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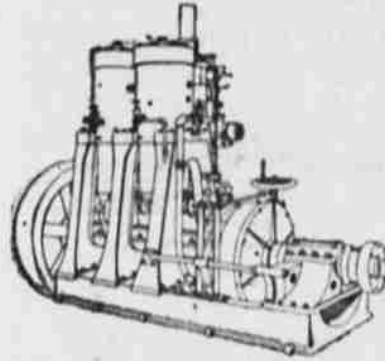
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MORE PRACTICE LESS THEORY

Is What Is Now Needed to Develop
Clatsop County's Resources.

RAISE SUGAR BEETS FIRST

And a Factory Will Soon Follow--Capital Is
Assured If the Beets Can Be Furnished
Seed to Be Supplied.

To the farmers of Clatsop and Columbia counties: Some time ago a copy of the Astorian published in 1876 came into my possession. It contained some very old news and some things which would not seem out of place in to-day's paper. Side by side appears reports on the Hayes and Tilden campaign and on the need of a wagon road across Young's Bay. The prospects for a railroad to Portland are discussed and also the cultivation of sugar beets, a subject I will presently bring up again. It might with equal propriety have spoken about flax raising, coal and timber in the Nehalem, flour mills and factories or of a dozen other topics which have been talked of and written about until they are threadbare. After all that has been said of our natural advantages and undeveloped resources, they are today almost as natural and undeveloped as when Commodore had the colic. What we need for the next few years is more practice and less theory, more work and less talk.

Around Grand Island, Nebraska, and apt Watsonville, California, land has increased many times in value since sugar factories were built at those places, and the farmers who are supplying these factories with beets are the most prosperous in the entire country. Last year the Watsonville factory paid out three quarters of a million dollars for beets alone, beside what was paid for labor, fuel and other expenses. All this can be duplicated in Clatsop County if we can once get the thing in shape. But we must quit theorizing and get down to work. I will say here that we have assurance that the capital will be ready with which to build a factory as soon as the farmers have demonstrated their willingness and ability to do their part. But what position are we in now to make a showing which would induce a man to invest the hundreds of thousands necessary for buildings and machinery? While we know that beets raised in other parts of Oregon and in Washington have given most satisfactory results, when analyzed, who in this county has ever had any tested? While we talk at random of the quantity of beets which can be raised on an acre, who has ever measured the ground and weighed the beets grown on even a quarter of an acre?

In order to get a factory, we must show first that we can raise beets containing a high percentage of sugar, and up to the standard for purity; and second, that enough farmers will go into the business to furnish the required amount of beets. The first of these points can only be determined by experiment. The second will come later, when the farmers have figured out from these experiments what profit there is in the business for them. It takes a great deal of land to keep a sugar factory going, and in order to be a success it means that every available acre in Clatsop or Columbia counties which can be reached by boat or train must contribute its share.

I have on hand a limited quantity of beet seed, purchased from the Watsonville factory. These seed will be mailed free in half-pound lots to any one who will write to me for them, and agree to give them a fair trial, and report results next fall. Printed instructions from the agricultural college at Corvallis will be sent along, and samples of beets sent directly to the college, or to me, will be analyzed free of charge. When we have the results of the analysis and the tonnage raised per acre, we will canvass among the farmers with these figures and see how many will agree to go into the business and how much land they will cultivate. We will then be in a position to talk intelligently to the capitalist.

Mr. D. M. Stafford made a suggestion in the Astorian some time ago which I think is well worth repeating. Many farmers raise turpentine and carrots for their cattle. Sugar beets will turn out as well and are worth as much for feed. Why not try an acre or two of beets this year instead of the other crops, so that we can have the results of field cultivation in quantities. The seed can be had from the Watsonville factory for 30 cents per pound, and the expressage will be four or five cents additional. Fifteen pounds will plant an acre.

outside of their own line of business, and ordinarily I should hesitate to advise the farmer. But this is a subject in which we are equally interested, and on which we are equally ignorant. We have the example of prosperous communities wherever they have secured the factories. Is it inferring too much to say that under like conditions we will enjoy the same prosperity? Let us not rely on our neighbors, but let each one who can do so make it a personal matter to secure the information we require. Those wanting seed should write to me at once, addressing letters to Warrenton, Oregon. Please state when writing for seed how many acres of land you have which you consider available for raising beets, and which you would be willing to devote to the business should you find it profitable.

A CITY SUPERINTENDENT

Instead of a Clerk, Wanted for the
Schools of Astoria.

