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EDITORIAL NOTES.

MR. TALMAGE is reported to have stated as a fact that truth is becoming scarcer every day. However, it may be that during the last few years a great deal of truth has been withdrawn from circulation.

THE McKinley bill places a duty on agricultural products, such as wheat, rye, eggs, etc., of which we produce a surplus. They would have us believe that it is for the purpose of "establishing solicitude for the farmer."

RECENTLY a plan was invented by one of the convicts serving a term in the Colorado penitentiary, at Canyon City, by which James Joyce, a condemned murderer, executed himself. Now a bill has been introduced in one of the houses asking that this system of suicide be legalized and adopted as the means of carrying out the sentence of capital punishment with an excellent chance of its becoming a law.

THE best evidence that the republicans have a long suffering dread of Cleveland, may be found in the fact that while they contemplate his probable nomination for the presidency, they are concocting all kinds of stories about his declining, and about the hopeless divisions in the democratic party his nomination would entail.

ABOUT a year ago the Columbian started in to freeze out the Astorian and occupy its field. After a heavy expenditure of capital, time and anxiety, it now retires and again leaves the Astorian practically without a rival. It is claimed that at one time and another, and in one way or another, over \$30,000 has been sunk in trying to down the Astorian, but it is today upon a firmer footing than ever.

THE proposition of E. Lever & Sons, of Iowa, to establish in Chehalis, Washington, a large two-set woolen factory employing seventy-five persons, for a cash bonus of \$7000, has been accepted with some conditions by the Chehalis board of trade.

WHY is it that some people seem to think that the sole aim and object of a newspaper man's life is to boom his fellow men, and live upon the knowledge that he is doing good in the world? An editor's space is his stock in trade; it is worth so much and is generally sold for a very small per cent. of its actual value.

NEW ENGLAND'S DEAL.

The democratic party believes in the largest possible reciprocity, and endorses the reciprocity treaty with Brazil as far as it tends to make trade freer. This it does only to a very limited extent, however. It does not enlarge the market for our agricultural products, nor does it release tariff taxes on manufactured articles used by our consumers.

The elaborate tables which Mr. Blaine has prepared on the treaty make what is at best a most unsatisfactory showing as far as our agricultural states are concerned. They do not promise a market for an additional shipload of western wheat, flour or pork.

Brazil's total imports of wheat for the year were only \$697,000, of which \$150,000 came from the United States. So that if we had its entire wheat trade it would not be worth much more than that of a fifth-rate American city or a single German town.

Great Britain, annual wheat and flour imports from the United States alone \$33,000,000; Brazil, annual imports of wheat and flour from United States and all other countries 4,000,000.

Great Britain in one year takes from this country alone more wheat and flour than Brazil takes from all the world in fourteen years. Here is the same comparison in the case of pork and bacon:

Great Britain, annual imports of pork and bacon from United States alone \$26,000,000; Brazil, annual imports of pork and bacon from United States and all other countries 45,000.

So that England in one year buys more pork and bacon from the United States alone than Brazil would buy from all the world in 577 years, nine months and ten days.

But if with the freest of free trade it would take over five centuries to sell Brazil as much pork as we sell Great Britain in a single year, we could easily sell as much to France and as much to Germany as we now sell to England if we only had reciprocity with those countries.

It is only to Europe that we can look for an outlet for the surplus of our agricultural states. The agricultural states of South America will furnish wool, hides, ores and coal free of duty to New England under reciprocity treaties in exchange for New England manufactured goods.

AWAKE TO THEIR INTERESTS.

There is no dodging the fact that a great political awakening among the farmers of the agricultural districts of this great republic is taking place. In all the grain growing states of the Union can be found farmers' organizations of various names and forms, all, however, working in the same direction, viz, to restore that noble calling, agriculture, to its rightful station among the industries of the world.

Farmers used to be known as the "lords of creation," but of late they have awakened to the fact that they are only as helpless babes in the arms of giant monopolies, and they have resolved to replace themselves where they once were, and where they rightfully belong, by taking advantage of the power that is furnished only by organization—united effort.

When agriculture is depressed the whole people must of necessity feel it and suffer the natural result that follows. Especially is this true of the poorer classes which form the great bulk of humanity. Of course rich people's wants are not generally affected by any financial depression that might take place, either as a natural result of circumstances or from the effects of a modern "trust."

THE Missouri house of representatives has passed a resolution endorsing the abolition of national banks; the increase of our money supply to not less than \$50 per capita; the effectual prevention of gambling called "option dealing;" the free and unlimited coinage of silver; the prohibition of alien ownership of land and limitation of corporate ownership; the reduction of the tariff on the necessities of life and the passage of a gradual income tax law, and the limitation of the revenues to the necessary expenses of the government economically and honestly administered.

