

SENATOR SHERMAN has introduced a bill to carry out the idea that Hinton Rowen Helper has given his life to promote—the construction of a railway from Alaska to Patagonia. Although the scheme sounds and seems like the dream of a lunatic, it is not more impossible or improbable than a transcontinental railway appeared when it was first proposed by Thomas H. Benton and John C. Fremont. Helper is spending his entire time and income trying to educate the public up to his ideas, and divides his time between the United States and the Argentine Republic, where he is now spending the winter. The government of that Republic is now building a railway northward into Bolivia, and Mr. Helper sincerely believes that within the life of the present generation the tracks will be joined to an extension of the Mexican Central on the Isthmus of Panama. The engineering difficulties are nowhere greater than those already overcome in Colorado, and the development of the continents will ultimately make railway communication imperative. It is understood that Sherman will not make any effort to pass the bill he has introduced, but that he simply presented it to oblige an old friend. His experience with Mr. Helper in the past has not been such as to encourage much intimacy in the future. If John Sherman had not endorsed Helper's "Impending Crisis" (in 1859), he would have been elected speaker of the house of representatives.

A Connecticut man is usually sharp at a bargain when he gives his mind to it. A Waterbury weekly newspaper made an invariable rule to charge \$2 cash down for a year's subscription, and \$2.25 when the subscriber was in arrears. One subscriber was three weeks behind when he went to renew his subscription the other day. He offered his two dollars and was told that \$2.25 was the price. "I'll stop my paper," said the subscriber. "Here are thirteen cents I owe you for the three papers." After the editor had pocketed the thirteen cents the subscriber handed out the same two dollars and said he guessed he'd subscribe for a year. He saved just twelve cents by the operation. He is seventy-five years old.

THE Tacoma Ledger of the 23rd says: "A private telegram of late date from Washington city to a citizen of Tacoma brings the important information that a new governor for Washington territory has been selected and that his appointment will soon be announced. The name of the successful candidate is not stated in the telegram, nor does it appear whether he is a resident of the territory or hails from the northern or southern states. The same telegram states that a new surveyor-general also has been chosen from among the presumably numerous candidates, but as to his name and other interesting points we come to halt before a wall of reticence as in the case of the governor."

TALKING to the itinerant politicians and the lookers for "soft snaps," the Dakota Estelline Bell gently states: "There is no opening here for any of these embryonic or ruined specimens of humanity outside of the cemeteries. If the verdict of the community in which you now live seems to be that you have not enough ability to throw stones at the chickens, don't come out here where, owing to excessive and exorbitant freight charges, cartridges with which to practice on you cost two cents apiece."

On the 23rd the house passed a bill forfeiting the immense land grant of the Atlantic and Pacific railway, a lapsed grant.

CONCERNING the report that the Chinese government had made arrangements or was about to make arrangements to return all Chinese from this coast, the San Francisco Chinese consul-general's secretary denies that any such proclamation has been issued. He says that Chinese Consul Bee had made arrangements with the steamship companies to carry poor, sick and unemployed Chinese back to China for four trips at half rates. Notices concerning this were sent out, requesting Chinese to take advantage of these cheap rates, and these facts probably gave rise to the first mentioned reports.

SENATOR DOLPH said last Tuesday that he hoped to bring up his bill for the admission of Washington territory as soon as the Blair education bill is disposed of. He thinks the time is ripe for consideration of the measure. He is confident the bill will pass the senate. Feeling about the Seattle riot has subsided, and is no longer considered an obstacle to the passage of the bill.

FOUR thousand journeymen bakers work night and day making bread for the city of New York. A barrel of good flour makes from 270 to 280 5-cent loaves. Much of the bakers' success depends on the skillful mixing of different kinds of flour. It is denied that alum is extensively used to make bread white. Modern mill machinery renders this quite unnecessary.

THE Chicago Tribune says: It is unquestionable that the present generation is leaving the farm in large numbers and that the next will leave in still greater, and that were it not for the accretion of foreign agricultural labor our farms would suffer very heavily.

THE members of the last New York legislature were in clover. One of them says: "When the Broadway surface bill was up it was boodle to vote against it, boodle to vote for it, in fact it was boodle in thirteen different styles and more boodle if wanted."

THE wages of farm hands in Switzerland, exclusive of board and lodging, average for males about \$56.25 a year; for females, \$20.50. In the United States the wages of the farm hands including board and lodging, average from \$300 to \$350 a year.

It is thought that the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific railway will be at Vancouver instead of Port Moody, and the former place anticipates a "boom" this spring.

It is significant of the extent to which boycotting has been carried in Ireland that a midwife declined to attend the wife of a proscribed man.

FIFTEEN years ago Joseph Arch was a farm laborer supporting his family on \$4 weekly wages, and he is now a member of parliament.

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Six Men Wanted. TWO DO DYKING ON MY PLACE ON Young's bay, 2 1/2 miles from Astoria. Wages from \$1 to \$1.50 a day and board. FRED KROSEL.

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Annual School Meeting. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE legal voters of School District No. 9, Upper Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, that the annual school meeting of said district will be held at the school house in said district, at the hour of 7:30 P. M. on the first Monday, being the 1st day of March A. D. 1889. The above meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director to serve for three years, and one clerk to serve one year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Mrs. MARY LEINENWEBER, District Clerk. Astoria, February 17, 1889.

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Notice. REGULAR MEETING CO. II, AT ARMORY, Thursday evening, February 25th. All members are requested to be present, those not present will be dropped from the roll. C. W. FULTON, Capt. F. E. SHUTE, Secy.

OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRTEENTH DISTRICT, PORTLAND, OREGON, February 25th. WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, at 12 o'clock, on Saturday, the 26th day of March, 1889, at Astoria, Ore., the old light-house steamer, Sandwick. Full information as to dimensions of steamer, terms of sale, can be obtained on application to this office. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. URIEL SEEBEE, Lieut. U. S. N., Light-House Inspector.

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