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Another Clich.

ABOUT two weeks ago the residents of Yakima and vicinity, at a public meeting, drew up a set of resolutions and a memorial to be sent to the Secretary of the Interior.

"At the time the Northern Pacific Railway company was incorporated, Congress granted to it a tract of land embracing every odd-numbered section for a distance of forty miles on either side of the track, and extending the entire length of the road through this and other territories.

In area this donation is larger in size than many of the Eastern states—larger than many an empire renowned in the world's history! For what was this munificent and princely donation made?

It was given ostensibly to aid in reclaiming and settling what was at that time a wild, uninhabited country. Seventeen years have elapsed since that time and the road is still uncompleted.

In the meantime the country has been reclaimed and settled through other agencies. This "railroad" land, however, still remains withdrawn from settlement, greatly to the disadvantage of the country.

The donation was designed to benefit. Besides thus retarding the settlement of our country it is now operating to keep out other railroad builders, who, without subsidy, would race with each other to gain the most desirable route through the Cascades to the Sound.

Backed up by its great subsidy the Northern Pacific (owned now by the Oregon Company) can keep out competition and at the same time delay construction of the road themselves.

By this means they can perpetuate their Columbia river monopoly for an unlimited period. Judging from the recent utterances of Mr. Villard, the president of the concern, this is undoubtedly the policy his company will pursue, unless interfered with by congress.

After the government has given to the Northern Pacific Company an eighty-mile strip of the people's land and doubled the price of the remainder, have the people no right to demand an untrammelled and competing thoroughfare? And is the road, after seventeen years of dillydallying, to be completed only when it shall suit the interests of a monopoly which will be broken up and ruined by its construction?

The Northern Pacific company long since forfeited its land by reason of its failure to build the road within the time prescribed by law. Yet, owing to the peculiar wording of the grant, it requires an act of Congress to declare the forfeiture, and it is supposed that the powerful influence of the company will be sufficient to prevent this declaration being made.

the land grant forfeited. These are the objects to which the enclosed resolutions respectfully invite your attention, and with such in view we trust that they may receive your careful consideration."

This is a dignified remonstrance against existing injustice and should meet with attention commensurate with its importance.

Washington Letter.

The estimate in the annual report of the Chief Engineer, for rivers and harbors and public works amount to \$38,000,000 against \$28,000,000, last year. The increase is due to the demand in the West for internal improvements, and the rapid settling of the country.

Mexico has scaled the top of the guano pile, floating around loose in the Pacific, and torn down the stars and stripes, and there is music in the air. The American bird stands erect on the top of said bill, claiming it as his own inheritance, and shrieking vengeance, to the tune of "E Pluribus Mexico."

Guiteau has lately written to several public men to get money to carry on his case; among the first, perhaps the very first, was one to President Arthur, in which he said "that as the instrument of the Lord, he had promoted him from vice President, an \$8,000 position, to one paying \$50,000, it was just that he should give a portion of the latter sum for his (Guiteau's) defence. It was useless to say this never met the President's eye.

Another of these appeals was addressed to the proprietor of the New York Herald. In it he wrote: "I ask you to make a liberal contribution for my defence, in view of the sufferings the Herald caused me in '74, and I have no doubt, considering your liberality and right-mindedness, but that you will do it. As your reporter suggested, a \$10,000 check, or the cash if you do not wish your name to appear will be very gratefully received. I have no doubt had I proceeded with the case (in '74) it would have cost twice that to you."

It seems at that time he had collected money for certain parties in New York and failed to hand over. This the Herald exposed, hence the suit then, and the request now. The latest production from the pen of the assassin is addressed to C. M. Bell of Washington who photographed the villain just after his arrest and reads as follows:

Mr. Bell:—This will introduce to you my attorney Gen. Scoville Esq., who wishes to talk to you about the royalty due me on my photographs. You know you have been supplying the country with them, and it is right that you should pay me a reasonable royalty. What will you give to settle without trouble or expense? Yours truly, Charles Guiteau, U. S. Jail, Washington, D. C., Nov. 2, 1881. Please give Mr. Scoville half dozen side view photographs for me. C. G.

All these appeals are fruitless, the evident aim being to educate the public up to his insanity plea. It is well understood that the Government are taking active steps to explode the insanity plea. A physician is engaged to visit the jail and make studies of the criminal. Said a reporter to Scoville yesterday: "The Government will oppose you with a formidable array of lawyers." "Yes," said Scoville "it is hardly fair. Unless Mr. Trude comes there will be no one but Robinson and I for the defence. The District Attorney too, can use all the agents of the Government in preparing his case. If I had money, I would have been very well prepared. I think now the people are beginning to look at the case without prejudice. I have little fears now about the jury. Of course I expect them to be a little prejudiced. It will be shown on trial that whatever Guiteau is, he was never a depraved

or bad man as he has been represented. I do not think that the history of the world affords a case of a man who had lived to be forty years of age without crime, leading a religious life, and not revengeful by nature, and then, without cause or passion and in his sound senses shoot another man down. On the other hand there are many cases where an insane man has committed such an act."

A dozen candidates are making desperate efforts to secure the Senate Restaurant. President pro tem. Davis is undecided umpire in this important struggle. He has decreed that a list of prices must be submitted with the bid, former prices being too high. A tasting committee cannot be selected this week, as those best adapted to act on that committee have gone on to New York to rejoice over the elections. The occupants of the Senate Restaurant not only pay no rent, but are furnished with fuel, gas, water, ice and furnishings for rooms and tables.

The arguments in the telephone inventorship cases have just closed in the Patent Office, but it will take weeks yet to know who is what. The Hon. John Foster has taken his abode here for the season, his resignation as Minister to Russia having been accepted.

The regular crop of early winter alarmists is being heard from. The first harvested is a U. S. lieutenant who informs a shuddering world that the oysters are all dying, and that the bivalves will soon be extinct.

The Polaris makes this editorial announcement: "We want to turn the faucet and have things run to our hand, and the faucet must be on casters, that it may be convenient." A faucet "on casters" is a most ornate plumbing suggestion.

The Austrian government has appropriated twelve millions of dollars for the improvement of the Danube. A little touch of Austrianism in that respect on the part of our own government would be very acceptable out this way just at present.

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Masonic Land and Building Association Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Masonic Land and Building Association of Astoria, will be held at the office of George Flavel, in Astoria, Wednesday, the 21st of December, 1881, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, consisting of seven members, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

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