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CAUSE AND EFFECT.

The Times-Mountaineer, a demo-Moody 2x4 sheet published in The Dalles, in common with the other papers of its class in the Second district, seems to regard Mr. Williamson, our congressman, as a thorn in its side. Every week a little more Moody froth appears on the Mountaineer's second page as the editor presents his time worn views on the supposed shortcomings of Williamson, his incompetency, inability, unfitness, etc.; but the most luminant of all Bro. Douthit's editorial shafts appeared in the issue of last Friday, wherein he blames our congressmen—and particularly the congressman from the Second district—for having insufficient ability to keep up the bill appropriating $1,750,000 for the Lewis and Clark fair to its present figure. Yes, we should have a "good" man in congress, says the Mountaineer, like one who would honestly and perseveringly endeavor, in his most strenuous moments, to get a bill passed providing for restoration of homestead rights to Sherman county settlers who lost their homes by reason of The Dalles Military Road Company winning its case before the secretary of the interior. Restoration of rights they have never lost. Ha, ha!

To be brief, the utter failure of this most delightful exponent of congressional mugwumpery to detract from the popularity of our congressman must be humiliating in the extreme. The bitter dose is all the more galling from the fact that Moody holds a mortgage on the Mountaineer office. The editor is transparency itself, and the people of Eastern Oregon see right through him. Better show a little judgment and quit your knocking, Bro. Douthit.—Prineville Review.

Better pay your mortgage in coin of the realm intead of Moody boosts.

Nearly every Russian dispatch shows that the Russian people are angry at America. The pro-Japanese attitude of the American press is in some degree accountable for this, but Roosevelt's interference at the time of the Jewish massacre had a bad effect upon the Russians, who are intense in their religious prejudice toward the Jew. To add to the belief that America is likely to aid Japan comes the reports that American war vessels are concentrating in an English port on the China coast. All these circumstances, though innocent enough in themselves, look threatening from a Russian point of view, and tend to permanently impair our friendly relations with that country. We are losing friends without gaining anything.

"It is not much to the credit of the Oregon delegation in congress that the bill to straighten out the land tangle in the Lakeview district must come from a Wisconsin representative."—Bend Bulletin.

How interesting and true! The Congressional Record is supposed to be a publication giving an accurate account of congressional legislation, but when it conflicts with the Bend Bulletin of course it must be mistaken. The Congressional Record shows that the bill curing defects was introduced by Marshall of North Dakota, who is a member of the committee of private land claims in the House; that Mr. Marshall got this bill referred to his committee and obtained an immediate and favorable report upon it; that he called it up before the House by unanimous consent, and secured its passage without opposition on February 2nd. The record of this action is on page 2002 of current volume of Congressional Record. Hurry-up legislation is always introduced by a member of the committee to which it is to be referred and some member is found who agrees to get it through the committee without awaiting its regular order. Oregon's delegation has no member on the private land claim committee and it asked for and secured the good offices of Mr. Marshall, and has probably used like methods in the senate. We are in doubt which to believe, the Bend Bulletin or the Congressional Record.

Chinese Gordon, the Englishman, who was afterwards killed in Africa by the False Prophet, had trained Chinese troops and maintained that they would make good soldiers. They are of the same race as the Japanese and it is possible that the latter may organize them into an effective army and sweep the Russians from Manchuria. As shown by the Boxer movement the Chinese have a fiendish hatred of the "White Devil" which can be easily worked upon. There are no people, white, black or yellow, that will not, under some circumstances, fight desperately and to the death, and it would not be surprising if the Chinese would do this when infected with the Japanese war spirit. Were the Chinese to join the Japanese the Russian railroad would be destroyed and the Russians in Manchuria would be starved out. China would lose little by joining Japan. She is now looked upon as legitimate prey by nearly every nation, and should either of the present combatants win the victor would practically control her.

Booth and Bridges have been reappointed officers of the Roseburg land office. Hitchcock turned down the appointments and the matter was carried up to Roosevelt by the Oregon delegation. Hitchcock presented his side of the question by explaining that a land office inspector had reported unfavorably on the candidates. Roosevelt called for the report and upon reading it found that the report was a commendation of the Roseburg officials, and Hitchcock admitted that he had never read the report. The circumstances are a good illustration of Hitchcock's incompetency. An incompetent man always makes trouble.

England is a very shrewd nation. She has persuaded Russia that the United States has given some secret pledge to Japan and will soon take Japan's part. The Russians are clumsy of wit and take Englands bait blindly. As a result they are showing a very ugly spirit towards Americans. England knows that Americans become very wrathy under unjust suspicion and its newspaper policy is adroitly widening the breach between the two old-time friends.

It may be sensationalism to say that the present Russo-Jap war may drag the European nations into a conflict, for all that there is a reasonable basis for such statements. Nearly every able bodied man in Europe is a trained soldier and each country has a large standing army. The nations are kept poor by expenditures for armies and navies, and the nervous strain of watching each other is so great that war would be a relief.

How would the Chicago Dowieites feel had they seen their immortal prophet ki-yi-ing down the streets of Sydney just in front of a mob? When he of the terrible eyes next ordered them to go down in their pockets and dig up would they do it?

President Roosevelt is getting more considerate of the feelings of the Oregon delegation. He is very much like the boy, who, just before Christmas, was as good as he could be.

A black horse was seen on the Deschutes-Prineville road last Tuesday, and later reached Prineville where it has been taken in charge by the marshal. At last report no owner for it had been found. The horse had on a saddle, bridle, and a rope about its neck, and was branded with a character resembling an inverted yoke on the right stifle. Fears have been expressed that some person from this vicinity may have met with an accident.

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Democratic County Central Committee.

The Democratic County Central Committee for Crook county is hereby called to meet at the court house in Prineville, Oregon, on March 5, 1904, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of issuing a call for a county convention, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the committee. The following are the precinct members entitled to a vote at this meeting:

R S Price	Prineville Precinct
J W Robinson	Ashwood "
W H Milliorn	Bear Creek "
G W Noble	Beaver Creek "
W H Staats	Bend "
J W Wilt	Black Butte "
Harry Hudson	Breese "
John Schmeer	Camp Creek "
A H Bailey	Cherry Creek "
Sam Douthit	Cross Keys "
C T Lillard	Hardin "
R Parrish	Hay Creek "
J B Merrill	Haystack "
C B Allen	Ireland "
E T Slayton	Johnson Creek "
Ed Kutcher	Kutcher "
E W Nelson	Maury "
Wm Brownson	McKay "
W H Birdsong	Mill Creek "
George Dodson	Montgomery "
T R Curl	Newsom "
W J Wright	Howard "
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