

THE BOAT RAILWAY

In the first issue of this paper under its present management, it was prominently advocated the opening of the Columbia, above The Dalles. There has been more or less feeling in the country east of us that The Dalles was selfish in its demand for an open river, and that with the opening of the locks and canal at the Cascades, but interest ceased. This is not true. Although the locks are not yet completed, The Dalles, owing to the sharp competition of the D. P. & A., boat line is enjoying reduced freight rates that are of incalculable value to her. With the removal of the obstructions between this point and Celilo, all of Eastern Oregon and Washington would get, as we do, the benefit of reduced freight rates. We have not forgotten that promise but we have been slow about taking hold of the matter because of the opening of the river to be best to advocate. We had but little faith in a ship railroad, we realize that the government will not under any circumstances build a portage railroad, and in view of the report of the engineer's recommendation of the boat railway, that a canal seems to be an impossibility. For these reasons, and for the further reasons that an appropriation has already been made for a boat railway, and the preliminary survey completed, we believe that it is the only plan that has any chance of being put in execution. We do not profess to know anything about boat railways, but the United States engineers, who do understand them, pronounce the boat railway feasible and in fact better than a canal, and more quickly operated. Congress meets in December and the matter of an appropriation should be urged by the entire press not only of Eastern Oregon, but by the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The money expended in the only plan that opened but a small section of territory to the benefits of an open river, but it was necessary to the plan of utilizing the Columbia. Now that the locks at the Cascades are nearing completion, work on the obstructions here should be begun, that all of the Inland Empire, as well as The Dalles might get the benefit of the work. Senator Mitchell in advocating the work at the Cascades, gathered a mass of statistics concerning the immense trade to be developed, and the vast quantity of products the country produces, and that he will use these figures to back up the further improvement of the Columbia goes without saying. Let the papers of the Northwest, regardless of politics stand together in demanding the improvement of the river, and let them begin now.

PER CENT OF CHARITY

The dispatches state that when the decision of the U. S. court of appeals in the case of the United States against the Standard Oil Company was public at Stanford university the greatest enthusiasm prevailed among the students. "They went wild, shaking hands, hugging each other and yelling themselves hoarse. Steam whistles were blown, and students with horns and tin cans were making out the campus making as much noise as possible. A grand parade was held in the evening." This demonstration serves to prove that the jury will not convict the hog thief, so long as the individual members thereof get a portion of the pork. Stanford and associates beat the government out of \$75,000,000 in a way that only the magnitude of the amount prevented it from being classed as larceny. At the close, or about the close of a long, long day, when the case taken from him his only child, and old age had removed all ability to enjoy life, Stanford eased his conscience by devoting 25 per cent of his ill-gotten gains to founding an educational institution, partly for philanthropy, but principally for the perpetuation of the name and virtues of Stanford. The enthusiastic hilarity of the young Americans at the university was caused by a decision of the courts, which however correct technically allowed the steel to become complete and without a remedy. Had the decision gone the other way, no doubt there would have been mourning deep and sincere among these same students. As it is, it may be set down as a fact that the man who robs all the people at the time to give a portion of his stealings to a part of the people, part of the time, will win the gratitude of a part of the people all the time. Nearly 25 per cent of Stanford's stealings were devoted to a good cause, when he had no further use for them, so it seems that the only way to cover a multitude of sins, but that 25 per cent charity will cover 75 per cent of crime.

THE LAWS OF TRADE

When the American people abandon the idea of protection to commerce at the mercy of the money power. If a nation, a corporation or an individual is so situated that the prices of the products are made by the purchaser and not by the producer, a failure in a business sense is an inevitable result. The price of wheat is made by the purchaser in Liverpool and the output of our factories are in as bad a dilemma by the prevalence of the Cleveland idea of non-protection. Before we can be in a prosperous condition as a nation we must be free from the ban of British domination. The price of our silver and our wheat, especially, are in the keeping of the kings of Lombardy street. Those two important products of the great west are manipulated to the ruin of what would be under normal conditions the most prosperous of our agricultural and mineral states.

STIR IT UP

The Privilege Review devoted a great portion of its space last week to the discussion of the Cascade Forest Reserve, and the gross injustice of reserving sheepmen the privilege of pasturing their flocks thereon. The question is an important one, and should be agitated until the senseless ruling is revoked. The sheepmen are engaged in injuring, protecting the forests, and as we have before suggested, a comparison of the forests where sheep range with those where they do not, shows that the latter have dozens of fires when the former have none. The heavy forest fires are most numerous where the hunting parties from Portland are usually on the west side of the mountains and in the Coast Range, while the sheep are mostly herded on the eastern slope. The reservation should never be made, but now that it is made, it is absurd to prevent the pasturing of flocks thereon. As a matter of fact, it is simply a game preserve, set aside at the behest of the Portland Rod and Gun Club.

