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EUROPEAN.

Beneath the smooth surface of the political sea of continental Europe there seems to be an under-current of disquiet that will probably soon show itself in a more unlooked-for manner. It would not be surprising if the map of Europe was to undergo some important changes before very long. The mistrust which the great powers regard each other daily becoming more evident. If we are to believe the utterances of German authorities, Russia is so disturbed by internal troubles that a foreign war is absolutely necessary to ward off the threatened danger and distract attention from home affairs. But Nihilism it would seem has not taken hold upon so large a proportion of the Russian population as the Bismarckian policy would have us to understand. On the contrary it is claimed, with every appearance of truth, that Nihilism is largely on the wane, and that the attempt on the life of Czar had the effect of greatly diminishing the advocates of the doctrine. The Russian have a religious regard for their ruler however despicable he may be. No doubt however but what it would suit the purposes of Bismarck to create the impression that Russia is rent with internal dissension and disaffection. But when we remember the part played by that wily diplomatist in making the French declaration at the very time he was able to crush them, and when we note the prevalent dissatisfaction among the lower classes throughout the German Empire it is safe to conclude that it is Germany and not Russia that needs to divert attention from domestic troubles. Two dangers threaten the peace of Germany at this time, viz: the growing power of France and the rapid development of social democracy. This latter is very extensive and more difficult to cope with than the Nihilism of Russia. The failure of the crops in many parts of the Empire is another harassing feature of the situation. The recent attempt to institute a parliamentary form of government, of which they have nothing but the empty form, has unsettled the German masses. Then again Germany cannot bear much longer in peace her huge armaments that are such a tax upon the people. All these things combine to form a state of affairs that need some effective measure to prevent its becoming serious. A war would draw off attention. Add to this that France, which Bismarck thought he had crippled for good by the Franco-Prussian war, has already paid-off its debt and is today stronger in every way than before that war, and it is not strange that Germany should feel uneasy. Alsace and Lorraine are not forgotten. Gambetta is a match for Bismarck in cunning and has the advantage of youth on his side. While it is true that Bismarck has hitherto succeeded in making his enemies take the initiative, thus making it appear that he was the aggressor, it is doubtful if he can again succeed in such a manoeuvre. France will not likely declare a war for which Bismarck appears to be preparing. Nor will he be apt to succeed in fomenting a quarrel between any of the other great powers. But that a European war is imminent seems probable. It only remains to be seen who will be the first to break through the "armed neutrality" that seems to prevail in Europe.

In an early day men for their labor on this Coast could command unusually high wages. Labor was scarce, and the enormous wealth derived from the earth at that time, made its payment high. But this has all changed. Out of Mongolian labor, which has cast its fighting incubus upon all forms of industry, the high remuneration, tempted by the high remuneration, have come in to the country in large numbers. Competition inevitably produces its legitimate results, the reduction of remuneration. Laboring men in many instances, instead of accepting the inevitable have resolutely adhered to high prices, and persisted in idleness rather than succumb to lower rates. This is folly. The result has been that men coming from other lands, or lately from the Eastern States, are at work steadily, receiving reasonable wages and gradually acquiring a good competency. The idea that some men will not humble themselves to because of a foolish pride, is that it is better to work for barely living rates than to be idle. Idleness surely brings disaster. Employment at low rates does not incapacitate a man for accepting anything better when it presents itself. Working six months for \$5 a day is ruinous compared with steady labor the year round at \$3 per day.

The horrors of confinement in the Oregon Penitentiary are becoming a farce, and if the Governor's commutations are as plentiful in the future as in the past, the average murderer or robber will actually enjoy the romance of a short episode within the walls of our State Prison. When a Judge sends a guilty man to the penitentiary it is presumed that he knows something about the case, and he should either sentence them for a shorter time or the Governor quit turning them loose to impose on the people. Perhaps the better way would be to pardon them before they leave their place of trial; it would save the expense of taking them there—*Rocky Mountain Leader*.

This somewhat sarcastic sentiment covers too much truth. The judiciary can be transformed into an idle mockery by a too frequent reversal of its decisions. Executive clemency should be reserved for exceptional cases, when human judgment had obviously erred in convicting. Gov. Thayer in most respects has earned respect and esteem in his official capacity, but with the light we have on the subject we believe he erring gravely in the voluminous issue of pardons. Justice should be superior to clemency.

The London Standard waxes warm in asserting that we eat too much. Dr. Tanner and the Chinese together, have roused such a spirit of investigation that the savants, laboring under conviction, will soon be distinguishable from their shadowy and meagre forms. A corpulent man will carry prima facie evidence of his ignorance and stupidity. But the question is agitated at the wrong time for us East of the Mountains. What is too cheap to induce its export, and hence we must eat it. Next year we'll try the starvation dodge, when wheat will fetch more money.

New York, Sept. 6.—8536 emigrants arrived last week.

Farmers at Nikton and Scottsburg, the Plaindealer says, will ship their grain this year to San Francisco by way of Gardiner.

A new fishery is to be started at the mouth of the Umpqua, and cannery, that will give work to 80 men, and commence immediately.

The Ashland Tidings says while Jos. Scott and Mr. Miller, of Eden precinct, were hunting in the Cascade Mountain, Miller wounded a buck, and while following it discovered a movement in the bushes, he shot his friend Scott through the right shoulder. Though very painful the wound is not dangerous, but may leave the shoulder a little stiffened.

J. N. Dolph is said to be a candidate two years hence, for the U. S. Senate; but ex-Senator Mitchell's chances with the Republicans are said to be much better.

About 40 of the crabs received by J. B. Underwood, of Eugene, have died. The cause is supposed to be overfeeding. There are about 60 left. The crabs taken there last Spring by Ed. McManahan and several other gentlemen, are doing finely. The pond is literally alive with young carp, and in a few years there will be plenty of carp in our stream.

Jacksville has improved more in 1880 than during any year in the last twenty. Several substantial buildings have been built in the last few months and others are being erected.

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The people of Roseburg are considerably excited over a mining excitement of recent birth in that place. It seems that some old Indians who have been camped in the mountains east of the place for several years, have told a romantic story of early times. They say that a party of Germans discovered some fabulously rich mines, from which they took hundreds of thousands of dollars, after which the Indians murdered them and buried the treasure. All the "four-lose" men of Roseburg are "peeling out" toward the mountains to search for the lost cabin.

New York, Sept. 2.—John Kelly's withdrawal of his call for State convention to nominate Presidential Electors was not surprising. He accomplished all he sought in the defeat of Tilden, and when he pledged his support to Hancock, he meant it. The call was to force a recognition to share in the offices in case of a Democratic victory in November, and his resulted in compromising all difficulties. The Republicans will encounter a united instead of a divided Democracy in New York.

Coburg, Lane county, has raised by subscription the \$15,000 required by the narrow-gauge railroad company to construct a road through that town. It is to be finished to that point by January 1, 1881.

LEGAL.—Litigation is rife this week. The J. P.'s are busy.

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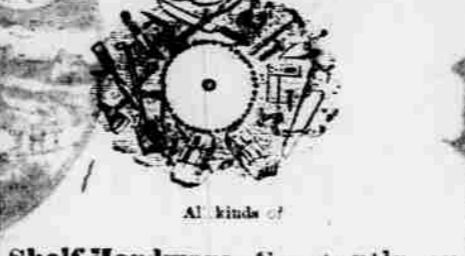
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