

SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

R. G. Dunn & Co.'s summary of the business for 1897 is as follows:

The failures for the year which closed last night have been smaller than in any other year since 1892, in number smaller than in any year except in 1895, and in average liabilities, per failure, smaller than in any year during the last twenty-three, except four. The aggregate of all failures, commercial and banking, was \$180,600,000, of which \$25,800,000 was in banking.

The new year opens with conditions radically different from those which prevailed one year ago. Great financial distrust existed then, but has passed away. After a whole year of entire freedom from disturbance or alarm, in which the country has paid a heavy foreign indebtedness, taken and paid many millions for stocks sent from abroad, and accumulated credits against other credits represented by merchandise balances, with more than \$420,000,000 in its favor for the past four months, with deferred exchanges for more than \$20,000,000 held by New York banks alone, while the great industries have been pushing their way into foreign markets with unprecedented success, the monetary situation is no longer a matter of anxiety. More than half a million men in a few states, according to official reports, are employed now who were idle one year ago and the general advance in wages for those employed has gone far to restore the rates prevailing before the panic.

This statement is encouraging to the American people. Let these conditions continue, as most of us believe they will, and this country will enjoy a prosperous era.

EXTORTIONS REPORTED.

If reports from the Klondike correctly state the customs fees levied upon American miners by Canadian officials in the British possessions in that region, it is plain that the system is outrageously oppressive and unjust, says the Spokane Chronicle.

According to these advices the American prospector must pay \$5 for the right to hunt for gold, 25 cents a cord for the privilege of cutting wood, \$8 for permission to build a log hut and 10 cents for each log he uses in constructing it, 50 cents a ton for all the hay or grass he may harvest and \$15 for recording a mining claim.

These charges are so unreasonable that they amount to actual extortion, and if imposed by any other than governmental authority would be denounced as a mild form of theft.

The charges made are no doubt correct, but it must not be forgotten that our people have not been clear of oppression. At Skagway, American officials charged, not long ago, \$30 per head tariff for the admission of exsaves worth less than \$6. So long as Americans follow this course they can expect no other result than that reported up in the mining region.

JUDGE WILLIAMS states that the use of his name as arbitrator in the factional troubles of the republicans down in Portland was not authorized as he had not been spoken to concerning the matter, yet he would gladly assist in settling all differences. Good! This shows that the Mitchell faction are not indulging in jobbery.

UNCLE SAM rubbed it in on John Bull in the bill dealing with open sea sealing, which has passed both branches of congress and only needs the president's signature to become a law, and that it will probably get Canada, backed by England, has played the hog right through in this stealing business, by refusing to join the U. S. in efforts to prevent the speedy destruction of all the seals by agreeing to a cessation of open sea sealing for even a limited time, and the Canadian doubtless chuckled with joy, when this bill which prohibits open sea sealing by the citizens of the U. S. was introduced in the senate, because of their belief that it would leave them a monopoly of the taking of seals in the open sea. But they will not chuckle, nor will their English supporters, when they learn the purport of a section of the bill that was kept quiet while the measure was pending before congress. That section absolutely prohibits the bringing of seal skins into the U. S. from any source.

When it is remembered that the U. S. furnishes the largest and best market in the world for seal skins and that the business of supplying that market has been partially monopolized as to raw skins by Canada, and entirely as to dyed skins by England, the full significance of what Uncle Sam has done to John Bull becomes apparent.

JULIAN says that "Fitz" will issue no more manifestoes, but that Corbett must whip Maher before "Fitz" will fight him.

JOHN FOX has been appointed by the president to be collector of customs at the port of Astoria. This appointment will give general satisfaction.

A HOT time is on in Clackamas county. U'Ren is being tried by the jury for mixing up with Joe Simon in a conspiracy. His trial comes off tomorrow.

THE Klondike fever is spreading very fast all over the country and Eastern Oregon and Washington will furnish a large number who will leave in the early spring for the frozen gold fields of the north.

THE operation performed by Dr. Schlatter, the Swiss physician, proves conclusively that the stomach is not necessary to sustain life, and that one cannot only live but will gain in weight without that organ.

ONE hundred dollar counterfeit silver certificates have been received at the sub-treasury of the U. S. at New York, so well executed that detection was not possible until the bills were put into hot water and the two parts, of which the bill was composed, were soaked apart.

THERE is lack of harmony in the popocratic camp. U'Ren will advise a consolidation of populists, freeriver republicans and anti-Pennoyer democrats, but will take no part in the Cooper-bimetallion arrangement. In fact he is opposing the union movement. This will weaken fusion, if attempted, and if harmony prevails in the republican camp, the latter will win.

