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The government has appropriated \$10,000 to be used in a canal to connect Lake Union, Washington and Sammamish near Seattle. Capt. Symons, U. S. Engineer is now making the survey.

Congressman Binger Herman arrived home from Washington last Sunday, and is now in Portland. Mr. Herman is of the opinion that Oregon will get another congressman, as does he also believe that an extra session of congress will be held.

G. W. Hest returned to Walla Walla Tuesday from New York city, where he has been since last spring in the interest of the O. & W. T. Company. A reporter interviewed him on his arrival, and found him at home surrounded by his family. He was uncommunicative, and seemed very content that he will very soon be in a position to let the world know that he is prepared to carry out the great prospects for the benefit of Walla Walla, Portland and intermediate country, which he has already planned.

The Enterprise takes pleasure in noting the favor with which our readers express themselves in the matter of having the enactments of the legislature published in the newspapers. They realize the necessity of something of this kind in order that they may be enabled to familiarize themselves with the common laws without going to the unnecessary expense of paying exorbitant prices for the same published in book form. If published in the newspapers, the laws will be in the hands of everyone and an act from the legislature authorizing such will meet with the general approval of the public.

These foreign manufacturers of iron and steel now on a visit to this country have been so favorably impressed with the results of American enterprise, the abundance of our natural resources, including deposits of iron and coal, the advantages of natural gas, and the benefits of protection, that they have made many inquiries regarding the opportunities for investing capital. The result is that a number of them will prolong their stay and swing around the circle of manufacturing communities on the lookout for good investments.

The Indians on the Standing Rock Agency, of the Dakotas, are aroused to a high degree of expectancy that by early spring they will witness the approach of the "New Messiah," at which time an annihilation of the whites will take place and the Indians placed in supremacy. Sitting Bull, the chief high priest and leading apostle of the Sioux, is in the midst of a Brooklyn woman and they are the chief mischief makers of the race. The outcome of the abominable foolishness cannot be imagined, but agent McLaughlin has ordered an interview with the chief, and he is expecting that it may be the means of putting a stop to the craze.

WASHINGTON would not wisely do this knock out on the capital location fight and leave the seat of government where it is and belongs, at Olympia. That town is the fit place for the capital and even were it decided to move it, it would only incur an enormous expense without the accomplishment of any beneficial result. Ellensburg and North Yakima are all right, but when they undertake to secure a great long fight to secure the location of the state capital they are "biting off more than they can chew," which will eventually prove to their expense and sorrow if it is continued.

It is reported that when the Great Northern will have reached there, which surely will be at no distant day, the Canadian Pacific will also come, using the same line. Thus as the wheels of time move onward in their inevitable course, so does the progress of the state of Oregon move forward with a firmness, an exactness and a certainty that will eventually place it the peer of peers for wealth, population and industry. Such is sure to follow the present stride we are taking and when that time shall have arrived, Portland will hold title to the metropolis of the west, while Oregon City, like the Minneapolis that she is, will be a close second.

The prevailing trouble in the Portland-Seattle question of the Union Pacific is in the matter of securing the requisite number of men to do the work. Contractors are experiencing considerable difficulty in this line, which cannot be accounted for, unless it is owing to the fact of there being such a demand all over Oregon and Washington for laborers that the number to be had is inadequate to the demand. Surely if this is the case the two states can make a most excellent showing on their records of progress, as it is undeniable that their ingress of foreign labor within the last half-dozen years has been enormous, outstripping in number any other section of the whole union. This being the case added to the fact of there being such a scarcity of their class available at present one can but gain a faint idea of the kind of men that are needed. The two states are taking towards the inevitable goal in the distance.

There are some newspapers of the state who are already lagging if not becoming discouraged in the matter of the state exhibit at the world's fair. Such is far from being the correct way to take in the situation. No paper should look upon what has been said by the press as fruitless efforts. We have had no cause to become discouraged, and in fact our case stands as well, if not better than from the start could have been expected. If the states which surround us are making more rapid progress than ourselves, then the need of our continued struggle becomes all the greater. From the depths of discouragement to the heights of energy, a majority of Oregonians have been rapidly but certainly aroused, until the number who comprehend the necessity of an elaborate exhibit, is astonishingly immense. With such as the results of the efforts of the press, it is but folly for anyone to have become discouraged, and instead they should be urging with untiring zeal the significant cause, until the amount demanded for a proper representation shall have become a certainty.

