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There is no occasion for concern about the talk of enjoining the county court in the matter of the bridge location.

In the first place, there is no legal ground upon which an injunction can be obtained, and secondly, the men who are threatening that course of obstruction have better sense than to attempt it. No self-respecting man will voluntarily incur the contempt or invite the derision of his fellows, and as most of those who are abusing the county court are pretty decent fellows, it is extremely unlikely they will undertake to defy public sentiment to the extent of attempting to oppose legal objections to the laudible effort made by the county court to settle the bridge controversy in the public interest.

The decision of the court will stand, therefore, injunction or no injunction to the contrary. The people want a bridge somewhere that will afford the country on the opposite side of Young's bay easy ingress and egress to Astoria. To some of those interested or who will be benefited by the improvement, it is totally immaterial whether the bridge is located at the precise site selected or elsewhere; provided the question is settled and the construction of the bridge proceeded with as rapidly as possible, but it is thoroughly understood that the movement which culminated in the authorization and location of the bridge was started by the citizens of the Lewis and Clark neighborhood, who constitute, with the Young's River folk, a large majority of those who will be directly and especially accommodated by the bridge. It is to the credit of the county court that the rights of these people have been considered, and the decision of the court meets with nearly unanimous public approval.

If the Clatsop plains people are so foolish as to try to delay or prevent the construction of the bridge they will incur the permanent enmity for their community of the entire business of the county.

The news about the Chinese situation continues to be confusing. Now it is England and now Russia whose influence counts for most in the equation. Germany's movements no longer monopolize attention. But the point of most importance to the United States is that a new era is undoubtedly opening for the far east calculated to develop that section more rapidly than until very recently was ever dreamed of. All of the great powers are going in there, and when all shall have established themselves a rapid transformation will at once begin. A great traffic will set up. Business will be augmented a hundred fold. There will be room for all, and all the more advanced nations will be represented in the rivalry for advantage in the new industrial campaign. The United States could have no part in any attempted partition of the territory of China, nor could it wish for the success of such a scheme. We are friends of China, and wish her well. But, as her friend, we can hope to see her come early and liberally under the influence of progress, all her ports opened to traffic, and her people made accustomed to a radically new order of things. She will greatly benefit by the change, and so will all the rest of the world. The United States will be a factor in that matter. We already trade with China to a considerable amount, and we shall be prepared to compete when the work begins with any of the European powers for the new volume of oriental business. With such a momentous change, therefore, on the cards for that quarter, and so important a part in it cut for us to play, it becomes more necessary than ever that we shall act wisely in the matter of the Hawaiian Islands. How invaluable they will become in that day may easily be

estimated from the very great value they even now possess. They command the middle Pacific. As American territory they will greatly facilitate American traffic across that ocean. They are now within our reach—are actually knocking for admittance to the union. It is strange that anybody should oppose their admission.

THIS YEAR'S CONGRESS ELECTIONS.

The Chicago platform, and not the Teller resolution, will be the issue in this year's congress elections. The latter affords a text for some fervid appeals, as was shown in the house debate. Bondholders, as a rule, are good game for the stump. But in this matter of money the bondholder cannot be separated from the rest of humanity. That was fully explained by the sound money advocates in the campaign of 1896. He is not separated now, despite all efforts to make the contrary appear. The dollar he gets on his coupon, or on the face of his bond, is no better than the dollar which the wage earner gets for his labor. Both are worth one hundred cents. Reduce the dollar of the one to 50 cents, and the dollar of the other will fall at the same time to the same figure.

But the Teller resolution serves a purpose in directing attention to the importance of the next house. The silver men will exert themselves to the utmost to control that body. Their program both for this year and for 1900 is undisputed. First comes their play for the house. If that wins, then, with a majority in both houses of congress, they will pass a free coinage bill in the spring of 1900 and send it to the president for his veto. That veto, if provoked, will be forthcoming. Then the issue will be squarely joined for the presidential campaign.

This is distinctly a Bryan move, and for this reason. The renomination of Mr. McKinley seems reasonably well assured as matters now stand, but the veto of a free coinage bill by him on the very eve of the national convention would make it absolutely certain. His veto message would answer as the party's platform. And, of course, with the issue joined in that way—the same issue upon which the parties divided in 1896—and the republicans on the strength of it putting forward their old leader again, nothing would remain for the democrats to do but to follow suit. Mr. Bryan's renomination would become as inevitable as had Mr. McKinley's.

But such a condition of things, with only the president's veto standing between the public credit and smash, would necessarily affect business interests most unfavorably. For that reason the sound money men should unite again everywhere to repeat if possible this year the verdict they rendered two years ago.

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ASTORIA'S GRAIN FLEET 1897.

Table with columns: Vessel and Flag, Wheat, Oats, Value. Lists various ships and their cargo.

MARINE NOTES.

The Columbia crossed out yesterday for San Francisco. The steamer Oregon, for Alaska, leaves Portland tonight. The schooner North Parke, lumber laden from the North Pacific mills, crossed out yesterday for San Francisco.

with 23,000 feet of lumber for San Francisco. The British bark Drumbrunton arrived down from Portland yesterday and carries 10,000 bushels of wheat valued at \$9,000.

VESSELS BOUND TO ASTORIA.

The following vessels are bound to the Columbia River, with name of master, nationality, rig, tonnage, where from and date of reported sailing: Dovenby Hall, Whitefish, Br sh, 188 tons, Liverpool. Ben Voirlich, Abier, Gr sh, 167 tons, Santa Rosalia.

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