RAMBLING THOUGHTS BY NEMO.

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Be neither a tree nor a wave in your mental make-up. A tree stands, rooted fast in one spot; a wave is blown hither and thither by every wind that blows. But in your judgement of things, be a man, free to move at will, from place to place, and well able also, if necessary, to brace yourself against the fiercest efforts of a very tempest of argument. A tree, with its limited knowledge of this vast world is the counterpart of some of us; we acquire smattering of a few subjects, and the very littleness of our knowledge makes us mad enough to think we know all that we should know. We somehow, perhaps from conceit, for surely it is a species of narrow-guage conceit that will bar out new ideas, think it a shameful thing to change our opinions. We cling with all the ramified rootlets of prejudice to one little spot and progress is not for us; the healthful gales of discussion pass us by and we are not moved.

Be a strong man to defend the castle of your opinion, and be also a wise one,—wise enough to know when to capitulate to a stronger than yourself. The right side of the question in one generation, may be quite the wrong one in the latter, better-informed age. If, you still worship the day of little knowledge you are out-of-date, you are shelved, you are a Chinaman. This queue-wearing, parchment-skinned Asiatic is content with a few or many but necessarily antiquated things of his ancestors; and he is not alone for there are Caucasians right in your neighborhood who resist with dumb stubborness all argument, all advancement. You may draw together the curtains of your mind and say it is as dark without as within; you may close your ears to the hurrying feet of progress and say that everything is as motionless as you are, but the only deluded one is yourself.

"The world moves," desperately and under his breath, said poor, weak, recanting old Galileo, as he turned his back on a crowd of ecclesiastical sinners, who loved darkness rather than light. Those conceit stuffed effigies of men laughed him to scorn, and we now hold them in derision. New facts will force themselves into recognition and opposition to them will be as the sand heaps piled up by children to stay the progress of the sea. You no longer confine yourself to a dreary, dripping tallow candle, when a turn of the hand floods your apartment with electric light. You no longer deny yourself the succulent tomato because an earlier generation named it "love-apple" and dubbed it "poisonous."

Would you stand head and shoulders above the small men who echo the dead? Then be broad-minded enough to be inconsistant with your past. No knowlege that you have had on great subjects has ever been final. Recognize that and you will continue to grow. Somewhere I have read, the place I cannot now recall, that "Dead men and fools never change their opinions." You are alive in moving times, be not then as if you were dead. In religion, in science, in education, and, especially at this moment, in politics, a constant re-adjustment of our opinions is necessary if we would be in the world and of it, in its forward swing.

W. M. Manning, our enthusiastic republican friend, called in to show us the McKinley badge he is wearing. It is a souvenir that he saved from the Ohio campaign when McKinley was running for govenor, consisting of a peice of sheet tin about 4x5 inches, on which is stamped the profile of the republican candidate with the word "Protection" above and "Amercian Tin Plate" underneath. Those little scraps of tin did valuaple service in the state campaign, and they are still eloquently suggestive of the important truth that protection to Amercian industries gives employment to capital and labor and brings prosperity to both. When the McKinley law made it possible for a tinplate factory to exist in this country, every free trade paper and orator abused, defamed and ridiculed. There was not a pound being made in Amercia, and they said there wouldn't be. The reports for 1895 show that up to that time $8,000,000 of capital had been invested in mills, which were turning out 260,000 tons of finished product, employing 12,000 hands and paying wages to the amount of $7,000,000 per annum. Our friend Manning is right in wearing that badge. It is one of the many overwhelming arguments that the Bryan free traders cannot answer. —McMinville Reporter.

Don't trifle away time when you have cholera morbus or diarrhoea. Fight them in the beginning with DeWitt's Colic and Cholera Cure. You don't have to wait for results, they are instantaneous and it leaves the bowels in a healthy condition. W. E. Brock.

ELECTIONS THIS FALL.

