

Baits for Workingmen.

To judge by the number and eagerness of the bids which are put in for the workingman's vote, it must be the most valuable asset that a political party can possess, and if the promises that are made shall be kept, every workingman in the country will be a capitalist within about a month after Congress meets.

With all this bright future only waiting for an act of Congress to bring it about; it would be criminal cruelty in the President to postpone the session, and if Congress meets on the 15th of October, we may expect the millennium to begin about the 1st of December—if it begins at all.

As for the eight-hour law, the trouble is that there are too many men who can not get even eight hours' work in a day; that men who would be glad to work ten hours a day can not get work for six hours.

But if the workingman can not be made a sharer in the profits of capital, and can not be helped by an eight-hour law nor by an interest law, if he may not hope to get even his share of an issue of greenbacks, there is one thing which Congress can do for him; it can build railroads, straighten rivers,

dig canals, and thus give him employment. Does anybody really suppose that Congress ought to do it, or would do it? The Philadelphia Times, which puts this forward as a panacea, estimates that there are 10,000 men idle in Philadelphia, and 30,000 in the rest of Pennsylvania.

Any honest attempt to follow out any of these schemes of relieving labor at the public expense ends in an absurdity. If it is the part of sound wisdom for the Federal government to come directly to the relief of labor, it must be sounder wisdom for local authority to do it, but from what source can the means be obtained except from the resources of private citizens?

A BALKY HORSE.—It is a very provoking thing to have a horse balk. No man realizes how helpless he is until he has used up a first-class whip and broken all the clubs in the neighborhood on the stubborn back of a balky horse.

The atmosphere of Oregon is pure and cheerful, warm and balmy; life is longer, health is better and more enjoyable, when the ordinary laws of such are attended to, than in any state in the Union, or in any country in Europe.

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Newspaper advertising compels inquiry, and when the article offered is of good quality and at a fair price, the natural result is increased sales.

The N. P. R. Co. in Olympia.

On the 5th inst., in the Olympia Assembly, after reading of the journal, Mr. Ringer presented House Memorial No. 1 relative to extending the time for building the Northern Pacific railroad.

The memorial recommends an extension of time on the following conditions only: 1. The N. P. R. Co. shall not charge more than \$2 50 per acre for their lands.

The memorial was referred to the committee on memorials, with instructions to report at 10 o'clock, a. m., on Saturday.

A memorial was also introduced by Mr. Hanford asking Congress to restore all unearned lands withdrawn by the main line of the Northern Pacific railroad north of Tacoma, and to transfer the grant of the Northern Pacific railroad branch line across the mountains to the Seattle and Walla Walla railroad company.

The Oregonian says: "Referring to the memorial introduced in the legislative assembly of Washington territory asking the transfer of the land grant of the northern branch of the Pacific railroad to the Seattle and Walla Walla railroad company, the Tacoma Herald says: 'The question is simply a local one and the memorial is offered simply to gratify individual and selfish interests.'

THE PRICE OF WHEAT.—Wheat ought to be one dollar and fifty cents per bushel all over the Willamet valley. San Francisco pays from \$2 to \$2 25 per cental. A cental of wheat is a bushel and two-thirds of a bushel.

Ordinance No. 223.

An Ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police to appoint a special deputy and providing for his compensation.

WHEREAS the Charter of the city make it the duty of the Chief of Police to collect the delinquent taxes of the city, adding thereto the percentage provided by the general law, all of which are to be paid into the Treasury, and whereas the performance of the duty in person by the Chief of Police is calculated to interfere with his other duties: Therefore

SEC. 1. That the Chief of Police be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a special deputy for the purpose of collecting the delinquent taxes due on the tax roll of 1877.

SEC. 2. That said deputy shall be entitled to receive out of the Treasury on a claim audited in the usual manner as, and by way of compensation for the services a sum equal to five per cent, on the amount of all delinquent taxes collected by him.

Passed the Council, Oct. 1, 1877. FRANK J. TAYLOR, Auditor and Clerk. Approved, Oct. 3, 1877. D. C. IRELAND, Mayor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.—There is money in the treasury of Clatsop county to pay all orders presented prior to July 1, 1877. Such orders will cease to draw interest from and after this 10th day of October, 1877.

J. W. GEARHART, Treasurer of Clatsop county. Astoria, Oct. 10, 1877. d3t-wit

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