

How Not to Build Railroads.

It is a serious question whether the "railroad war" as now being waged by the Portland papers, will ever result in any good. Instead of spending all their time in deerying each other and dragging in the bugbear Mitchell, at one time as a Bolivar and at another as a base trickster, they would make manifest their respective good points, and build up, editorially, their roads, instead of trying to destroy the opposing lines, we think much good might come of it.

Licensed Murderers.

Just before the last Legislature we argued with all our little might that a bill be passed making it a criminal offense for anyone to practice as a regular physician, who had not received a diploma from some medical college of acknowledged standing. The bill was killed as dead as the patients of some of these quacks, and before the necessity of such a measure is forgotten, we wish again to call the attention of our leading men, of both parties to its importance.

The Cuban rebellion was officially announced to have come to an end about the time when Congress met; it we remember rightly it came to an end about the time the previous Congress met, and, in fact, the only news from Spanish sources for eight years with regard to the Cuban rebellion has invariably been that it was over.

Being somewhat unaccustomed to humiliation and disappointment the fact that no other paper joins us in demanding that Harvey W. Scott be made Mitchell's successor in the U. S. Senate, has figuratively stabbed us to the heart. We still fly the Scott standard, however, and are determined to make something of him, since he himself has so signally failed in his efforts to attain his ends.

Proposed Income-Tax.

There is but one argument against the income-tax that has any weight; and that is, the man who has been left an estate that pays him an income of an amount sufficient in former years to enable him to live no idleness, is taxed only as much as the hard working master mechanic or salaried clerk, who by superior abilities and stiel attention to business, is able to make an amount equal to that thrust upon the man born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

This, however, is but a small objection, and on the ground that there was never an Act of Parliament passed that a coach and four could not be driven through, there was never a law that the people at large can find less fault with than this one. As Senator Thurman truly said in a late speech: "All the legislation for years past has been in favor of the rich, those who need it not, and the time has now come to pay a little attention to our yeomanry." Laws have been passed making the rich men richer and the poor man poorer, until the distinction between a capitalist and an ordinary citizen is almost as marked as the difference between a Skobelloff and a serf.

The proposed income-tax is a movement in favor of the masses against the "bloated bond holders," and we most earnestly hope that the managers of the new bill will stand like adamant against all overtures or attacks from the money kings of the country. It is a dogma in political economy that it is prima facie evidence that those who have money have made it in the country and should pay a certain proportion of it towards the country's support.

As a matter of course, the Oregonian takes strong grounds against the income-tax, as the organ of rich men and corporations, and dilates on the argument cited at the head of this article in a most garibolous and absurd manner. It is opposed to the income-tax because those who are heirs to fortunes or who have in former years accumulated sufficient to give them no forebodings for the future, are apt to be perjurers and creatures who will not tell the exact amount of their annual rents. This is a severe speech from one of their own number, but fortunately we cannot believe that all capitalists are as bad as their spokesmen would have us imagine. The Oregonian further says that "capital is taxed in other ways (than by the income levy), and if the tax on it is not high enough it should be put higher." Why higher? Is it there any danger of perjury or concealment in other kinds of taxes? I will let the Oregonian answer in its own words. "Experience shows that when the tax is put very high, it is an inducement to fraud and a direct loss to Government."

The Standard seems a little chagrined that Clackamas county has two good Republicans, fitted respectively for the office of Governor and State Treasurer. Surely that paper does not suppose that all the brains of Oregon are centered in the Portland Democracy? Clackamas County Republicans are not greedy, but when acknowledged leaders reside among them it is no more than right that they should be brought to the front.

The tempter in the teapot on the Texan border has subsided into its normal spluttering. There are bad men living along the line of the Lone Star State and Mexico, those claiming to be Americans being every bit as bad as the Greasers, and until a sufficient number of U. S. and Mexican troops are kept in that vicinity to overawe the desperadoes, trouble will continue.

Governor Carroll, of Maryland, in his message advising laboring men against organizing as a distinct political force in opposition to their employers, says no special platform is of any use to laboring men in a free country like ours. The questions of capital and labor must always adjust themselves, and are regulated by conditions which politicians cannot control.

The N. Y. Tribune comments on the foregoing thus: The workmen are sure to find this out at some time hereafter. They have been used to further pursuit of adventures and wasted their time and muscle in useless if not lawless efforts to improve their condition. There are due the State for delinquent taxes, levies made prior to 1877, sums as follows: Baker county, \$1,705.75; Grant county, \$441.93; Umatilla county, \$7,522.19; Wasco county, \$3,119.30. Total, \$16,334.60.

