ASTORIA. OREGON:

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#### 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. It is pretty well settled that he is to have a share in the dividends and profits of the corporations which employ him; he is to be relieved from any competition which he does not like; he is going to fix his own hours of labor; he will soon be able to borrow money at a merely nominal rate of interest, if, indeed, he is not raised above the need of paying interest by having an unlimited supply of greenbacks, and it all of these advantages do not succeed in electing the highest bidder to office, why Uncle Sam will turn in and give everybody easy work at high wages, with short hours, and for an indefinite period of

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. But before counting on it, it would be well to count the chances of its coming, as politicians have before this been known to make promises which were not fulfilled afterwards. We would not doubt the good will of Congress, nor its firm intention to do everything for the workingman that could be done at the expense of somebody else, but it may happen that some of its good intentions may be beyond the reach of an act of Congress. Capital, for instance, is very mulish, and if, as a consequence of Congressional interference with its profits, it should withdraw from employing labor altogether, it is hard to see how Congress could compel it to start to work again. The chief cause why labor needs so much Congressional dry-nursing is the withdrawal of capital, and Congress has not found any means of compelling a resumption of business on the part of those who have abandoned it; it is not likely to better the situation by compelling a further abandonment by those who still remain.

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. An eighthour law would be a poor consolation for a man who could not obtain work for any hours at all, and would do him as much good as reducing the rate of interest when there is no one who propose to lend him money at any rate of interest. There must be something doubtful assets, although there may be handreds of workingmen whose savthe workingman is concerned, it makes the owner \$10,000. little difference whether the current rate of interest is 3 per cent. or 30. been highest, but his reason teaches him that a low rate of interest may tempt those investments on which he depends for steady and remunerative

employment. But if the workingman can not be made a sharer in the profits of capital, and can not be helped by an eighthour 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;

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, estiin Philadelphia, and 30,000 in the rest of Pennsylvania. At the low rate of \$50 a month for each man, it would take \$24,000,000 to satisfy Pennsylvania for one year. Now, it is very certain that the State of Pennsylvania never would vote to add \$24,000,000 to its debt to pay for works which no one else would pay for, and it is equally certain that no Pennsylvanian in the United States Congress would vote for work to be done at the expense of Pennsylvania, the cost of which was not disbursed in Pennsyl-Pennsylvania, or any other State, is going to be relieved at the expense of the rest of the community. If we we must spend \$300,000,000 for the rest of the country, and at the end of the year be just where we were when

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 state or city has no money except what it takes from the people, and in a free country and under a free government it can not take their money from the people to employ it in a way in which they would not employ it. What government can do is to keep its hands off, to cease interfering with the natural laws of industry, of trade and of finance, to lop off its excrescences, diminish its expenses, withdraw into its sphere, and cease to meddle where it can only mar. If all the evils which trouble the country were resolved into their constituent elements, they would be found to spring one half from bad laws and the other half from high taxes, and the man who proposes to lessen the evils by making more bad laws and adding on more taxes, ought to be shut up, like Polonius, that he may play the fool no where save in his own house, and the less of such bait that is taken by the workingmen the terfere with his other duties: Therefore, better for them and all others.

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 firstclass whip and broken all the clubs in the neighborhood on the stubborn back of a balky horse. There is nothing to fall back upon but the driver's own store of invective, and, as a general thing, the animal is utterly indifferent to all the scathing epithets which are heaped on his head, Any man who brings forward a plan to circumvent a balky horse may be regarded as a benefactor to humanity in general. Such a man resides in Broomfield, Mass. His horse balked, and in a few minutes there was the usual dearth of missiles in the vicinity. The wagon was loaded with hay, and so a happy thought struck the Broomfield man. He placed wonderfully fascinating in the pros- a bundle of hay under the animal and pect of borrowing money at the rate set the dry material on fire. The exof exactly 3 65-100 per cent., or it cessive stability of the horse instantly would not be held up so temptingly disappeared, and a suddenly developed before the Workingman's party; but locomotive force displayed itself with we do not believe that the working- the most remarkable rapidity. Even men are generally borrowers of money; the neighbors who were opposed to GREAT REDUCTION when a bank breaks there are precious this Pittsburg method of promoting a few workingmen's notes among the horse's ambition, admit that the cure was complete, but unfortunately the hay load took fire and the horse ran ings go in a single failure. As far as into the barn and the experiment cost

The atmosphere of Oregon is pure and His experience has been that wages cheerful, warm and balmy; life is longer, have been highest when interest has 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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#### 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 build- Life Insurance Company mates that there are 10,000 men idle ing 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.
2. All sales or transfers of lands shall take place through the land office, such sales to be made only to accual settlers. Time of said building shall be limited by law.

4. In case of failure to build, all lands shall revert to the territory. 5. The railroad shall pay taxes on all

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

A memorial was also introduced by Mr. Hanford asking Congress to restore vania, and it is foolish to suppose that all uneavned lands withdrawn by the main line of the Northern Pacific railroad north of Tacoma, and to transfer the grant of the Northern Pacific railroad brauch line across the mountains spend \$24,600,000 for Pennsylvania, to the Seatile and Walla Walla railroad company. They were made the special order for 2 p. m., next day, and no doubt an interesting debate would be had at

> 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 Pecific railroad to the Scatile and Walla Walla railroad company, the Tacoma Herald says: 'The question is simply a local oneand the memorial is offered simply to gratify individual and selfish interests. Any bill designed to defeat the early completion of the Northern Pacific railroad bears with itself positive opposition to progress in the Northwest.' The memorial and this statement regarding it are outcroppings of the rivalry existing between Seattle and Tacoma." Now, Bro. don't you suppose that Portland's board of trade had a hand in this mat-

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is hereby authorized and empowered to ap-point a special deputy for the purpose of col-lecting 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 autoreceive out of the Treasury on a claim autoreceive.

dited 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.

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