

AT LAST.

It is never too late to make a movement in the right direction, and while we are sorry that the Dalles did not inaugurate the river transportation project years ago, as advocated by the Times-Mountaineer, we are glad that an effort is now being made with every indication of being successful of utilizing the river as a means of transportation to seaboard.

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for our goods, we should not kill this great industry. There is considerable sagacity in Mr. Blaine, and he may be able to overcome this difficulty, and so frame the provisions of the treaties that no unfair competition will be allowed. It cannot be expected that reciprocity will suit all classes of citizens, and the better plan is to frame such measures as will receive the least objections from, and confer the greatest benefit on the people.

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HEROIC TREATMENT.

The northwest is in open revolt against the Union Pacific railroad company, and is seeking relief by every possible means from the extortionate rates imposed upon them. Walls, Walla and Pasco have organized a steamboat company, and will soon have craft on the Columbia river between the later place and Celilo. The Dalles should do something to meet this movement a factor of development, and some connection with Celilo should be immediately inaugurated.

Great excitement has been created in Washington City by the fact becoming known that President Harrison has purchased property at Glen Echo, a suburb of the capital, and the mump and Democratic press have criticized him severely. We can see no reason for debaring the executive of the nation from dealing in real estate any more than other citizens.

The diplomatic correspondence between Secretary Blaine and Premier Salisbury is not published, and therefore it is difficult to form an opinion upon the merits of the controversy. Of course, it is patriotic to uphold our country whether right or wrong, and view with prejudicial favor any position assumed by our officials. But, truth is truth wherever found, whether on the side of our most inveterate enemy or in the position taken by our most steadfast friends.

The Dalles is properly situated to maintain its prestige as the center of trade for Eastern Oregon. Even if the railroad does everything to kill the city it can yet live and prosper. By placing boats on the Columbia river it will welcome into the field of competition the Canadian Pacific, a company with sufficient capital to hold its own in any contest, and which does not now receive a pound of freight from the inland Empire except over the line of the Union Pacific.

The Spanish blood in Central America is again at boiling heat, and the dispatches to-day report war in San Salvador. There has been peace for a long time in these countries, and even in Mexico there has not been the usual revolution for many years. But the world couldn't "jog along" in this quiet way in that portion of the western hemisphere, and blood-letting seems to be necessary with Latin races occasionally, to show that the people are in a normal condition.

POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE.

What is Republicanism and what is Democracy are pertinent questions to every citizen who votes conscientiously and as his judgment dictates. If a man believes in the national platform adopted by either party it will attract him to the organization; but it is not necessary to sacrifice his manhood, intelligence and independence by supporting and defending every wrong perpetrated by members of the party.

The prohibition excitement which passed over the country like wild fire a few years ago has died out in a certain measure. Of course, there are very many people who believe that the only way to regulate the liquor traffic is by prohibitory measures, and that to drink liquor of any kind is a species of crime which should be punishable by fine or imprisonment.

If the River and Harbor bill is not passed this session the northwest will receive a set back that will take years to recover. Public improvements have been at a stand still for the past year, and another season of inaction will work a great injury. The development of this portion of the northwest depends upon an open river, and every year this is postponed rivets the chains of a monopoly more firmly around the producers.

We have heard little or nothing of the Union Labor party since they elected Governor Penneyer in June. Perhaps in 1892 they may be sufficiently organized to enter the presidential campaign, and lend aid to the Democracy by drawing votes from Republican ranks. This would be good Democratic tactics, and we have not seen a third party movement for years that we did not think had a Democratic god-father or god-mother.

Chicago will be excelsior. London has undertaken the task of building a tower to overshadow the Eiffel one at Paris, and now Chicago is about to spend \$20,000,000 to build an immense pyramid of steel and iron that will reach several hundred feet higher than the London construction. There is too much fog inhaled by the native Cockney for him to possess anything like the cleverness of the active and energetic Chicagoan.

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