

The Fool-Killer Needed.

PRESIDENT Polk, not the one who appointed the first governor of Oregon, but the one who is endeavoring to lead the farmers' alliance into the quicksands of financial heresy and vicious class legislation, will journey to the Pacific coast to expound his vagaries for the agriculturists of a region where the conditions that produce ready converts to his wild theories do not prevail. He will have a hearing and gather some followers, for fools exist here as plentifully as elsewhere, but his progress along the coast will not be a triumphal procession.—Oregonian.

In other words, according to the Oregonian all who believe in the principles of the farmers' alliance are fools. That is an exceedingly bright young man who writes the editorial squibs for the Oregonian but should President Polk bring the fool-killer along with him, it is safe to say that few farmers would feel the weight of his club, while Scott would be on the hunt for another assistant.—East Oregonian.

Farmers make mistakes as well as any other class of the human family but the greatest mistake of the farmer and laborer is that they have already been governed too long by just such men as the above named Scott referred to by the East Oregonian. That the farmer and laborer have been bitterly imposed upon and inhumanly treated by that very class who accuse them of striving for class legislation and have for years approved class legislation that put millions into the pockets of the rich at the expense of the laborer and farmer. Is it any wonder that the Farmers Alliance in its eagerness to make reforms and better its condition should commit some gross errors after the treatment the farmers have received from the government that should be their friend.

THE irrigation Congress, which was in session in Salt Lake City for several days, declared in favor of granting in trust to all states and territories pending irrigation. All lands now a part of the public domain, excepting mineral lands, for the purpose of developing irrigation to render the lands now arid fertile and capable of supporting a population. If this portion of arid Oregon cannot be irrigated by an appropriation of money by the U. S. Congress, it may be better for us to be left in our present condition. Land-grabbers have already secured by fair and foul means a big slice of Oregon state land, and we are of the opinion the irrigation congress is only another move to give unconditionally or at least without one fourth value another large slice to monied syndicates and corporations.

Have not the people of Oregon as well as some other states learned to their sorrow, the certain consequence of allowing the public domain being dispensed to corporation in the way of railroad and wagon road grants swamp and desert land grants or claims? Do not our people know that these syndicates have never given the one fourth part of the real value for these

lands? now is it possible we will lend ourselves to a scheme to further rob us of our birth-right by allowing these Vampires to get another hold on the public domain through and by an irrigation maneuver.

We hope the people who oppose any further land grants will send a committee to watch the proceedings of the irrigation committee and interpose objections to any move except a cash appropriation

President Harrison, Secretary Tracy and the President's advisers are discussing whether or not to declare war against Chili, on account of the treatment received by Pat Egan by chilians for meddling with their affairs. Egan protects Balmacedists and complains that he is threatened by a mob. The American Legation at Santiago was attacked by a mob who demanded the surrender of about forty refugees who had found a harbor in the legation building. Minister Egan called upon the authorities for protection, and a cordon of police was put around the house, not so much as it turned out for the protection of the legation residence as to put it under surveillance.

Minister Egan complains of the police interfering with everyone coming in on business and also interrupts his family and domestics by restricting their movements, his appeals to the authorities are wholly ignored and they insist upon the surrender of the refugees which the Minister refuses. When the news came to President Harrison a conference was held at the White House and it was decided that the President should at once put in force his vigorous foreign policy and declare the refugees should not be surrendered except by due legal process, and authorized the State Department to make a peremptory demand upon the Chilian Government to disperse the mob, take the guard from the house and relieve the legation from further annoyance under the penalty of immediate hostilities if they refused.

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