Elections will be held in six states before the grand battle of ballots is joined on Tuesday, November 3. These States and the order in which they will vote are as follows: Alabama will elect a full State ticket in August; Vermont, Arkansas and Maine will vote for Govenor September 1, 7 and 14 respectively; Flordia and Georgia vote for Govenor in October, and then there will be a lull until November. There seems to be no doubt that Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia and Flordia will go democratic, while it is equally as safe that Vermont and Main will go republican, probably by increased majorities. Louisiana, Rhode Island and Oregon have already held elections this year. Louisiana went democratic by a decreased majority; Rhode Island increased its republican majority, while the vote on the congressional ticket in Oregon was very close, the two republicans getting the returns by an aggregat plurality of only 600 or 700. At the November election, besides the presidential electors, Governors will be elected in the following States: Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michign, Minnesota, Montana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, West Virgnia and Wisconsin. For the first time Utah will vote as a State, and the electoral vote of the United States is in increased to 447, making the number necessary to a choice in the Electorial College 224.

OVER THE STATE.

The row is again on at Astoria between the fishermen and the canners. The canners offer but three cents for fish. The union gathered on the dock and refused to allow boats, comming in with fish, to discharge cargo. If there are any men who want to deliver fish at 3 cents, send the soldiers and let them pile their catch on the dock.

The wheat crop of Marion county is not damaged by the late rain. Oats are mildewed some but no serious damage has resulted.

In Benton county hereafter all officials must pay their own deputy hire. The county court at its last session determined not to make any allowace for regular deputy hire, but to allow the clerk $2 per day for one deputy for each day that the circuit and commisoners' court be in session, and to also allow said clerks $2 for each deputy in making up the tax and delinquent rolls, and to allow the sheriff $2.50 per day for two deputies while the jury is is attendence on the circut courit.

Several trusties from the penitentiary are still out on self approved bail.

New wheat is being delivered at Eugene City warehouses.

The owners of the Annie Mine in the Bohemia Mining district, Lane Co. have struct a vein 250 feet, below the surface. The lode at that point is 75 feet thick exposing rock that prospects well and in places from $40 to $100 to the ton. The one fly in the ointment is the quartz is not free milling. It will be expensive reduction, though easy mining.

W. S. Byers, of Pendleton, is making up a shipment of three carloads of flour for Africa. It is put up in 12½, 24) and 49 lb. sacks of the ordinary kind, and these sacks in turn are packed in coffee sacks.

The Fossil Jornal is convinced that the sheep fight which is reported in which Mr. Kitchen and Earnest Sheran were reported killed, on Snow mountain, was a "fake," like a lot of other stories fabricated to keep sheepmen out of the mountains. Since the date of the reported fight Billy Wiseman has had a letter from Sherar, and Earnest didn't say anything about having been killed, he was probably alive when he wrote it.

A departure from the old custom of threashing machine men boarding with the farmer has been made in Lake county. There the threashing men have a kitchen on wheels, which can be hauled around with the machine, and it costs the farmer only for the threashing. It is a novel idea and one which undoubtedly will become popular among the woman on the ranch.

A band of bunch-grass horses were driven in and sold at public auction in Silverton the other day. The horses were unbroken and were sold at very low prices. Good horses were sold for $6, and good teams were sold for $10 to $23.

The cannery at Rogue river has been packing an average of 400 cases of salmon per day for the past 35 days. Rogue river salmon sell at the very top price, and net the packer at least $1 per case.

The huckleberry crop in the Blue Mountains is enormous this year. Every bush is loaded, and parties who have been out in quest of this fruit come back with glowing results of success. It is said the berries are so thick on Blalock mountain that the cattle that range there are all stained purple from walking through and lying down in the patches. The old grizzly-white cows are thus rendered a beautiful, brilliant color.

Ben Noyer has been arrested on a charge of robbing the Wilhoit stage carrying passengers between Oregon City and the Springs. Naylor says he didn't rob any stage.

Many a day's work is lost by sick headache, caused by indigestion and stomach troubles. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the most effectual pill for overcoming such difficulties. W. E. Brock.

Constipation causes more than half the ills of women. Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant cure for constipation. For sale by the Delta Drug Store.

