

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The republicans made much of the motto "protection" but the word covers a counterfeit and a swindle. In the last analysis we find that it protects the classes but not the masses, and under a government by the people that it is sure to be fatal in the end.—Jacksonville Times.

They have no use for a prohibition party in Nevada. Very nearly complete returns from the Sage Brush state show only eight votes cast for General Fisk. We imagine these eight men are tenderfeet; that is to say they are not yet acclimated, and are unfamiliar with the ways of the country.—Salt Lake Herald.

SOME shares of national bank stock, of the par value of \$100 each, sold at auction the other day in New York for over \$3000 each. That is, while the bankers and bond-holders have made over 300 per cent, under the high tariff system, the farmers have been mortgaging their farms, and the workmen have been receiving lower and lower wages.

THE fact that California and Oregon give republican majorities show that the Chinese question on this coast is a dead issue; that the people desire the Chinamen to come and that employers propose to employ cheap labor even if the workingman starves. In other words, they believe that a Chinaman is as good as a white man as long as he behaves himself.

A CORRESPONDENT asks: "If General Harrison were to die before the meeting of the Electoral College, would it be necessary to have another election, or would Morton be chosen President?" In the event of General Harrison's death, the electors would be free to select any other man, and they would not necessarily be bound to take Morton, though they would probably do so.

DURING President Cleveland's administration, according to the official figures now published 83,158,990 acres of the public domain were restored to the people from the grasp of corporations, which were unlawfully holding it with the aid and connivance of previous administrations. You may mark it down, however, that no more land will be taken from the corporations after next March.

THE fish commissioner has written to Senator Dolph that he proposes to take up and ship, in January next, a carload of lobsters and white fish to the coast of Oregon. The car will be dispatched from Wood's Hill, with a number of mature lobsters, sufficient to establish several colonies at suitable points on the coast of Oregon and Washington territory. At Northville station some seven or eight millions of white fish eggs will be taken on and hatched enroute. The white fish will be planted in Wyoming and Dakota, as well as in Oregon.

THERE is one person holding office under the President whom Washingtonians will be sorry to lose, and that is the charming woman who holds the office of his wife. She has endeared herself by a thousand graceful and thoughtful acts. In her persistent effort to eradicate the "fast set" from society, in her acts of charity and benevolence, in all her associations, Mrs. Cleveland has won people to her. Mr. Cleveland may have made mistakes. His wife has made none. And in the social world her difficulties have not been few, even in comparison with the difficulties that beset a President.

O, THESE trusts are of no interest to farmers and stock-raisers; of course not. They are entirely "private affairs." In the investigation now going on in Chicago it was proven that although cattle bring a higher price in eastern markets than they did three years ago, the price received by the western stock growers is fifty per cent less. Mr. Jefferson Reynolds, of Las Vegas, New Mexico, testified that five years ago he got \$37 a head for cattle and now only \$14. By the way, we believe President-elect Harrison is a member of one of these little "private affairs," which are robbing the western cattle growers of half the worth of their cattle.—E. O.

REGARDING CERTAIN RIGHTS.

Our Portland neighbors have a perfect right to start a newspaper in Eastern Oregon and to use its columns in educating our people to believe that high taxation is the road to wealth. We also grant that they may teach our Eastern Oregon farmer that he can only secure a market for his grain and other farm products by taxing himself from 50 to 150 per cent, on everything he consumes, for this is a question of governmental policy on which men may differ. We also grant that they may call this paper the Oregon Blade or give it any other name that may suit their fancy, so long as that in so doing they do not infringe on the rights of some other enterprising citizen who may have appropriated such name prior thereto. We also grant that our neighbors may place the enterprise under the management of any man they choose. But our people have other questions, purely local, that interest only the people of Eastern Oregon. They have property rights and other questions to settle among themselves that can only be settled in the courts, and on such questions we deny the right of outside parties to interfere. Our people have a right to have their litigation settled with the least possible cost to themselves and to that end have a right to a statute creating a term of the supreme court in our own territory, thereby saving to each litigant from \$50 to \$500 in each case that must go to that court for final settlement. While our Portland neighbors might and doubtless would get a slice of this extra expense in a majority of cases that go from Eastern Oregon to Salem, yet we protest that this selfish meddling to the detriment of our local interests is contemptible. The claim that we have no library in Eastern Oregon is false. The Bar of Pendleton alone, we are reliably informed, has over 5000 well selected law books. We are pleased to note, however, that the majority of our Eastern Oregon exchanges favor having a term of the supreme court in this section of the state. Even the Salem Statesman, which would hardly be expected to favor a move of the kind, says in regard to this matter:

If there is no constitutional objection, the proposition is a fair one, and just to the people of that portion of the state. It would be a great saving of time and expense to litigants and the extra inconvenience to the judges could be remedied by an increase in their salaries. Only one serious objection just now arises to the proposition, namely, that the court and council would be far removed from the large law library of the state at Salem. Even then it is a question if that would not be a beneficial change. "The books" would not be so much relied upon, and the wearisome citation of cases would be eliminated to a great degree from the arguments of counsel. By all means let the people of Eastern Oregon have a session of the supreme court in their section.