Astoria, April 1.—(Editor Astorian.)—From time immemorial unity of effort has characterized efficiency. Without unity greater effort is demanded, thus energy is expended uselessly. "The economy then to unity effort, or as Baldwin put it, "Well directed effort is the condition of all development." Each teacher may be proficient beyond question in her line, yet her pupils, receiving certain instructions in her peculiar way, may experience great difficulty, some perhaps meeting disaster, in making a change, e.g., how troublesome it is to classify children who come from rural districts into city schools. Many things have been done that must be undone and many things left undone that must be done; thus energy has been expended uselessly. The need, plain to be seen, is to have "Well directed effort." The above is the extreme, yet the principal of any school has to exercise care along this line to promote the welfare of each pupil. One teacher may persist in doing things her way to the detriment of the children under her. By demanding proper instruction along each subject on the part of both teacher and pupil are saved. Effort is unified, it is well directed. If each school had a complete course of study the principal would be the only superintendent necessary, but not so. Pupils finishing the grammar grades are brought on common footing in the higher studies; hence, like children from rural districts, come boys and girls from the various grammar schools into the high school. The process of parting off, building on and remodeling in general begins at once. In course of a year perhaps the most of them are in shape to proceed to the best advantage; yet time has been wasted, energy expended and ambition sacrificed. "The like trying to excavate without removing the debris. The old matter is constantly in the way blocking up that which has been cleared. You may dig and dig—expend unlimited capital—yet if you neglect to remove the debris no real advancement can be made. Now this debris in school matters assumes varied forms, the largest percentage of which may be eliminated by judicious supervision. "The impossible to have it clean out the first time, yet under good management that which tends to obstruct progress may be disposed of with comparatively little waste of energy. Then to economize in the most substantial manner, procure an able educator in every sense of the term to take the management of the schools. He could be secured by adding \$50 to the monthly salary of the present clerk. There is no need paying \$75 per month to a very ordinary man who makes no pretensions as an educator, for performing the simple duties of a school clerk. There are scores of men in Astoria who are equally good or better who would willingly discharge the duties of the present incumbent—Ferguson—for \$5 a month. Had this been done at the beginning of the present school year the high school at least could have continued the full ten months instead of being obstructed by this poor economy. If the board does not see fit to economize in the substantial way, it should at least do so in a secondary manner. Have a city superintendent with a respectable salary or a clerk with ample remuneration for his services. A mongrel is usually a hard formation.

A SUCCESSOR.

NOTICE A. O. U. W.

The members of Seaside Lodge, No. 12, A. O. U. W., are requested to meet at their hall Friday, April 2, at 11:30 o'clock, to attend the funeral of the son of our brother, John Bryce. Attest: C. H. STOCKTON, Recorder.

SIGNED THE BILL.

Sacramento, April 1.—Governor Budd signed the general appropriation bill today but refused his consent to several of the features of the bill. He knocked out some six hundred thousand dollars.

To answer a letter within a day after it is received is a much easier process than after any lengthy delay.

FLOOD, STORM AND CYCLONE

Big Sioux and Jim Rivers Rising Much
Damage Done By High Waters.

SITUATION IN MISSISSIPPI

Is Better, But Danger Is Still Great On the
Lowlands—Cyclone in Arkansas—Many
Persons Killed and Injured.

Omaha, April 1.—A Bee special from Sioux Falls says:
The Big Sioux river is higher than ever known and is still rising. Lake Kampesta, where the river has its source, has risen five feet and is still rising. Castledown and the lowlands are flooded. At Brookings the same condition exists. At Egan the water is rapidly rising and doing much damage. At Sioux Falls business along the river has been suspended. The bottoms above the city are a sea, and much fear is expressed as the floods from the north are still to come. The damage to the bridges in Minnehaha county alone, so far, is \$5000. A special from Yankton says the Jim river is still rising there, but no great damage has been done.

IN MISSISSIPPI

Memphis, April 1.—The flood situation in the Mississippi delta above Greenville is decidedly better tonight, as to the threatened loss of life and further destruction of levees. Had a dozen levees on the Arkansas and Mississippi above, between Helena and Greenville, have drawn an immense volume of water out of the main channel, which is spreading over the lowlands, but not with that degree of rapidity that cuts off escape by the inhabitants of the low countries.

