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OUR REPRESENTATIVES AT WASHINGTON.

The following items about Oregon's representatives and their doings and plans were telegraphed from Washington last Monday:

At the first opportunity Senator Mitchell will introduce the same bill which he presented last year, to repeal all laws, whether treaties or acts of Congress, which permit Chinese immigration. He says the general impression that his bill would prohibit or prevent commerce between China and the United States is erroneous. It will only indirectly have a bearing on the trade relations of the two countries, in so far as it absolutely prohibits the coming of Chinese to this country except those who come in Government capacities. John Sherman is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and as he desires to please both the East and the West in his action on the Chinese question, it is not probable that he will go to the length reached by Senator Mitchell's bill. It is understood that Senator Sherman is in favor of some amendments to the present law which will effectually exclude Chinese laborers from this country, and which at the same time will not offend the sentiments of the East.

Senator Mitchell will introduce a bill to protect purchasers of land from the Northern Pacific railroad in case there is a forfeiture of the land granted to that corporation between Walla Walla and Portland. He will also introduce a bill to reimburse those settlers who were compelled to pay \$250 an acre for public land within the limits of the land grants which subsequently became forfeited, the settlers receiving no benefit by the building of railroads because none were built, while other public land has been sold at 1.25 per acre; a bill to provide for the appropriation of \$1,300,000 for continuing the improvements at the mouth of the Columbia river; also \$750,000 for the improvement of the docks of the Cascades, and appropriations for Yaquina and Coos bays. He will introduce the bill which was favorably reported by a Senate committee during the last session of congress appropriating \$200,000 for the construction of a boat railroad at the Dalles of the Columbia.

Representative Thompson, of the First California district, has been here a number of days. He is becoming familiar with the routine work in the departments, and he has outlined much of his work for the coming session. He desires to be placed on the committee on river and harbor. Gen. Vandever also prefers this committee to any other. Hermann of Oregon also desires a place on the same committee. For a number of years California has been represented on this committee. In the last congress Markham served upon it. Of all the committees on which it is possible for California or the Pacific coast to get a place, this is the most desirable one. Thompson wants to secure a large appropriation for Humboldt bay. Vandever is anxious to get large sums of money for harbors in Southern California, and Hermann represents a state which has many urgent claims for improvement of its rivers and harbors. The contest of these three members will undoubtedly be very active. Mr. Thompson called upon the president, yesterday, and had a pleasant interview with him upon general subjects.

THE SEAL FISHERY BUSINESS.

The importance of the seal fishery business to this country is not fully realized, and the statement that efforts will be made during the next session of congress to practically destroy that business by taking such action as will throw open the Alaska fisheries to the world, and thus insure the total extinction of the seals, does not receive the notice that the importance of the question demands.

A San Francisco paper says: "The pretext is that the monopoly of the Alaska seal fur company must be terminated. The fact is there is no such monopoly. The government when Alaska was purchased determined to preserve the fur seals from extinction. It was then known elsewhere that the fur-bearing seal was rapidly becoming extinct, and would soon be as unknown as the dodo. It was known also that this was the result of wasteful pursuit of these animals. The men who hunted them were interested only in a good season's catch, regardless of a future when they did not expect to see."

"We had lessons already in the barrenness of our inland waters by the thoughtless destruction of the food fish, and in the detouring of great tracts by carelessness and greed we had incurred the penalty of increased aridity and austerity of climate, and by destroying the haunts of birds had multiplied the insect enemies of important crops."

"Our government applied these examples of what to avoid by entering upon the policy of preserving the fur seals of Alaska, and that policy has produced the finest seal fur in the world. The needs of commerce have been met by an adequate supply, which has been so carefully and scientifically withdrawn that the animals have increased instead of diminishing in number. To do this it was necessary to secure system and responsibility in taking of seals, and there was no other road to these than the renting of the catch to one company, whose operation would be policed and prevented from degenerating into a greedy destruction which would wipe out the last resort on earth of this valuable animal. Hence it is that it is not only, properly, a permanent

monopoly. It is just such a regulation as defends fish in spawning time, as protects deer in the breeding season, as preserves the game bird from the pot hunter while the young are hatched and reared, and as saves forests from fire and ax.

"Out of this preservation has grown a dispute over the status of Behring's sea as closed waters, and our point may have to be yielded; but if so, we may still pursue scientific slaughter upon the landing grounds of the seal, and the hunt in the open water cannot as rapidly destroy them as if it were upon land where they are defenseless."

"But now it is proposed to open the grounds to all comers, under a lack of conditions that will permit any sort of protection, for the present navy of the United States, if located in those distant regions, could not police against the cunning of the myriad of seal-hunters who will ravage the rookery. We do not think such policy wise. All men may read its results in the extinction of the seal on all the landing grounds within the jurisdiction of Great Britain."

This statement undoubtedly presents the truth of the matter, and it should receive the prompt and active attention of every person interested, and that means the whole country.—Herald-Disseminator.

Congress met last Monday for the purpose, we suppose, of inflicting upon the public its wasted energies in doing something wonderfully foolish. That is about the size of these annual inflections. We suppose every member has gone puffed up with his own great importance and believing he will be the man above all others, to whom the United States owes its present existence. We trust, however, that the present congress may be one whose every action shall be the outgrowth of true and unselfish wisdom; that everything done shall be of the most wholesome kind, and that all its enactments may be made free from those complexities which so often render them almost void of utility.

Sen. Dolph intends to introduce an amendment to the constitution of the United States at the coming session of congress relative to general legislation in regard to marriage and divorce. His amendment will have a bearing on the admission of Utah as a State. He says, however, he would be opposed to the admission of Utah, even if his amendment were adopted. Following is the text of his amendment: "Congress shall have power to legislate upon the subject of marriage and divorce, general laws applicable alike to all states and territories, and neither bigamy nor polygamy shall exist or be permitted within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

The heavy law-suits that grew out of the failure of W. F. Owens, manager of the Grange's Business Association of Roseburg, have nearly all been decided against the farmers of Douglas county, who were his sureties. Many of these have been ruined.

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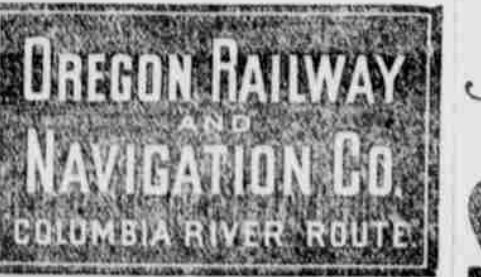
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- Prize 3rd. One set glassware
- Prize 4th. Pair ladies' sleeve buttons
- Prize 5th. Bell butter dish
- Prize 6th. Pair elegant vases
- Prize 7th. Plush autograph album
- Prize 8th. Framed picture, 15x20
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- Prize 10th. Pr. gent's sleeve buttons.
- Prize 11th. Crystal compass
- Prize 12th. Set majolica plates
- Prize 13th. One cake stand
- Prize 14th. Set ice cream dishes
- Prize 15th. Dec. tea set, 44 pieces.

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- Prize 3rd. One box of paints
- Prize 4th. One pair vases
- Prize 5th. Fancy ink-stand
- Prize 6th. Bow and arrows
- Prize 7th. One scrap album
- Prize 8th. Book, "Chatter-box"
- Prize 9th. One basket
- Prize 10th. 50 cts. worth of candy

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