

Wallowa Chief.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1891.

The recent elections in Canada are said to be against the proposed annexation to the United States.

How many of the Eastern Oregon editors who advocated the portage railway measure and the strengthening of the railroad commission's powers will receive an "advertising contract" from the Union Pacific this year?

HARNEY COUNTY was organized only two years ago, and now has a debt of over \$30,000, with no county buildings to show for the indebtedness.

NEXT to the adjournment of congress, the most gratifying news that has come over the wires lately is, that a little 135-pound railroad brakeman recently knocked out the great John L. Sullivan.

THE repeal of the pre-emption and timber culture laws during the closing hours of congress was a genuine surprise. Although the repeal of these laws has been openly discussed for years past, it was thought that nothing would be done in the matter at the late session.

Just before congress adjourned Speaker Reed was extended a vote of thanks, the democrats all voting in the negative. The country will agree that Mr. Reed has done legislation a great service by removing some of the impediments to work that have heretofore existed in the house.

An exchange says: "A casual glance at a newspaper will show a list of men who helped to build up the town. If you see a good-sized, live advertisement in the paper by each of the principal merchants, and a card from each of the small ones, you need not inquire of the prosperity of the town—it's solid. But if you find the most extensive merchants not advertising their business, then you set it down as a fact that those who do try to push their business and the town with its interests, have a hard time and an up-hill journey all the year round."

A COMPARISON of the work done by the legislatures of Oregon and Washington shows somewhat in favor of our so-called mossback legislators. Oregon was not called upon to smile over whitewashing done by investigating committees; it had no faro-loving judiciary to shock the senses of moral people; there were no disgraceful scenes connected with the senatorial election. It may be said of the Oregon legislature that a great deal was not done that should have been done, but it is to the credit of our state that no official investigations were found necessary.

The two miles frontage of World's Fair buildings at Chicago will present a wealth of architectural features. The edifices will harmonize with the surrounding landscape, be light and graceful in form and as gay in appearance as color and hunting can make them. Iron, glass and stone being extensively used, the designs will call for regular sizes of material, so that the work of construction may be accelerated and the material after the fair is over disposed of to advantage.

It is very likely that with the right of way granted at the Cascades the state should finish the portage railway in a short time. Our business men—those who will be the most benefited by cheap freights—should have boats on the river to co-operate with the railroad. By being alive and energetic in this matter the people of The Dalles and Wasco county can demonstrate to the country at large the importance of an open river, and congress will pay more attention to our requests.

There is a great deal of business sense and incontrovertible logic in helping ourselves in matters in which we are directly interested.—Times Mountaineer.

Eastern Weather.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 8.—The rainfall in this city and section of the South for the past two days has been unprecedented. Nearly five inches have fallen in this city during the past forty-eight hours. Specials from adjacent country report a heavy rain in general. The whole country around West Point, Miss., is flooded, and all trails are badly delayed. The damage will be considerable, as the bottom lands in Arkansas and the lower Mississippi are overflowed.

JACKSON, Miss.—The severest rain-storm for years has prevailed almost throughout the entire state during the past thirty-six hours. All the small streams are overflowed, and much damage has been done to roads and bridges. The railroads are all badly washed out, and trains are seriously delayed.

MINNEAPOLIS.—Snow has been falling since 1 o'clock this morning, and is now drifting. Dispatches from Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin points show the storm is general over these states. Ten inches of snow have fallen at Waverly, Ia.; twelve inches at Ottumwa, Ia.; the same amount at West Superior, Wis.; and at several Minnesota points.

CHICAGO.—Specials received here last night report the heaviest snow storm of the season is in progress throughout Iowa and Nebraska. At Burlington, Dubuque and Omaha, railroad traffic is seriously impeded.

Land Laws Repealed.

Congress has repealed the timber culture and pre-emption acts, and no more filing will be allowed except by homestead, timber and stone and desert entries. This will not affect entries already made. The following telegram was received at the U. S. land office Wednesday:

WASHINGTON, March 4.—To the Register and Receiver U. S. land office at La Grande Oregon:

Timber culture and pre-emption acts repealed this day. Allow no more claims under these laws not already instituted.

LEWIS A. GROFF, Com.

This will make a considerable difference in the amount of business before the La Grande land office, but the amount of receipts will not be diminished by reason of the Umattila reservation sale which begins next month.

—La Grande Gazette.

The Hunt Lines Sold.

The Hunt system of railroads has been sold to Charles B. Wright, a stockholder of the Northern Pacific. The purchase price is said to have been \$3,000,000. Mr. Hunt has made a gallant fight to continue work on his system of roads, but the combined efforts of the northwest corporations against him were more than he could overcome. This sale is another direct blow at the peoples' interests.

We Beg Pardon.

We have been inclined to complain because of the lack of legislation for Eastern Oregon at the recent session of the legislature. We now arise to apologize, for we learn from the Baker City Blade that Senator Dodson, of Baker county, secured a pair of Chinese pheasants and a law to protect them. The affairs of Eastern Oregon can now grind along serenely for another two years.

The New Laws.

We begin the publication of the new laws in brief this week. The length of this summary of laws will probably require another week for their publication, but our readers will find interesting facts in all changes noted. The report is taken from the Oregonian, and we presume the substance of the new legislation is given correctly.

Among the measures of great national importance enacted by the Fifty-first Congress were the new tariff and that increasing the Government's purchases of silver to 4,500,000 per month. The measures of less importance included the Postage Subsidy, Copyright, Private Land Court, Timber Culture and Pre-emption Repeal Law, Customs Administration, General Land Foreclosure, Intermediate Courts of Appeal, World's Fair, Wyoming and Idaho Admission, Anti-Lottery, Anti-Trust, Reapportionment, Immigration and Mississippi River Improvement bills. The Nicaragua Canal and Pacific Railroad Funding bills were among those that failed to secure indorsement. Of the 14,033 bills introduced in the House and 5129 in the Senate only 2186 became laws, against a record of 1824 for the Fiftieth Congress.

The State of Washington will have a \$100,000 exhibit at the World's Fair; California has appropriated \$250,000 for the purpose of showing her products to the world; Oregon, a state as great as either in natural resources, will depend upon the charity of individuals to make up an exhibit, or go without. Our language is inadequate to further remarks.

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A BUSINESS REQUEST. On account of my recent loss by fire, I am compelled, for the first time since beginning business in Wallowa County, to call for a general settlement of all accounts due me. My friends will oblige me very much, and save me considerable trouble, by calling without delay prepared to settle either by cash or a bankable note. Yours Truly, Will Wurzweiler.

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