Is this issue can be found a communication from "Old Records" setting forth the evils of and the obstructions to be found in the present regarding the recording of deeds and titles of realty. The ideas offered in the communication are of the greatest importance to every property owner or those contemplating owning property in Oregon or any other state that the record-keeping of its realties is governed by such reprehensible laws. They are inconvenient and disgusting in a lucrative field for an only too necessary monopoly, known as the abstract books, run by private individuals who realize in them a more profitable industry at the expense of the property owner, yet without which owing to the present method of recording we could not do without. What is wanted in Oregon is an immediate deviation from the old style and time worn methods of running public affairs, and in no branch of our government is there such need for change as in the one pertaining to this important factor.

The people in their endeavors to keep abreast with modern forms of government as are in the Eastern states, demand that the state legislature make a step by repealing the laws governing the indexing of realty titles placing in their stead real, substantial and wholesome ones that will do away with the abstract business on the part of individuals and so arrange the same as will place them at the convenience of the public.

FRUIT TREE PLANTING is now carried to such an extent in this state that nurserymen are taxed to their utmost in supplying the demand of their patrons. The old idea of California fruit trees being superior to all others is now a thing of the past and people are awaking to the fact that for thrift, productiveness and health there is nothing that can approach the product of old Oregon. Tree planting in the eastern part of the state is now fairly under way, as the dryness of the soil compels earlier planting there than in the western part where it is more moist. For general adaptability to fruit raising, Clackamas county soil can be classed as a peer of its sister counties and at no distant day its notoriety for a leading industry will rank among the prominent fruit-raising sections of the west. Even now forty and fifty-acre peach orchards are not uncommon, while its output of such fruit, such as peaches, plums, pears, apples etc., has been very large for the last dozen years. That the industry is most profitable for our fruit growers can not be doubted when it is taken into consideration that there can be found a more convenient or better market. With its close proximity to Portland and as well as its containing the largest and best appointed cannery in the state Clackamas county offers to its fruit growers a market which cannot be surpassed.

Blaine on the Stump.
Secretary of State Blaine addressed a large and enthusiastic crowd at Canton, Ohio, last Saturday night, in the interests of protective tariff. As is ever characteristic of the great statesman his speech was able and exhaustive, and significant for its possible ideas concerning the cause he represents. Following are extracts from what he said:

"The tariff issue is now raging for the membership of the next congress is not properly a contest between the republican and the democratic parties. It is a contest between protectionists and free traders. [Applause.] There are a few free traders among the republicans, and many protectionists among the democrats. It is a contest that goes to the root of the matter as to national prosperity, and on that issue we should settle the question in favor of home interests, good wages and sound prosperity. You never heard of a free trade tariff coming to the relief of the people. The only three things that the people of the United States tried a free trade tariff they fell into adversity, until the protective tariff came to the relief of the people. Some people want us to let the protective tariff go by in order to make experiments again. Well, I would like to see that experiment tried, if only one or two people were to suffer, but it is a terrible chance of prostrating the industries of the country, when there are 61,000,000 mouths to be fed."

"Free traders have always been telling that if we would adopt their theory we would have a new era in this country. On that form of statement I will not differ with them. I think we should have a new era. Congress, at its last session, concluded to adopt a new policy. They looked to South America, and they found we were receiving from those ports vast imports, and exporting little to them. The question was, should we repeal the duty on sugar and give that to South America, in addition to coffee and hides, and dye woods, and rubber, and other things from South America, and should we ask them if we give you our markets for a pound to let us enter there for a few shillings?"

"If any man is taking from us \$100,000 or \$200,000 or \$300,000 or \$400,000 or \$500,000 or \$600,000 or \$700,000 or \$800,000 or \$900,000 or \$1,000,000 or \$1,200,000 or \$1,400,000 or \$1,600,000 or \$1,800,000 or \$2,000,000 or \$2,200,000 or \$2,400,000 or \$2,600,000 or \$2,800,000 or \$3,000,000 or \$3,200,000 or \$3,400,000 or \$3,600,000 or \$3,800,000 or \$4,000,000 or \$4,200,000 or \$4,400,000 or \$4,600,000 or \$4,800,000 or \$5,000,000 or \$5,200,000 or \$5,400,000 or \$5,600,000 or \$5,800,000 or \$6,000,000 or \$6,200,000 or \$6,400,000 or \$6,600,000 or \$6,800,000 or \$7,000,000 or \$7,200,000 or \$7,400,000 or \$7,600,000 or \$7,800,000 or \$8,000,000 or \$8,200,000 or \$8,400,000 or \$8,600,000 or \$8,800,000 or \$9,000,000 or \$9,200,000 or \$9,400,000 or \$9,600,000 or \$9,800,000 or \$10,000,000 or \$10,200,000 or \$10,400,000 or \$10,600,000 or \$10,800,000 or \$11,000,000 or \$11,200,000 or \$11,400,000 or \$11,600,000 or \$11,800,000 or \$12,000,000 or 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