Burglars are doing a thriving business at Salem. The other day a man named Graham, shot and killed another named Oehltree, at Comstock's Station, Lane County, for alleged improper intimacy with his wife. Graham it seems had frequently cautioned the deceased to keep away from his house, advice which he unfortunately failed to heed. It is safe to say that there is not a day passes that somewhere in the world this almost identical horror does not happen.

A Plea for Man.

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Where it can be proved that the wife is a woman of weak mind, and that she has made the victim of a studied plot on the part of some sweet talking villain, then give the wretch bullets enough in his wire carcass to sink a ship—but not otherwise. We may be considered as uttering an abominable heresy, but we actually believe that there are such things in existence as bad women, and to lay all the blame of every misdeed in which a married woman and man are the principal actors upon the male is simply absurd. Bad men there are in abundance,—granted that the good ones are the exception—but we seriously doubt if there ever was a creature so degraded as to cold-bloodedly plan the ruin of an innocent woman—a woman who had not in some way encouraged his advances. There is an atmosphere of virtue surrounding women, that is only made impure by their own desire. Men have enough villainies to carry without making them shoulder the sins of women.

HENRY WARD BEECHER recently created a sensation in Plymouth Church. He said: "The doctrine that God has been for thousands of years peopling this earth with human beings, during the period of three-fourths of which it was not illuminated by an altar or church, and in places where a vast population of these people are yet without that light, is to transform the Almighty to a monster more hideous than Satan himself. I swear by all that is sacred that I will never worship Satan, though he should appear dressed in royal robes and seated on the throne of Jehovah. Men may say: 'You will not go to Heaven!' I reply a Heaven presided over by such a demon as that which has been peopling this world with millions of human beings and then sweeping them off to hell, not like dead flies, but without taking the trouble even to kill them, and gloating and laughing over their eternal misery, is not such a Heaven as I want to go to. The doctrine is too horrible. I cannot believe it, and I won't."

The Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune thus accounts for Senator David Davis's failure to vote on the admission of Butler: He believed that that neither contestant was properly elected. Had he voted against Butler it would have resulted in a tie, and the casting vote would have kept Butler out. Then the question would have come up on Corbin's admission, and he had voted against him the tie and casting vote would have admitted Corbin. He therefore stepped into the cloak-room, and his absence let Butler in.

State News.

There are 225 patients in the insane asylum at East Portland—66 females and 162 males.

Robert Pontland, proprietor of the Dalles water works for 13 years past, has sold out to Samuel L. Brooks and Mrs. Phoebe Hanson for \$19,000.

Norton, of the Salem Record, will issue a weekly edition soon.

The Jacksonville Sentinel has closed its 23rd volume.

About eighty Chinamen stopped work on the Seattle and Walla Walla Railroad last week, because they couldn't get their pay.

J. J. Hembree, of the Lafayette Courier, has been matrimonially tied to Miss Emma Perkins.

The Roseburg postoffice did \$12,218 worth of money order business.

Simon Lane, of Indiana, brother of Gen. Jos. Lane, arrived in Roseburg on the train last week.

In Polk county certain citizens are advocating the claims of Independence for the county seat as against Dallas. On Friday last a man named Frank Oehltree was killed by George Graham of Comstock's mill on Pass creek. Oehltree was screw turner at the mill and Graham was engineer. The former was in the habit of going to the latter's house, though warned to keep away. On the morning of the 4th Graham went out hunting, and on his return found Oehltree at his house. Oehltree started to run; Graham told him to stop. He paid no attention to Graham but kept on when Graham fired at the retreating man with a Henry rifle, the ball from which penetrated his body, killing him instantly.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21, 1877. The adjournment of Congress with the consequent flight of members, and the horde of lobbyists, for their homes, restores our city to its characteristic quietude. Saturday last was a gala day in the House, for the Republicans had it all their own way. That charitably inclined political saint, Mr. Wood, of New York, brought it a good thing for his party and the nation, that his resolutions looking to universal and everlasting investigation of the executive department should be adopted, and therefore from pure goodness of heart, had all public business laid aside that the proper vote should be had. But he counted without his host, as he had not enough of his brethren with him to make a quorum, and the Republicans had the hardness of heart to decline to serve such purpose. Little Boo Peep lost his sleep; as had Fernando, and like Boo Peep he came to grief. The Republicans interposed dilatory motions and refusing to vote thereon, the roll-call showed "no quorum," thus putting Mr. Wood, the upper and the lower, neither well alone. He kept up his hopeless fight till after 3 o'clock, when he threw up the sponge, and consenting that his resolutions should go over till Jan. 10, an adjournment was soon effected. It was intensely amusing to note the squirming of the discomfited Democrats. They had determined to cast out a large net over every department, and fish in every cranny and pigeon-hole for something calculated to give comfort to the expectant Democrats of the country, and it was mortifying indeed that Republican generalship should prevent accomplishment of their nice little scheme. Several times since Oct. 15 have hard blows been dealt them, and this was the "unkindest cut of all." A belligerent member, Mr. White, of Pa., in his wrath, wanted all the Republican members consigned to the Tombs by the Sergeant-at-Arms, because he said there they sat with their mouths shut, thus making constructively no quorum, while every one in the hall could see them in their seats. We are not so sure that all the Democrats could see so clearly, as Mr. White, as is often the case that some of the members had been indulging in "cold tea," "roast apples," or other articles that tend to "fly to the head," or make one sleepy, and thereby dim the eye sight. Mr. White's colleagues laughed heartily at his absurdities, and one of them, Mr. Saylor, from Ohio, reminded him of the homely adage of leading a horse to the water and being unable to make him drink. Mr. Randall left the chair at one time and went among the Republicans, like the Sergeant-at-Arms, because he said there they sat with their mouths shut, thus making constructively no quorum, while every one in the hall could see them in their seats. We are not so sure that all the Democrats could see so clearly, as Mr. White, as is often the case that some of the members had been indulging in "cold tea," "roast apples," or other articles that tend to "fly to the head," or make one sleepy, and thereby dim the eye sight. Mr. White's colleagues laughed heartily at his absurdities, and one of them, Mr. Saylor, from Ohio, reminded him of the homely adage of leading a horse to the water and being unable to make him drink.

