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A CRYING NEED.

A regular messenger should be put on to the Eugene express at once. This is a crying need, and a positive necessity for the protection of the interests of the valley towns. It would be a shame for the authorities to allow the trains to run without a regular messenger for any considerable length of time; and every one has a right to expect them to attend to this matter at the earliest possible moment.

A LABORIOUS OFFICE.

This is not the time to believe every political story that is found going the rounds. The work of president-making for 1888 has begun in earnest, and this is therefore the season in which the seed has to be sown which it is expected will ultimately bloom into the presidency. But still there is nothing intrinsically immoral in the statements attributed to President Cleveland on the subject of the exhausting character of the work of the president of the United States.

IMMIGRATION.

Those who are looking for an immense immigration into the Willamette valley this year are liable to be disappointed in a degree. Of course there will be a steady stream of immigration constantly pouring into the valley from different points, but it will not likely assume any immense proportion until next year, and the five or six years to follow. Oregon's boom is coming from the south, and it will commence with the first through train over the Oregon and California branch of the Southern Pacific railroad.

BOO!

The threats of Rev. J. W. Webb and his hard-shell profi followers to annihilate the republican party if its members do not stampede over into the hard-shell ranks at once have lost their quality of scare if they ever had any. Such threats amount to very little indeed, when we call to mind the fact that the whole outfit of the prohibition management, from its very inception, has been prompted by an overwhelming desire to destroy, defeat and humiliate the republican party—and it would seem that reason ought to teach them before long that they have a very large contract, and that if they have any special interest in good government, that they are hurting themselves as bad as any one else.

KEEP A FIRM GRIP.

Chicago merchants are discovering the fact that railroad companies are perfectly willing to have their rates regulated so long as the people pay the bill. It is singular that the American people did not suspect something, if only because the bill was passed by congress by such a large majority. Now that the law is in operation, and its interpretation is in the hands of a commission in which the people have confidence, the best thing the people can do is to grin and bear it, until the operation of the law betrays all of its defects, then have congress enact a remedy.

THOMAS WRIGHT of Otisfield, "the most eccentric man in Maine," died recently at the age of ninety years. It was said that he was never sick a day during his long life, from the fact that every day for many years he ate a half a pint of asies. It is probable that this last is only a concentrated lie.

The "Young Democrats" of Philadelphia are making their periodical kick against Sammy Randall and flatter themselves that they have actually read him out of the party. Won't Sammy be mad if he finds it out?

UNITED STATES surgeons last year treated one thousand Reservation Indians for dyspepsia. This breaks up our ideas of the physical benefits of unevilsed life. Next thing the Indians will get Bright's disease and the gout.

HENRY GEORGE AND THE VATICAN.

The report that Henry George's land theories have been carefully examined by the Vatican and that the report to be prepared will be decidedly unfavorable, will probably exert great influence on those of the Catholic faith who have with the accomplished Dr. McGlynn adopted the new ideas. The theories have received uniformly the condemnation of the American press. But such disapproval of the press, while having great influence on intelligent men, has not prevented Henry George from securing thousands of followers, nor prevented this following from becoming a more or less important factor in American politics.

But this is not all. The judgment of the Vatican will not be simply a passive negative. Condemnation implies active opposition to that which is condemned. And the obligation to oppose is in equal degree with the obligation to reject, and coincident with condemning the George theories, the whole power of Rome is arrayed in active opposition to them.

But this is not all. Rome thus becomes a powerful and active influence in American politics; and in the tentative settlement of the most momentous question of the day, in which class is arrayed against class, the poor against the rich, the weak against the strong, the oppressed against the oppressor. Rome's interests and America's interests are blended, and in protecting the one she defends the other. And yet American institutions, the policy of the American people, are the very antitheses of the institutions and the policy of Rome.

"PLAYING INJUN"

In the early days of Oregon the pioneers some times traded horses with the Indians. If the Indian should change his mind, and think that he had the worst of the bargain, he would want to "trade back," and if the white man would not consent to this arrangement, there would be a row. The early pioneers called this kind of business "playing injun." The Methodist Church (South), or at least a majority of the representatives of that church, are now trying to "play injun" in the Corvallis State Agricultural College matter. They turned that institution over to the state, in good faith, and now they are trying to go back on the bargain. This manner of doing business might be excused in a kindergarten or a nursery, but it does not look well for grown up men. Rev. Mr. Craig, the pastor of the Methodist Church (South) at Corvallis is trying to justify the action of his church through the press; but he fails to prove anything, and the fact remains that that church, the skeleton of human slavery, is trying to "play injun." That is all there is in it. There is no reasonable excuse for the existence of this church, after the question of slavery is forever settled, and there is no good excuse for the action of this church in trying to defraud the state out of what rightfully belongs to it and the people thereof.

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It is said that Mr. William Tell Coleman is feeling alarm at some of the support that he is getting. He is doubtless persuaded that the man who takes the Butler elevator to the White House will land on the cold, hard ground, with no long hand to brush the political death-damp from his brow.

