \$450,000; locks at the cascades, \$50,000; lower Willamette and Columbia rivers from Portland to the sea, \$125,000; Coos bay, \$75,000; Yaquina bay, \$140,000; Columbia and Snake rivers, \$56,000; Coquille, Upper Willamette and Yamhill, \$31,000; Umpqua river \$12,000; Cowitz river, \$3,000; Youngs river, \$1,000; Lewis river, \$2,500; Siuslaw river survey, \$1,500; Tillamook survey, \$1,500; Alsea river, \$2,500.

STATE UNIVERSITY.—Word has been received from Mr. Villard expressing his willingness to comply with his proposition to endow the University of Oregon with \$50,000, provided the State Legislature would make certain provisions. The conditions having been met at the last legislative session, Mr. Villard will place in the hands of regents \$50,000 in Northern Pacific six per cent bonds, interest payable semi-annually. If, however, at any future time, the board of regents can secure a more profitable investment of the fund, they are at liberty to do so. So soon as there are available funds, many plans looking toward the general improvement of the University will be matured. Mr. E. E. Burke, a graduate of the University, has been employed already as a tutor in the institute and will commence his labors next Monday. He is well adapted for the position, and the board of regents are to be congratulated on his selection. The regents also hope to soon establish a reading room in the University, the nucleus of a fund for that purpose being a \$100 donation by Mr. Henry Failing, of Portland. The University will be grateful for future additions to this fund from any desiring to contribute.

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