

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1885. WILL THE CANADA PACIFIC RAILWAY PAY?

GEORGE M. GRANT contributes an interesting paper on the "Canada Pacific Railway," to The Century for October. From it we quote the following: "But what will a railway get to do in this great sea of mountains? For along those five hundred miles of road on the mainland, constructed at so enormous a cost, the population, not counting Indians and Chinamen, is less than ten thousand. The British Columbians claim that a portion of the Asiatic trade will come their way, especially as the company that is building the road has announced its intention of putting on steamers to connect the Pacific terminus with the ports of Japan and China; and they also point to their fish, their mines of silver and gold, and their forests, as the complement of the prairies of the northwest. All their hopes and dreams cluster around the railway, and those whom it does not enrich will feel that they have a right to be disappointed. They ignore the fact that the people of the northwest or any other country can afford to pay only a certain price for fish or flesh, galena, gold, or anything else, and that if it can not be supplied at said price it must be for them all the same as if it were non-existent. They fancy that the difficulty the province has to contend with is not the comparatively small amount of arable land, or the necessity for irrigation in districts otherwise good, or the intervening mountains, or the canyons that prevent river navigation, or the cost of transportation, or the great distances, but simply the presence of some thousands of industrious Chinamen. If Chinamen could only be kept out white people would come in, and wages would go up and keep up. Good prices would then be obtained for everything, and every one could live comfortably."

Science, says the Chicago Inter-Ocean, as readily serves an evil as a good purpose, and is as pliable to do injury as to work benefit to mankind. Here is a fellow, now, has invented an intricate and delicate machine which will register a dream or record a snore with equal facility, and with a positiveness warranted not to err. In his application for a patent the malign inventor is at some needless trouble to explain the uses to which this instrument of exquisite terror may be put, alarming the guilty world and horribly confusing the modest. He declares this machine, which is a sort of charged battery, can be placed in the room with the sleeper, or in the room adjoining, for that matter, and, by means of a wire connecting the bed of the unconscious victim with the infamous apparatus, every passing fancy, every vagrant thought, every fugitive image of the brain will be caught and imprisoned on the prepared manuscript of this uncanny invention, ready for inspection in the cold, formal glare of the coming day. The inventor is a man of the name of Baker, who hails from Oregon, and the devilish ingenuity recommends him to rank with the most iniquitous inquisitor of medieval Spain. That his wits were set to work to accomplish a deliberate villainy appears clearly enough in his saying how valuable will his machine be to lovers and newspaper men, the two classes of all others most troublesome to mental peace without demonic aids. If, as he says, this diabolism, which winds up like a clock, can extract from the slumberous brain the secrets of the mind, and has so nice a discriminating power that it can distinguish dreams from nightmares, and snores from snorts, what hideous consequences may not come to drive the sane earth mad. The Vienna papers impressively advise the Turks to act with mod-

eration in the Roumelia affair. The sultan has been knocked down and robbed at the threshold of his house, but he must be patient, and of all things he must not think of pursuing the thief, lest some of the latter's influential friends may make his cause their own. The advice may commend itself to the common sense of the Ottoman government as a choice of imminent evils, but whether further spoliation be invited by submission or by resistance in this case, it will inevitably come.

THE present crusade against the Chinese is the inevitable result of present quiet times, scarcity of money and work. It is simply a case of cause and effect. Were times easier and money plentier we would not hear of any such crusades as those recently inaugurated in Tacoma, Seattle and Butte City. We have no one but ourselves to blame for the presence of the Chinaman and the true way to make him go away is to totally abstain from encouraging him to remain. His presence is unanswerable argument for the existence of a demand that he supplies. If we do not employ him he will go. If we make it an object for him to remain by giving him work he will stay and no mass meeting or crusade or violence can alter these inexorable facts.

DISASTROUS floods, covering an area of 3,500 square miles, have devastated all the largest and most populous of the twelve main divisions of British India. A great amount of property has been destroyed, and a number of lives have been lost. Many families have been made destitute. Crops, cattle and portable goods of every description have been carried away. The government authorities are distributing provisions and clothes, and are doing all they can to relieve sufferers. False Point, which was thought to have been the best harbor between Calcutta and Bombay, safe, roomy and accessible to all ships, was struck by a storm wave on the 22d inst., and swept so completely that most of the inhabitants perished.

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TALKING of the recent Northern Pacific election, the St. Paul Pioneer Press says the result "means that no faction found itself strong enough to attempt to carry out its particular programme against the others. The Oregon Railway and Navigation lease was not even discussed, which means that it will be consummated, and that work on the Cascade division will not be pushed with precipitation."

ONE of the relics in the Norlands, R. I., library is a homely pine-board cradle, in which were rocked the seven Washburn brothers. Four congressmen, two ministers plenipotentiary, two governors and a secretary were successively lulled to sleep between the unpainted pine boards.

BET sugar has overtaken and passed its only rival, cane sugar. The estimated supply for the coming crop year is 5,505,000 tons, while of cane the yield is estimated at 2,100,000 tons. Of the total amount, 4,605,000 tons, the United States will probably consume about one-fourth.

E. S. JONES has accepted the second place on the New York Democratic state ticket nominations, in place of R. P. Flower, resigned.

A NEW species of bear has been discovered on Mount Shasta which is found in no other part of the world. It is about the size of a shepherd dog, is white and very ferocious. Three have been killed lately.

A NEW phase of female suffrage has appeared in Boston. Both the Protestant and Catholic ladies, to the number of a couple of thousand, have registered and propose to vote for rival candidates for school directors.

NATURAL gas was discovered on L. T. Thompson's farm, at Sumner, W. T., last Tuesday, three miles distant from the oil well at Elhi, where the Tacoma company have been at work for several weeks.

THE president has appointed Edward A. Stevenson of Boise City, Idaho, to be governor of the territory of Idaho, and Wm. B. Webb, of Billings, Montana, secretary of the territory of Montana.

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