EXPRESS robbers, in the light of the confession of one of the gang which seized an express car on the Southern Pacific railroad, will probably be wise enough in the future to first rob themselves of their tongues.

CORPORATION MORALS.

It is again reported that the Union Pacific Railway company proposes to turn over to the government a part of the main line as originally constructed, in payment of its indebtedness to the government, and this, in the event of the government insisting on being paid. The report is and has been circulated with such persistency that it has not only assumed the form of a definite threat, but suggests that possibly its frequent repetition will give rise to some discussion of the plan and inform the Union Pacific officials what influential people think about it. While it is not probable that company will abandon any part of its road, there is not much assurance that it is not governed by a code of morals differing much from that adopted by so many railroad companies, namely, to do that which is most profitable for itself, regardless of any body and every body else. Still there is a wide spread impression that it is honorable for corporations as well as individuals to pay their debts, and dishonorable not to do so, and the law not infrequently enforces the observance of such principles with most commendable exactitude.

A WRONG IDEA.

There are agents for some proposed colonies in this section. This calls to mind the general subject of colonies. In some cases no doubt the system is beneficial to the members of the colony, but such instances are rare. It is a wrong idea. It destroys individuality. No matter what may be the capacity or ability of any individual member of a colony, he cannot arise above the dead level of all the rest of the members, and the system is contrary to the laws of nature. The weaker members must be supported and held up to the level by the stronger, and there is no incentive for progress, no reward for the full exercise of any member's talents and abilities. The system has been tried over and over again, and has never proven satisfactory. The colony system is socialism on a small scale, and it is wrong both in practice and theory. While it is true that every man is created free and equal with certain rights common to all, they cannot always be equal, for their abilities and dispositions are not equal. Their energies are not the same. Their ideas of economy and living are not alike, and therefore it is not natural for their conditions to be the same. There must be a reward for enterprise and ability, for economy and prudence, and it takes all kinds of people in all conditions, to make up a world.

A MILLIONAIRE'S MUNIFICENCE.

It is reported that Alexander Mitchell, the dead railway president, left a will bequeathing sums varying in amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and aggregating something like \$50,000, to charitable purposes. This is pronounced handsome, as is everything a millionaire does. When it is remembered that Mr. Mitchell left an estate valued at more than \$15,000,000, his charitable bequests dwindle into insignificance and one is inclined to wonder that at his last opportunity for giving, he gave so little. The example of W. W. Corcoran, the Washington philanthropist, is not proving contagious. His donations, of various kinds, aggregate a much larger sum than he is now worth, and he lives in the midst of his charities and sees the good they are doing. George Washington Childs, the famous Philadelphia editor, does good by stealth, and although much is found out, much remains unknown except to the poor and neglected. The sum Mr. Mitchell flings away, is scarcely sufficient to keep his grave green while he is being forgotten.

The average reader will fail to see why a reported marriage between a handsome, clever and accomplished American girl to even so eminent a man as Sir Lionel Sackville West is improbable. The American girl is just now on a mission of conquest and the world is her field. That Sir Lionel is 55 and Miss Mitchell but 21 is an "accident of birth," and the business of no one save the contracting parties, except, possibly, the prospective daughter-in-law.—(S. F. Chronicle.)

It was the boast of Augustus Caesar that he found Rome of brick and left it of marble. "I found Chicago an overgrown village," says Carter Harrison, in his farewell address. "It is now a grand cosmopolitan city." Proper precautions should be taken to keep the city from shrinking to its village proportions during Carter's tour around the world.

KENTUCKIANS will likely turn green with envy now that West Virginians have neatly and expeditiously hung three negroes without making any fuss about it.

SHERIFF'S TAX NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY virtue of warrants for the collection of delinquent taxes of the assessments of 1886 and 1887, in the county of Marion and State of Oregon, duly issued by the county clerk of said county, which warrants are now in my hands attached to the lists of unpaid and delinquent taxes for the years 1886 and 1887, said Marion county, and not having been able, after diligent search, to find any personal property within said county, out of which to make the taxes hereinafter mentioned, I have levied upon the lands described in the lists hereinafter set forth as the property of the person whose name is set opposite each tract as the same appears assessed on said delinquent tax roll and will, on Saturday, the 11th day of June, 1887,

At the door of the county court house, in Salem, Marion county, Oregon, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand on the day of sale, all the hereinafter described lands, or so much of each tract as may be necessary to pay and satisfy the tax assessed against the owner of such tract in said Marion county, for the years 1886 and 1887, together with accruing costs and expenses, which list is as follows:

Table with columns: NAME OF TAXPAYER, DESCRIPTION OF LAND, AMT OF TAX. Lists various taxpayers and their land parcels with corresponding tax amounts.

Table with columns: Name, Address, Amount. Lists names and addresses of individuals and their associated amounts, possibly related to the tax notice or other legal matters.

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