

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 1885. DULL TIMES.

In Astoria, in Oregon, on the northwest coast, in California, in Colorado, in Kansas and Nebraska, in the Mississippi valley, on the Atlantic slope, in Canada, in England, in Europe—everywhere is heard the same remark—"dull times." Why is it? What makes these dull times? No one knows. The wisest political economists are at fault. The profoundest observers and commentators express their inability to assign a reason. Free trade is blamed, but free trade England is depressed. Protection is assigned as the cause, but protective America is equally dull. Over-production is given as a reason, but with the interlacing network of swift communication, there exists no adequate reason.

Every government is inquiring into the cause of the universal and unprecedented dullness, but there is no explaining it. It seems to be like the swing of a pendulum. The commercial pendulum swung far toward prosperity since '78, and now it comes swinging back in a corresponding segment of the arc of '85. The unusual feature is also observed of a general tumbling in values. The necessities and the luxuries of life, real estate, houses, furniture, adornments, everything all over creation are offered for less than they were valued at two years ago. Even the use of money is worth less, and this is the most singular feature of the present world wide condition of affairs. Usually when business is dull and times are hard, people want money and the bankers are able to get a good rate of interest for the use of funds, but this summer the unusual spectacle is afforded of money going begging at three and even two percent per annum in the great money centers.

The problem is one that no one can solve. The only pleasant feature of the situation is that in the nature of things it cannot last. The present state of affairs carries with it its own solution; it furnishes its own antidote. Times are bound to mend and that soon.

TRADES organizations throughout the United States issued a petition yesterday, requesting President Cleveland to call an extra session of congress, to be devoted exclusively to consideration of measures for the relief of the industrial classes of the country and a revival of business. The petition, after calling the attention of the president to the general stagnation of business, says: "The consequences of this depression are especially severe upon laboring people—small manufacturers and farmers who are without any reserve means upon which to live or pay debts and save their homes and small property from forced sales. Employer and employee are involved in common disaster, and it is believed that it is in the power of congress and the executive greatly to relieve the depression by wise legislation." It asks that a special session be convened on or before the last Monday in September, 1885.

ACTING COMMISSIONER WALKER, of the general land office, has declined to issue any more patents to the Northern Pacific railroad, pending a decision fixing the legal status of the road in this regard. He follows the rule laid down by Commissioner Sparks in relation to California & Oregon and the Oregon & California roads. The question at issue, briefly stated, is that the road was not completed within the time required by law and that until congress takes definite action in one way or the other no steps should be taken to place the matter beyond the power of the legislative branches of the government to protect public rights.

ONE-HALF of the difficulty experienced in introducing manufacturing enterprises here, says the Oregonian, arises from the unwillingness of our dealers to handle Oregon goods, and much of the other half arises from the disinclination of our people to buy them. Somehow if the job is only that of hanging a man our people think an Oregon rope not good enough for it.

AMONG other New York stock rumors is one to the effect that Northern Pacific railroad stockholders dissatisfied with the present inert management may recall Henry Villard to the presidency of the road at the next annual election.

THERE is a volume of pathos in the simple statement that Jas. W. Marshall, the man that discovered gold in California, died poor, friendless and alone, in the greatest want, in a lonely cabin near Placerville last week.

THERE is a good deal being said about that recommendation of Dawne's by some Oregon Democrat. If President Cleveland doesn't like the appointee all he has to do is to withdraw the appointment, as it isn't confirmed. But maybe he'd rather pose as a civil service reformer, shocked by such political duplicity, as the letter he has written so nobly reproves. Business is business.

A DISPATCH has been received in Paris from St. Petersburg, stating that Russia has sent England proposals for a settlement of the dispute concerning Zulfiqar pass, and positions commanding it. The dispatch adds that it is certain that England will accept the proposals.

THERE is considerable excitement in Philadelphia over a supposed case of Asiatic cholera which proved fatal last Friday.

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Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE Stockholders of the White Star Packing Company, that the annual meeting of said company will be held at the company's office in Upper Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, on Saturday the 22nd day of August, 1885, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

OLUF W. PEDERSEN, President. Attest: A. T. BRAKKE, Secretary. Upper Astoria, August 7th, 1885.

Stockholders Meeting. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Odd Fellows Land and Building Association in the lodge room of Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., on Monday, August 24th, 1885, at two P. M. A full attendance is requested.

A. J. MEGLER, Secretary. Astoria, Oregon, July 22, 1885.