BETWEEN THE LINES

"Senator Mitchell is accompanied by Congressman Ellis, of whom nobody knows very much and of whom nobody seems anxious to know anything. He has not been in congress long enough to let the people know the kind of a muddle out of which he is made, and his nearest and dearest friends, not being able to show wherein he improves with age or experience, are perturbed lest his lease of political life shall be limited to a few more brief months. He is accompanied by his factotum, one of the crew of Patterson, who did the exclusive thinking for the Morrow county Republicans during the last session of the Oregon legislature, and who so splendidly distinguished themselves in a successful engagement as "all around champions."

A WHIFPER OF HISTORY

We clip the following from the Pendleton Tribune of the 16th: "Marcus W. McKellips, in an article on the 'Conditions in the Country,' after quoting prices now received for farm products and livestock at his home in Holland, N. Y., says: 'Such ridiculously low prices I never saw. I have inquired of several dealers in produce, livestock and poultry what,

ANGELL'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

"Our Dumb Animals," published by the Massachusetts society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, has broken loose in a new place. One George T. Angell, who is an Italian, has his signature appended to most of the reading matter, and gives his address as "19 Milk street, Boston." From the milk and water character of George T's writings we judge the location was selected after much deep and business-trying thought on his part. Among the gems of thought mingled with infinite toil from George's mind is the following taken from an article on the life on our "Great White Ironclads." In speaking of boys joining the navy and going to sea on one of these "great pieces of machinery" he says:

"We think it almost as bad business for boys as going out on recommendation of your yellow dime literature to fight Indians, who are a hundred times better and more peaceable than the white ruffians that live around them."

It will be seen from this that George's knowledge of the Indian and us "white ruffians that live around them" is not by any manner of means limited. The profound research into matters pertaining to "border ruffians" which George's writing shows, must infallibly have weakened any intellect more strong than his. But George's opinions were not confined to any one subject. Oh! dear no. His thoughts evoked another think, which he gives form to as follows:

"In an address we gave to about three thousand coaches, drivers and teamsters in the Boston Theater some years ago we told the story of 'The Bad Man of Naples' who was kind to donkeys, and, who falling to enter any opinion as to human beings, was received and permitted to join the donkeys to whom he had been so kind, and we said that we would rather pass a thousand years with the four-legged donkeys than with some two-legged ones we had known. The audience seemed to agree with us in that conclusion."

FINANCIAL OPINIONS

The Capital Journal yesterday said: "THE TIMES-MOUNTAINEER under Democratic control echoes the TIMES-MOUNTAINEER under Republican control on the money question. Both echo Harvey Scott, Carlisle, Cleveland and the C—!"

THE VENEZUELAN QUESTION

Position Taken by This Government Some Time Ago. LONDON, Oct. 16.—A representative of the Associated Press has obtained from the best source the following statement as to the state of the Venezuelan question: "Ambassador Bayard presented a long note to the Marquis Salisbury on the Venezuelan question some weeks ago, stating at length the views of the United States government and the rules and policy which guide us on such questions arising between European governments and one of the American republics. Up to the present no reply has been given, and since it advances a doctrine of such great importance and wide application, the matter will engage the serious attention of the British government for some time."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mrs. Cora Thomas, a colored lady, has sued the Baker City Democrat for \$10,000 damages to her reputation. Colored reputations come high in Baker City.

George T. Angell, editor of "Our Dumb Animals" says: "We speak for those that cannot speak for themselves." It strikes us after reading George's dissertation, that the most cruel thing that ever happened to the dumb animals came in the selection of a muddle. And the paper is published on Milk street, in the literary north pole of the world, too.

The Pendleton Tribune makes some rather bitter criticisms of the New York World, and San Francisco Examiner. In speaking of the former it says that it is the only paper that comes out boldly against enforcement of the Sunday law. Our contemporary has evidently not been reading the New York Sun.

The dispatches announce the sudden activity of twenty or more volcanoes in Alaska. This phenomenon is explainable on the theory that the combustion of the state Democracy of New York City with Dr. Parkhurst and the Republican contingent known as the "Goo-goo's" hasca used an extra pressure on the surface there that found vent in the craters of Alaska.

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