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Jan. 10, 78-4. PORTLAND, Ogn.

Notice.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, OREGON CITY, Oregon, January 9, 1878.

COMPLAINT HAVING BEEN ENTERED at this office by T. C. Patton, of Washington county, A. E. Ingraham for abandoning his homestead claim, No. 1889, dated August 21, 1871, upon the north-east quarter section 20, township 2 north, range 2 west, in Washington county, Oregon, with a view to the cancellation of said claim, said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 21st day of February, 1878, at 10 o'clock A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said abandonment.

CITATION.

In the County of Clackamas, Oregon, State of Oregon. In the matter of the estate of Austin G. Beebe, deceased, and the application to sell the real property of said estate.

THE CHARLOTTE BEEBE, and ALL other persons unknown, interested in said estate, in the name of the State of Oregon, you and each of you are cited to be and appear before this Court at a term thereof to be held on Saturday, January 20th, 1878, at 10 o'clock A. M., to show cause, if any exist, why an order should not be made by this Court to sell the following described real property belonging to said estate, to pay the debts thereof, to wit: The West half of the E. 1/4 of sec. 8, and 45 acres of the W. side of the E. 1/4 of the E. 1/4 thereof in T. 2 S., R. 1 E. of the Willamette Meridian, containing 258 acres, and situate in Clackamas county, Oregon—according to the petition of G. W. Field, administrator of said estate, filed in this Court December 1st, 1877, and the following described real property, to wit: The East 1/2 of section 18, T. 2 S., R. 1 E., of the Willamette Meridian, containing 129 acres, and situate in Clackamas county, Oregon. Dated at Portland, Oregon, this 10th day of January, 1878. W. H. H. FORTS, County Clerk.

Grand Removal Sale!

AS WE INTEND TO REMOVE FROM THE 83-26 we now occupy

TO THE NEW STORE, Corner of Salmon and First Streets, On or about January 1, 1878, and in order to

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Henry Ellekes, a young hoodlum of Portland, has been committed to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury on a charge of stealing a trunk from the O. S. N. Co.'s wharf.

In Lane 116 persons and corporations pay above \$100 taxes each; 60 pay between \$75 and \$100 each, and 100 pay between \$50 and \$75 each.

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Twenty Years Experience

In Oregon City enables me to know the requirements of the trade, home and abroad and see for yourselves that the old stand of

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cannot be beaten in quality or price. It would be useless for me to tell you all the advantages I can offer you in the sale of goods, as every store that advertises does that, and probably you have been disappointed. All I wish to say is

Come, and See, and Examine for Yourself, for do not wish to make any mistakes. My object is to sell all my old goods now that I am still alive, and desirous to sell goods cheap, for cash or on such terms as agreed upon. Thinking all for the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed.

THOS. CHARMAN, Main Street, Oregon City, Oregon, and County Scrip taken at market rates. THOS. CHARMAN, Oregon City, Oregon, Jan. 10, 1878.

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NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE firm of T. A. Davis & Co. and Rodgers, Smith & Co. have been consolidated in the wholesale Drug, Paint, Oil and Glass business, at Nos. 71 and 73 Front street,