THE prospects of Hawaiian annexation grow brighter day by day. The attitude of the powers toward China is changing the minds of many senators in regard to the annexation question and each day adds new friends to the cause. The friends of the measure now believe they can secure for it 62 votes in the senate, or three more than is needed. Senator Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, will call the treaty up at the first executive session of the senate. There seems to be but little doubt now that Hawaii will become a part of the United States, and we believe it will be an acquisition of much value.

THE act for the relief of those Americans who are in the Klondike gold region, and who, it is believed, will be in pressing need of food before spring, was promptly signed by President McKinley as it was passed by congress, and it now only remains to get the relief to the sufferers in order to make it effective. This is in the hands of Secretary Alger, and if success is possible, he will achieve it, as his sympathy for the Klondikers is of the active kind—so active that he offered weeks ago to advance the money out of his own pocket to send relief if any practical way of doing so could be pointed out. Secretary Alger will go to Ottawa to secure the cooperation of the Canadian authorities in relief operations.

THE Foraker faction, represented by Gov. Bushnell, have combined with the democrats of Ohio to defeat Senator Hanna for re-election. This is a bad piece of business, and reflects discredit on every republican connected with the affair. When the election was on last fall Hanna was the only avowed candidate for senator at the hands of the republican party, and the success of that party was taken to mean the success of Hanna. Hanna may have horns, but the Gazette is decidedly in favor of him, horns or no horns, and though it may be unpopular to say so, yet this paper will state its convictions and take the consequences. Mark

Hanna led the republican forces to victory and republicans generally respect him and wish him success, but deplore the fact that Oregon is not the only state that indulges in bushwhacking methods and sustains some republicans that are a disgrace to the party.

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STARTING A REPUBLICAN PARTY.

A Document That Marks the Origin of the Republican Party in Oregon.

The following is a true copy of the first call and resolutions of the first meeting for the formation of the republican party in Oregon, says the Oregon State Journal. This copy is made from a paper in possession of Hon. T. J. Vaughan, of Coberg, father of Dr. B. F. Vaughan, of this place, and was made on the 7th day of December, 1897.

Willamette Falls, O. T., July 14, 1856. In pursuance of the recommendation of Ben Davis and H. Shaw, as to starting a republican party, the undersigned think the time has come. The old parties have lost all the good that was in them, and the time has come when the republican is the party of the age. We think that the spread of slavery should be stopped. We, the undersigned citizens, join the new party.

- On motion of Hiram Smith, T. J. Vaughan is chairman, and on motion of M. Wilkins, Thomas Cady is secretary. I. Vanduyne A. H. Vaughan J. C. Spore Jacob Zimmer Dave Wilson W. Cranem John Boney J. S. Fields Frank Boney W. Whitney E. J. Keith S. Bonnette A. Waldworth M. H. Harlow Henry Smith G. R. Ward F. M. Simmons Hiram Smith John Post Wm Long G. D. Coffin Wilson Smith T. Newland John Young James Donnell B. Ramsey M. Miller William Polio M. Wilkins John Maxwell W. Nelson Shiel Spencer James Lytle A. A. Spencer Robert Wilson Thomas Cady C. C. Morton T. J. Vaughan H. Greenwood John Sippi. Chairman, T. J. Vaughan; secretary, Thomas Cady.

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WE EAT TOO MUCH.

Twelve Ounces of Food is a Meal for a Brain Worker.

The present mode of eating now practiced by the unscientific public at divers table d'hotes, banquets and boarding-house boards three times a day, 365 days in the year is evidently all wrong. The unscientific public eats too much. In an article in the Food Reform Magazine, Dr. Nichols declares that the average quantity of water-free aliment required, say by business and literary men, is 12 ounces, and that men of great muscular activity are well fed on 16 to 20 ounces. Dr. Nichols' advice is to find the minimum quantity which enables a man to do his daily work without loss of weight, by experiment, and then habitually keep to it.

In the midst of the dietary counsels of the vegetarians on the one side and the raw-beef and hot-water theorists on the other, it is interesting to contemplate the possibilities of the eating of the future. It is probable that eating in the 20th century will be reduced to the minimum, and a century or so thereafter be abolished altogether.

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THE INSPIRED CAMP COOK.

Things He Must Know to Make Life Pleasant for His Comrades.

Outing tells about camp cookery, including the cook. The genuine camp cook is an artist in his way. The musician makes men hear things entrancing and the painter brings tears to the eyes if inspired. The camp cook genius, by the very way in which he does his work, makes men hungry.