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In a letter published in 1892, Gov. Boies, of Iowa, predicted that the abolition of the protective tariff would cause a permanent advance of not less than 30c on every bushel of wheat, 15c on every bushel of corn, and 2c to 3c on every pound of cotton which could possibly be grown in this county." Mr. Bryan's prophecies of that year were to the same effect. Now similar promises are based on the adoption of free silver, the figures given are just as prodigal and every business man knows that they are equally worthless.

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The St. Louis Globe-Democrat announces the defeat of the republican and populists who fused in Alabama and then remarks. "However, no republican will mourn over the defeat which the element calling itself the republican party of Alabama sustained. It sticks to its unholy alliance with the populists, and consequently deserves to be beaten."

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The Geese Won.

A gentleman once laid a wager with George IV that geese would beat turkeys in a race, says The School and Home. The king, thinking that such a wager was already as good as won, willingly made the bet, and the gentleman was left to choose time and place and distance. Being well acquainted with the habits of the birds, he accordingly chose for the time the evening, just before sunset, and for the place the road outside the city walls, and a mile for the distance. The time came, and each appeared with his flock of birds, and the race began. Long ere the end came the sunset, and immediately true to their instincts, as soon as the sun had quite disappeared, all the turkeys flew up into the nearest tree to roost, and no persuasion could induce them to budge an inch farther—and the geese, which had been slowly toddling on behind, quietly cackled in—the winners.

Barred by His Nose.

Among the Massachusetts delegation in the Fifty-second congress was Representative McEttrick, an honest man, an able man, but a man with a large, bulbous, rubicund nose, a flaring, conspicuous nose, a real danger signal of a proboscis. Speaker Crisp, in making up the committees, assigned McEttrick to the committee on alcoholic liquor traffic. There was no design in it. It just happened so. It was a good place, whether a man had a red, showy nose or a pale, unostentatious one. McEttrick at the first favorable opportunity hunted up the speaker.

"Mr. Speaker," said he, "I want to request you to take me off the committee on alcoholic liquor traffic."

"Why, Mr. McEttrick?" asked the speaker, concentrating his gaze earnestly upon the nose in front of him.

"Look at my nose," said McEttrick in a burst of candor. "Just look at my nose."

"Well, I see it," said the speaker. "What's the matter with that nose?"

"What's the matter with that nose?" asked McEttrick. "What's the matter with that nose? Did you ever see a nose like it? If I served on the committee on alcoholic liquor traffic, every street arab in Boston would guy the life out of me; it would ruin me with my constituents, and the reputation of that committee wouldn't be worth 3 cents on the dollar. No, Mr. Speaker, a man with a nose like mine has no business to be sticking it into the committee on alcoholic liquor traffic."—Washington Post.

A simple peasant woman, having come to town on a market day, saw the newsman coming along the street and hailed him as he passed. "Are those Tribunes you are selling there, friend?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Then let me have ten copies; they are for my son; he won't be able to get to town for ten days, and he must have something to read anyhow."

A fact—Tribune de Geneve.

NOW AN ENGLISH MILL.

Captain Lawrence's Frigate, the Chesapeake, Stands In Wickham, Hants.

In the spring of 1813 the Chesapeake was ordered to Boston, and Captain James Lawrence had proved himself an efficient officer while in command of several frigates. About the last of May the British frigate Shannon, Captain Brooke, appeared at anchor at the outlet of the bay, evidently inviting an attack—in fact, Captain Brooke sent a challenge to Lawrence to meet him in mortal combat. Prompted by the ardor which pervaded the service, Lawrence promptly accepted the challenge without sufficiently examining his strength. With a new and inexperienced crew he weighed anchor and sailed to meet the enemy.

The Shannon, observing the Chesapeake approaching, immediately prepared for action. On June 1, 1813, the ships engaged. The first broadside from the Shannon either killed or wounded many of the Chesapeake's most prominent officers—the sailing master was instantly killed and Lieutenant Ballard, Lieutenant Brown and Captain Lawrence severely wounded at the same time. A second and third broadside, besides adding to the destruction of her officers, so disabled the Chesapeake in her rigging that her quarter deck fell on the Shannon's anchor. This accident may be considered as deciding the contest. An opportunity was given the enemy to rake the Chesapeake and finally to board her.