The river shows a decline from a point below Helena to the Waysside levee. However, Helena, Ark., is not out of danger, for the waters from the St. Francis basin in Arkansas are still swelling the channel of the river from the mouth of the St. Francis to a point south of Greenville, as no break occurs until Westover is reached, ten miles below that city. The worst at Helena will be over by Sunday.

The damage to the farming country in the delta cannot be exaggerated. Five counties will be for the most part under water for thirty days, and the main line and the branches of the Yazoo and Mississippi valley road will have more than 100 miles of track inundated. Probably twenty railroad stations and small towns are flooded tonight, among them being Gunnison, Hossdale, Perthshire, Terry, Riverport, Dahomey, Storm, Benoit, Beulah, Wayside, Longwood, Ridge, Swift, Water and Australia. The greatest danger now is to the south of Greenville, as the levees from Wayside to the mouth of the river must begin to feel the pressure of the movement of water back into the channel from the delta through the White river country and St. Francis basin.

CYCLONE IN ARKANSAS

Little Rock, Ark., April 1.—A Gazette special from Star City, Lincoln county, says:

About 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the people were aroused by the terrific roaring of a full-fledged cyclone, and in less time than it takes to tell it a terrific and destructive cyclone was dealing devastation to everything in its path, which was from a quarter to half a mile wide. It passed south of Star City half a mile. The cyclone seems to have made a complete circle around the town, nearly every house within a small radius in every direction being totally demolished, while large trees were uprooted and twisted into fragments. The home of Rees Dunlap, a negro, was destroyed but the family escaped serious injury. T. J. McFalls, who lived a mile east of Star City, had his dwelling and all his outhouses entirely destroyed, but his family escaped. The next point heard from was on the bayou Bartholomew, on John C. Hendricks' plantation. His large plantation is almost a total wreck. On this place three persons are known to have been killed outright and a large number are reported seriously wounded. Never in the history of this section has such a cyclone been known. It is impossible to give now anything like a definite account of the damage done. The news has just reached here of the destruction of several plantations along the bayou Bartholomew, among them being those of Alf Coghill, W. C. Lee and Judice Owens. The loss is very great at each of these places.

LOSS NOT SO GREAT.

Kansas City, April 1.—A Journal special from Guthrie, O. T., says:
It develops tonight that the loss of life in the Chandler cyclone has been greatly overstated. In the confusion and difficulty of getting news out over a long distance telephone names became mixed and the list of dead was made greater than it really was. Only fourteen persons, it is now stated, are known to have met death in Chan-

dler, and in addition to these three were killed in the country north of town. Fully two hundred persons were injured, fifty or sixty of them being seriously hurt and four or five of these will surely die. A correct list given out tonight by the relief committee is as follows: John Dawson, Ed E. Moss, J. E. Woodward and wife, D. E. Johnson, wife and son, Philo Johnson and child, Mrs. Tom Smith, Mrs. Dr. Lee, Emma Rotenstein, Emma Dressinger, E. D. Johnson. In the country north of Chandler John C. Kyle and two children were killed.

HELP NEEDED.

Chandler, O. T., April 1.—Although a tornado struck Chandler 48 hours ago, very little search of the ruins has yet been made and it is feared that the death roll may be considerably augmented. Scores of injured are under the care of surgeons who have come from all parts of Oklahoma. None of the wounded have succumbed today, though many suffer greatly and some of them cannot possibly recover. Nearly all the men slept in the streets last night, where fires were kept burning. Women were cared for in the few houses which were not destroyed, or found shelter in tents sent from the surrounding towns. Fifty special police men effectively protected the property of citizens. A thousand people are homeless and half as many are without a thing in the world. Help on a large scale is needed.

ORDERED TO HONOLULU.

San Diego, April 1.—Rear Admiral Bearse received orders from Washington this afternoon to proceed at once with the flagship Philadelphia to Honolulu. Great excitement prevails on board, as intimations have been given that trouble is expected between the Hawaiians and Japanese. The Philadelphia will get away about next Wednesday. The latest advices from the island state that the Japanese are greatly excited over the determination of the Hawaiian government to prevent the illegal landing of Japanese immigrants.

THE DUTY ON SILK.

Milwaukee, April 1.—The Millers National Association, the membership of which embraces all the larger flour mills in the United States, today entered a formal protest against the duty of 25 per cent ad valorem which the Dingley tariff bill puts upon foreign silk bolting and silk cloth, which it is claimed cannot be duplicated in this country owing to atmospheric conditions.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

Special to the Astorian.