"The camp cook," says the writer, "should take pride in the artistic handling of his utensils, particularly in the ability to keep half a dozen things going at once; he must keep already cooked things hot; and cook the uncooked things in the meantime. To do this he has to understand the kinds of fire to use, whether large or small blaze, hot ashes or red-hot embers. He should also know how to get the most work at the least expenditure of labor from his comrades. Something many cooks are lacking in is the way to keep camp dishes clean for cooking. An unwashed apple saucepan will serve to fry trout and give them a pleasant taste, but an unwashed fish spiler will scarcely serve to cook apple sauce in. In other words, the cook should know when and what to wash."

A STRANGE CHARITY.

Bread Dispensed Free in the Village of Broughton-in-Furness.

The efforts of the organized charity associations in this country sometimes take on strange phases, as in the woodyards, and in the free coffee stands established a few years ago in the eastern cities. A Cincinnati man who recently visited England tells about a queer charity he noticed there. In the little village of Broughton-in-Furness is a small baker's shop, over the door of which is a sign with the following inscription: "One piece of bread, to be eaten on the premises, given to anyone passing through Broughton direct until ten p. m." This extraordinary signboard was affixed on the shop eight years ago by a neighbor, who recoups the baker for the bread which he disposes of in this singular way.

KAISER AS AN INVENTOR.

Devises a System of Fastenings for Doors in Men-of-War.

The latest capacity in which the German emperor has chosen to reveal himself, says the New York Times, is that of an inventor of a new system of fastenings for watertight doors in men-of-war. He turned up in the harbor of Syracuse recently in the Hohenzollern, and the officers of the British cruiser, Astrea, which happened to be lying there, were not a little astonished when after she steamed up to the pier in the company of a British admiral. He inspected the Astrea minutely and then carried off the captain to the Hohenzollern. After entertaining him royally he took him down into the engine room and there pointed out a watertight door in one of the bulkheads, which, he said, he had invented himself and expected to see imitated generally. The door was of the kind known technically as a "clipped door"—that is, it is secured when shut by means of short lever catches which are called "clips."

In the English service as many as a dozen of these clips are often used to secure one door. The improvement claimed by the emperor is that instead of having to work the clips singly, thus involving several operations, he can, by an arrangement of levers, work them simultaneously in one operation only. Provided the mechanism is not too complicated and likely to get out of order, the invention seems to be one of considerable practical value, the manifest objection being that if the lever happens to be out of order at a critical moment all the clips and the door would be useless.

BICYCLES OF GREAT COST.

New York Firm to Meet a Demand for \$1,000 Bicycles.

The most prominent New York jewelry firm has something new for wheelmen in a silver bicycle, which was put on exhibition at their store a few days ago. The wheel is the first of the kind ever made. In order to insure strength and durability it was necessary to have the supporting rods and spokes of steel. All the rest of the frame is of sterling silver. The handle bar is of plain silver, with burnished ivory handles. The other silver parts are finely engraved by hand, with repousse etching of the Louis XVI. style. The sprocket wheel is of plain silver. The saddle itself is studded with silver nails. The cost of the machine, as it stands, is \$500. A silver lantern to go with it will add from \$100 to \$200 to the price.

The completed wheel weighs about 25 pounds. A member of the company said, in explaining the construction of the new bike: "This wheel was built to supply a demand which we know to exist among some of our patrons for a better and more expensive wheel than can be had on the market at present. Such a wheel we have tried to make, and I believe that another season will see many of them at the fashionable resorts."

A woman's wheel is being finished in the firm's shops. This wheel will be much more richly ornamented, and its price will be \$1,000. A lantern, which is being made to go with it, will cost several hundred dollars.

THE INTELLIGENT JURY.

Even the Court Himself Got Up and Swore.

"I don't believe everything I hear about the ignorance of the average jury," said an old lawyer in reminiscence mood, relates the Detroit Free Press, "but once, when I visited a backwoods court in the mountains of North Carolina, I did happen on an incident that shook my faith for a time. The case was before a jury, and the prisoner was up for hog stealing. It was the roughest court and surroundings I ever got into and I should not have been surprised at anything, but I was. After a couple of jack-leg lawyers had got in what they had to say the court turned the case over to a jury and it adjourned to a barn to decide the innocence or guilt of the prisoner. And such a jury! I can never forget what a motley gang that jury was. In half an hour it came back and resumed its place in court.

"Have you found a verdict?" asked the judge. "What's that?" responded the foreman. "Have you found a verdict? That's what," replied the judge. "Why, squire," hesitated the foreman, with a foolish grin, "we didn't know that was our last; did we, boys?" And even that court couldn't stand it but got up and swore."