Captain Lawrence, though severely wounded, still kept on deck. In the act of summoning the boarders a musket ball entered his body and brought him down. As he was carried below he issued that last heroic order, "Don't give up the ship!" But it was too late to retrieve what was lost. The Shannon sailors leaped, 200 strong, on board the vessel, and, after a short but bloody struggle, raised the enemy's flag.

The Chesapeake was taken to England, and in 1820 her timber was sold to John Prior, a miller, of Wickham, Hants. Mr. Prior pulled down his old mill and erected on the spot a new one from the Chesapeake timbers, which he found admirably adapted for the purpose. The deck beams were 32 feet long and 18 inches square, of sound old Virginia oak, and were placed, unaltered, horizontally in his mill. The purlins of the deck were about 12 feet long and served without alteration for joists. Many of the timbers still bear the marks of the Shannon's grapeshot, and in some places the balls are deeply imbedded in the pitch pine. The transformation of a sanguinary warship into a peaceful and life preserving flour mill more than fills that Scriptural prophecy of the sword beaten into a plowshare and a spear into a pruning hook.

The Rev. Dr. Brighton visited this famous mill a few years ago and gives the following description of it: "Nothing shiplike or of the sea was discernible from without the mill. A handsome young Englishman of eight and twenty years of age was coming forth to join his cricket club, and this proved to be the owner of the 'Chesapeake mill.' A large cigar box, constructed from the polished pine of the old ship and bearing the inscription 'Chesapeake' in small brass nails, stood upon the table. The beams were marked in many places with grapeshot. The mill was merrily going, but as I stood in the midst of this peaceful scene I remembered that beyond all reasonable doubt on one of these planks Lawrence fell in the reeking anguish of his mortal wounds. On another, if not the same, Watts' head was carried away by a shot, while near by the young and brave Ludlow poured out his life's blood. Thus I stood pondering, and still the busy hum went on, wheat passing beneath the stones, flour poured forth, and the merry millers passed around their kindly smile and blithesome jests."—Washington Post.

French Opposition to the Conscription.

The peasantry were weary of seeing their soldier sons return from hard campaigning with neither glory nor booty and began to resent the conscription law, which tore the rising generation from home while yet boys. Desertions became so frequent that a terrible law was passed, making first the family, then the commune and lastly the district, responsible for the missing men. It was enforced mercilessly by bodies of riders known as "flying columns." Finally every able bodied male was enrolled for military service in three classes—ban, second ban and rear ban, the last including all between 40 and 60. Nevertheless and in spite of all other hardships there was much enthusiasm at the prospect of a speedy change for the better. In March, 1812, Napoleon could count 475,000 men ready for the field.—Professor Sloane's "Life of Napoleon" in Century.

Sunol, the Ideal Trotter, In Form.

Senator Stanford once said to a friend in Washington: "Sunol, if she should be raced, would be the despair of horsemen. Every curve and line she possesses is for speed. See her sloping shoulders; her long pastern joints that speak of easy, true action without waste of power. See how high she is behind. From the point of her hip to her toe you can draw a straight line when she leaves the ground. Her propelling power is magnificent."—Hamilton Busbey in Scribner's.

Ancient Catacombs.

Interesting catacombs with well preserved natural paintings have been discovered at Kertch in the Crimea, the ancient Panticapaeum. Although the vaulting shows that they must have been built after the Christian era, the subjects of the paintings are pagan, representing Pluto, Demeter and Hernes.

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Measure For Measure.

"And the name is to be"—asked the suave minister as he approached the font with the precious armful of fat and flounces.

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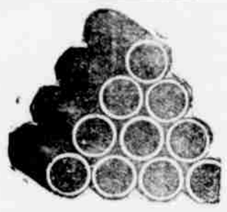

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