THE senate has agreed to an amendment to the general deficiency bill reimbursing California, Oregon and Nevada for moneys expended by them in the suppression of the rebellion. Oregon is given \$225,000.

ONE way to secure a good and satisfactory government is to take an interest in the affairs of your town and county. Discuss the questions through the local press.

FROM EAGLE VALLEY. News of the Week as Noted by Our Regular Correspondent.

EAGLE VALLEY, February 27, 1891. The protracted meeting is still in force.

Our coldest day was four degrees below zero.

Plenty of bare ground in the valley, and the roads are dry.

Miss Lennie Givens has gone to Baker City to attend school.

Bert Bennehoff has purchased 40 acres of land from his father.

Arthur Parker's school, in the Upper district, will close next Saturday.

Frank P. Lee expects to reside on the William Tobin ranch next summer.

Miss Ella Samis has been on the sick list, but at present she is convalescent.

Miss Laura Elgin has been sick for several days past but at present is rapidly getting better.

Mr. Granville Huff, formerly of Kamela, is in this valley breaking horses for the Chandler Bros.

J. L. Albersen, of Cernucepia, has opened up a store in the blacksmith shop building in this valley. Parties wishing bargains will do well to call on him as he expects to close out.

Andy Augustus visited La Grande recently on business connected with his land in this valley.

Spring is near at hand. Some of the stock have been turned out. The loss was light this winter.

A successful attempt was made to charivari George Saunders on the 17th. George came to the front like a little man.

Mr. R. B. Gibson has purchased a 60-acre ranch of Ben Longley, and expects to make Eagle valley his future home.

Mr. Press Hailey recently sold his band of sheep to Ben Longley, to be delivered after shearing. Consideration, \$2 per head.

Ed. Ritch started for Union on the 24th of February to be gone about a week. His sisters, Mrs. Sallie Raley and Miss Susie Ritch, expect to return with him.

Miss Cora Cumpston has closed her school in the Swisher district and has gone to La Grande on business connected with the schools. Miss Ruby Lee accompanied her.

A move is on foot to build a church house in this valley. When this is done we will not have to give possession of the hall on dancing evenings as we have done heretofore.

Our stockmen, Benj. Longley and George McGowan, started for Portland on the 17th of February with about 200 head of beef cattle which were fed on alfalfa hay. Who says that alfalfa hay will not fatten cattle?

There is a move on foot among our young musicians to organize another brass band. There is an abundance of musical talent here and there is no reason why Eagle valley should not be the proud possessor of one of the best bands in this section of the state, if the boys will stay together.

If the people of this valley would get together and build a dancing hall it would be a great convenience to our lovers of Terpsichorean pleasure. There are some of us who will contribute from \$5 to \$25 towards the erection of such a building. The necessary sum, I believe can be easily raised. Then we would not be compelled to trip the light fantastic in the school house and cause the breakage of the furniture belonging thereto, which has occurred quite frequently of late. We would not discommode any other congregation either.

A grand masquerade ball was held at the Center District school house on evening of the 23d of February. Forty-seven numbers were sold, and about 25 maskers present. Among the more striking and unique costumes are the following: Miss Nadie Holcomb, snowball, for which she received the prize of \$2; Miss May Moody, queen of hearts; Miss Clara Craig, queen of roses; Miss Cora Kirby, old woman; Miss Lillie Young, sister of charity; Miss Bertie Makinson, the moon and stars; Mrs. Eugene Chandler, Mrs. Samuel Johnson and Ed. Ritch, represented school girls; Eagle Moody, Sitting Bull; Fred Healy, a handsome young lady; Joe Simonis, cow boy; Dick Kirby, a foolish boy; Smith Richardson, a hotel waiter; Eugene Chandler, darkey. Several clowns were represented, also other characters. This was the first masquerade given in this valley and all participating report having spent an enjoyable evening.

In regard to that article by W. W. Kirby in which he speaks of "land being high and will be higher if Newton Bradford does not scare all the railroad men away," I have got but little to say, and simply mean for "K" to understand that I think that I can contradict as many of his item as he can of mine. More than that if I have got influence enough over the people of Eagle valley to keep them from giving the right-of-way to whoever they may, and can write a good enough article to the paper to scare away any railroad men who enter Powder River canyon, they better send me to congress and see what I could do there. If E. H. Mix had meant to build a railroad down Powder river it would have been different, but they meant to make a speculation to fill their pockets and empty ours. If you expect to take sides with such an outfit as that I think that you will find a hard row to hoe, and will have to wear out several more lead pencils to get the best of me. I am well aware that land is high—\$50 an acre and upwards—but if I had any land for sale I would want as much as I could get for it.

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