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NOTICE OF HEARING OF CONTEST

U. S. LAND OFFICE, LA GRANDE, OREGON, December 13th, 1897. Complaint having been made at this office by the duly verified and corroborated affidavit of John B. Manning alleging that Kate Russell who made Timber Culture Entry No. 150 at the U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, January 21, 1890, for the W 1/2 of SW 1/4 and SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 2, T. 4 S. R. 27 E. W. M. has wholly failed to comply with the Timber Culture Law; that she did during the year 1890, 1891 and 1892, and that she has ever since had no improvements upon said tract or any part thereof. Therefore, with the view of the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned and required to be and appear before J. W. Morrow, County Clerk of Morrow County, Oregon, at his office at Heppner, Oregon, on the 15th day of February, 1898, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, then and there to produce such testimony as they may have concerning said allegations. Final hearing to be had at La Grande, Oregon, March 4th, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m.

E. W. BARTLETT, Register. J. H. ROBBINS, Receiver.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE will be a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Heppner, at their office on the 2nd Tuesday of January, 1898, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., of said day, for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may appear.

GEO. CONSER, Cashier. Heppner, Or., Dec. 10, 1897.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT UNDER and by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Morrow and to me directed and delivered upon judgment rendered and entered in said court on the 7th day of September, 1897, in favor of Ed Road and against W. L. Saling, E. W. Rhoad and C. E. Redfield Defendants, for the sum of two hundred twenty-six and 62/100 dollars with interest thereon from the 2nd day of August, 1897, at the rate of eight per cent per annum, and five dollars attorney's fee and the further sum of ten dollars costs, which judgment was entered and docketed in the Clerk's office of said court on said day, and on the 7th day of September, 1897, and whereas, it was further ordered and decreed by the court that the following described real property, to-wit: the south half of the southeast quarter and south one-fourth of the southeast quarter of section twenty-nine in township one north of range twenty-seven east W. M. in Morrow County, Oregon, together with all and singular rights and interests therein, be and be sold at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash on the 12th day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, at the Court House in Heppner, Morrow County, Or.

WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of January, 1898, at two o'clock p. m., of said day, at the front door of the court house in Heppner, Morrow County Oregon, all the right, title and interest of the said W. L. Saling, E. W. Rhoad and C. E. Redfield in and to the above described property at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash on the 12th day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, at the Court House in Heppner, Morrow County, Or.

Notice of Intention.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON, Dec. 23, 1897. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. W. Morrow, County Clerk, at Heppner, Oregon, on Thursday, February 8, 1898, viz:

Ed. E. No. 4590, for the NW 1/4 of Sec. 17, T. 3 S., R. 2 E. W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Edward Hunt, Edward Prisk, George Shick and Arthur Hunt, all of Heppner, Morrow County, Or.

NOTICE OF INTENTION.

LAND OFFICE AT LA GRANDE, OREGON, Dec. 10, 1897. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. W. Morrow, County Clerk, at Heppner, Oregon, on January 15, 1898, viz:

WILLIAM WARREN. Ed. No. 4256, for the E 1/2, NE 1/4 and E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 27, T. 3 of R. 2 E. W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Zollinger, Sylvester W. Floren, Robert D. Watkins and Louis Groshens, all of Heppner, Morrow County, Or.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT UNDER and by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the county court of the state of Oregon, for Morrow county, on the 4th day of January, 1898, the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of Helen M. Allen, will on and after the 4th day of February, 1898, proceed to sell at public auction for cash on the 4th day of February, 1898, the following described real property of said estate, situated in Morrow county, Oregon, to-wit: The northeast quarter of section thirty-one, in township one north, south of range twenty-five east W. M., and the northeast quarter of section thirty-five, in township one north, south of range twenty-six east W. M., also the south-east quarter of section thirty-one in township one north, south of range twenty-five east W. M., together with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging.

Dated at Heppner, Oregon, January 7th, 1898. T. R. LYONS, Administrator.

Notice of Intention.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON, December 2, 1897. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. W. Morrow, County Clerk, at Heppner, Oregon, on January 15, 1898, viz:

FRANCIS M. WILKINSON, of Heppner. Ed. No. 4065 for the E 1/2 NW 1/4 and W 1/2 NE 1/4 of Sec. 28, T. 3 S., R. 2 E. W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles Cradick and Lewis Farland, all of Heppner, Oregon; John V. Cradick and L. P. Davidson, of Eight Mile, Or.

NOTICE.

Sealed bids requested for the delivery at my ranch, on the head of Rhea creek, of one hundred cords of pine, four-foot wood, said wood to be delivered not later than middle of August, 1898, bids opened the 15th day of January, 1898. Reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

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