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THE ejectments of the parties who filed and settled on the Red S lands, again opens the question of their right to file on, or by what authority they are backed, to take such procedure, these parties settling on this approved land, must receive encouragement and advice to do so from some source. We believe the government is more to blame for the suffering and deprivations of these poor families caused by the ejectments, than any syndicate, corporation, individual or the judiciary. These lands being approved to the state by the government do virtually belong to the state, giving the state the right to dispose of the land, which was done. Parties purchasing this land from the state by paying a percent thereon certainly have a claim on the land and the state is honor bound to stand by the purchaser. If there has been a fraud perpetrated on the government, that fraud should be unearthed by the government, and if one of her ways of uncovering the swindle is by allowing poor settlers, to file and improve this land then the government is honor bound—if she has any honor—to stand by the settler protect him in his rights and be responsible for all damages he may receive in helping the government expose a fraud.

The government receives the filings and money of these poor settlers the claimants who purchased the land from the state immediately call on the judiciary of the state to protect their claim which of course is done, officers are sent to tear down their houses destroy their crops and improvements of whatsoever nature they are, and the poor settler is left homeless to bear the brunt of the battle and his loss as best he can, and the government lays back on its bed of ease drinking champagne and smoking good cigars. Then some people say we have the best administered government the sun ever shone on, people that talk so are "sick."

THE tin-plate swindle in the McKinley Bill is now fairly developed. The people of the country see it, and what is worse, they can feel it. All the thin pretenses about the establishment of a tin-plate industry in this country are gone The loudest and brassiest of the tin plate organs are ashamed to repeat them. There is no tin-plate industry in America, nor any sign of one. There is still some faint lying about it, but it is growing fainter and must soon cease.

MEANWHILE the people pay for McKinley's fun and the monopolist pats a swelling pocket. The tax was to tax legal effect July 1st, but consumers have been paying it straight along.

THE tin-plate swindle was an exceptionally impudent one. There was never a decent pretext for it. The American people will be forced to pay, so long as the McKinley Bill stands unrepealed, monopolist prices for tin, while the Standered Oil exports in untaxed tin.

It was a cold day for Balmaceda Friday, Aug 29, but it was also a Chili day for the Congressionalists. —Free Press.

Proposed New Railroad.

On February 23d last the following articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state, but were not published at the time, as the incorporators requested that they be withheld from the press. The incorporation took for its name that of the Pacific and Eastern Railroad Company. The incorporators are Frank J. Taylor, M. J. Linney, H. G. Vandusen, and the principal office is at Astoria. The capital stock is $10,000,000, divided into 100,000 shares. The declared object of the company is to build a railway south from Astoria to, and up the Tillamook river, across the coast range to the headwaters of the Yamhill river, and down the said river to the east side Coast mountains; thence south through the Willamette valley to Springfield; thonce easterly cross the Cascades by way of the middle fork of the Willamette to east Cascade; thence easterly by way of Harney lake valley and eastern Oregon and through souther Idaho to Salt Lake City Utah. They also propose building a line from Astoria to Portland; thence south through the Willamette valley to a practicable connection with the main line. This piece of railroad "news" is now given to the public for the first time.—Lakeview Examiner.

"The Century's" Life of Columbus

The Century Magazine will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by publishing a Life of Columbus written especially for that magazine by Emilio Castelar, the famous Spahish orator, statesman, and author. The work is written in Spanish, and will be carefully translated. Senor Castelar, whose interest in and admiration for America are well known, has made a careful study of the new historical material bearing upon the subject, and it is said that his papers will be very richly illustrated. Other articles dealing with the discovery of America are in course of preparation for the same magazine.

And Still the Road Went on.

The man who stops his paper because something has appeared in its columns of which he does not approve, and does it with an air of regret that it is necessary to drive the publishers into bankruptcy, reminds us of the train dispatcher who requested an increase of salary and threatened to quit if he didn't get it. The superintendent replied to his request by relating a story.

"When I was a young man," said he, "I once did as you are doing—I told the superintendent of the road what you have told me. He refused my demand and I quit; and would you believe it—that durn road is is running yet!"—Lima News.

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