Washington, April 1.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Andrew D. White, of New York, ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Germany; William F. Draper, of Massachusetts, ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Italy; Chandler Hale, of Maine, secretary of the embassy at Rome; Samuel L. Gracey, of Colorado, consul at Fu Chai, China; Anson Burlingame Johnson, of Colorado, consul at Amoy, China; Benjamin Butterworth, of Iowa, commissioner of patents; Oliver L. Spaulding, of Michigan, assistant secretary of the treasury; William B. Howell, of New Jersey, assistant secretary of the treasury.

ARMY PROMOTIONS.

Washington, April 1.—It is expected that the nomination of major general to fill the vacancy made by the retirement of General Ruger will soon be sent to the senate. The army officers are agreed if the better that the choice will fall upon General Wheaton, and that Colonel Shafter, of the First Infantry, will get the brigadier-generalship, caused by General Wheaton's promotion.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

Washington, April 1.—The senate in legislative session confirmed Charles M. Tower, of Pennsylvania, to be minister to Austro-Hungary; William S. Hallenberger, of Pennsylvania, to be second assistant postmaster general; Alexander Montgomery Thackry, of Pennsylvania, to be consul to Havre, France, and several positions in the army and marine corps of the navy.

THEY DON'T LIKE IT.

Washington, April 1.—Open and formal expressions of dissatisfaction with the pending tariff bill on the part of foreign nations have come to the department from Japan and Argentina. Japan objects to the silk schedule and Argentina does not like the proposed duty on hides.

DURAND SENTENCED.

Portland, April 1.—Ezra Durand was today sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

BISMARCK'S BIRTHDAY.

Berlin, April 1.—Prince Bismarck today celebrated his 82d birthday.

SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST

Powers Conclude Affairs in Crete and
On Thessalian Frontier Must Stop.

THEIR WARSHIPS ARE SCARCE

For the Coercion of Greece and Only Athens
Will Be Blockaded at First—Greek Vessels
With Supplies Captured.

Berlin, April 1.—It is semi-officially announced here this evening that the powers have arrived at the conclusion that the situation in Crete and on the Thessalian frontier must not be allowed to continue, and that steps must forthwith be taken to stop the aggressive attitude of Greece. This decision was hastened by the action of Colonel Vasos in aiding the insurgents in hostilities against the powers. The blockade of Greece has therefore been decided upon, with the consent of all the powers, and will be enforced at an early day.

WAR SHIPS SCARCE.

London, April 1.—It is semi-officially announced that the admirals of the foreign fleets in Cretan waters have asked their respective governments to dispatch fifty cruisers, yachts and a battery of artillery each for service in Crete. Owing to the decision to extend the blockade it is necessary to reinforce the international fleet and some days must elapse before the requisite number of war ships will be available for the coercion of Greece. Only France, the port of Athens, will be blockaded at first; measures depending upon the course Greece pursues.

GOVERNOR OF CRETE.

Constantinople, April 1.—It is reported that Darwish Pasha, who was mentioned some weeks ago as likely to be appointed governor of Crete, is going to Athens on a special mission to King George of Greece.

SUPPLIES CAPTURED.

Athens, April 1.—Three Greek sailing vessels, carrying cargoes of provisions destined to Crete, have been captured by a British war ship outside the limits of the blockade.

EXPENSIVE DEADLOCK.

Frankfort, Ky., April 1.—The tension is still high in the senatorial struggle, and all realize that the present conditions cannot last much longer as the deadlock is costing the state, already in bankruptcy, over \$1,000 a day. The deadlock last winter cost the state in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Fourteen hundred men have signified their willingness to sign a call for a new caucus and a new nominee. The bolting republicans have so far declined to go into any such scheme. The silver men are still dicker with the sound money men in an effort to effect a combine of state senators for Goshel or Martin Jacobs.

PROFESSIONAL PERJURERS.

San Francisco, April 1.—Local officials of the United States treasury allege that they have secured information proving the existence of a ring organized for the express purpose of illegally landing Chinese girls for immoral purposes. The treasury agents expect to arrest a number of professional perjurers who have figured as fathers of most of the women landed from China during the past year.

THE MARKETS.

London, April 1.—Hope—43 1/2.
San Francisco, April 1.—Hope—80 and 11 1/2.
New York, April 1.—Hope—Easy.
Portland, April 1.—Wheat—Us changed.
Liverpool, April 1.—Wheat—Spot, No. 2 red spring, dull, 6s 3/4d.



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