As to the constitutionality of the move we are unable to speak, but if the opinion of prominent attorneys may be taken as authority, there is nothing in the constitution preventing it. So far as a large law library is concerned, like our contemporary, we think it just possible that it would be beneficial to have our attorneys weaned, at intervals, from libraries and law books. By relying less on written authorities and more on common sense and the eternal fitness of things, our Solons would doubtless acquire more originality, and justice would be ground out quite as satisfactorily. Eastern Oregon is growing altogether too big, and her interests too vast, to be ignored in the future as she has been in the past years. Concessions will have to be made to us from time to time as occasions arise, and should be made freely as a spirit of justice demands, else our people will conclude, much sooner than they otherwise would, that the interests of the Inland Empire will be better subserved by the division of the state.

CREAMERIES IN THE INLAND EMPIRE.

To the uninitiated it has always been a mystery why butter and cheese were hard to procure in a country celebrated for its stock growing capabilities; yet it is generally found throughout the stockgrowing regions of the west, that the people import these necessities of civilized living. A few years ago I was first struck with this peculiarity while traveling quite extensively through the states and territories. The only place where I was sure to find no butter and to have my coffee diluted with condensed milk was a stock ranch, where cattle roamed the bunchgrass hills and plains by the thousand. In the great Sacramento valley a similar condition of affairs existed so far as vegetables and meat were concerned, and I have known many a

farmer who owned upwards of three hundred acres of good land, to drive ten miles to town to purchase vegetables, meat and butter for his family use. Eastern Oregon and Washington and Idaho, that region often spoken of as the "Inland Empire," has for years marketed beef of the best possible quality, and counts its cattle by the hundreds of thousands, but pays the farmers of some other portion of Uncle Sam's domain for the tons of butter consumed by its people. Its facilities for dairying are superb—much better, in fact, than in the regions from which the butter comes—and there is no reason why butter should not be made there, for home consumption, and for export as well.

It seems now that the people have awakened to a realization of this fact, and are taking steps to put an end to such an anomalous and discreditable state of affairs. Several creamery companies have been incorporated, for the purpose of engaging in this business on an extensive scale. At Colfax a creamery and cold storage association has been organized by some of the most enterprising and prominent men of the city, and the new institution will be ready for business by the first of March. The same has been done in Walla Walla, where the business men have organized a company for this purpose. In Baker City and La Grande companies have been incorporated to manufacture butter on a large scale. It is a noticeable fact that the prime movers in these enterprises are leading business men of the various cities, and not farmers or stock men, and it would seem as though our producers were yet unable to comprehend the advantage of converting their products into more merchantable articles than they now do. This lesson has been well learned by the eastern farmer, and our western husbandman will acquire it in time.—The West Shore.

WHITENASHED.

An editorial over the signature of G. M. Irwin appears in the Republican wherein it is stated that a church committee met in this city last week for the purpose of investigating the charges made against him, and that no prosecuting witness making an appearance, the matter was investigated and he was acquitted.

Although Brother Irwin seems to think differently, THE SCOUT has no desire to make him appear worse than he is. The copy of the charges made against him was sent to us for publication, and as we are running a newspaper we saw no reason for suppressing it. As to the truth or falsity of the charges we know little and care less. Brother Irwin says he has never injured us. The result of his editorial venture demonstrates that he has not, but when he allied himself with a contemptible little clique in Union, with the avowed purpose of running us out and ruining us in business, and sailed into the journalistic field with the remark that the "fittest will survive," his will was very apparent.

The sum total of his editorials last week was to the effect that Brother Flenner is a lecherous wretch, a debaucher of chastity whose vile practices under the guise of a minister should consign him to the penitentiary; that THE SCOUT is a vile sheet, and has shown its dastardly nature on divers occasions; that President Cleveland is a liar, and that he (Brother Irwin) is a very good man, indeed. If the conclusions arrived at consoles Brother Irwin in the least, we have no objection to his enjoying them to the fullest extent.

DENIES THE ALLEGATION.

In our issue of Nov. 20th, was an editorial in reference to the great activity exhibited by some of the republicans in their efforts to secure some kind of an official position, particularly the La Grande land office. In the article referred to occur these words: "We are told that Senator Dolph was bitterly disgusted at the way he was beset on his recent visit to Union." This seems to have offended some of our republican friends, and the article was clipped out and sent to Mr. Dolph, with an interrogation as to whether it was correct or not. He replies as follows:

Washington, Dec. 5, 1888. W. T. Wright, Esq., Union, Oregon. MY DEAR SIR—I am just in receipt of your favor of the 27th ult., enclosing clipping from THE SCOUT. I have never said anything, to any one, which could be construed as affording the least color to the statements contained in the article referred to. I may have mentioned incidentally that I had received some applications for office while at Union, but nothing to indicate that I was unduly beset by applicants. Sincerely Yours, J. N. DOLPH. The statement referred to was made to us by a very prominent republican,

who claimed that he was an old acquaintance of Mr. Dolph, and had had a long talk with him. In consequence we gave his statement currency, thinking that it came from the inner circle of the republican camp. As will be seen Mr. Dolph says our informant was drawing considerably on his imagination. We will say, in justice to our informant, however, that he did not allude to Mr. Wright in his conversation with us. As Senator Dolph, while in this city, was the guest of Mr. Wright, possibly a wrong construction might be put on the words in question, and such being the case we publish the letter. We do not wish to place any one in a false position. Whenever we have charges to make against anyone we shall speak in plain English so that all may understand.

BORN.

FICKLIN.—In this city, Monday, Dec. 17, to the wife of N. Ficklin, a son, weight 2 1/2 pounds.

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