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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE SANTIAM NEWS, being the only newspaper published in the Forks of the Santiam, and believing in giving all political parties a square deal, we will publish announcements of persons aspiring for political office, giving a short personal write-up of the persons announcing themselves, all at reasonable advertising rates. If you desire to be a candidate, you cannot have the fact too well known by the voters.

A CAUSE FOR ALARM.

Congress is now well into the middle of the present session, yet not a movement has been made to enact a law to regulate the evil that is doing more, at the present time, to disturb our industrial and political world than any and all others. We allude to the indiscriminate hordes of the most objectionable of foreigners that are being landed upon our shores. While it is true that some restrictions upon immigration have been placed upon statute books, any and all Europeans who desire to come to our shores have but little difficulty in gaining an entrance. A half-century ago, when nearly all of the immigrants who came to our shores, were from the British Islands and the North of Europe, all were welcome. These people soon became assimilated and made excellent citizens. Now the great majority of the arrivals are from Italy and other South European countries. Many of these people do not come to our country for the purpose of becoming citizens, but to earn a few hundred dollars and then return to their native lands. Others come to remain a few months, secure citizenship papers and then return to their former turbulent homes and claim American protection when they come in contact with ruling forces of their lands.

Whether or not laws prohibiting immigration from all European as well as Asiatic countries should be enacted, may be questionable; but there is not a particle of doubt that if we would protect our laboring world from an unjust and unfair competition; if we would prevent a degeneracy in our standard of citizenship, and transmit to posterity a country in which even the poorest and most lowly of its citizens has a reasonable chance to gain a living and raise and educate a family, we must very quickly prohibit the landing of these objectionable peoples upon our shores. We prohibit the Chinese coolie because he is an unfair competitor in our labor market and does not nor cannot become assimilated with American customs and manners. Yet there are almost daily shiploads of immigrants landed at our Atlantic and Gulf ports that are far more injurious to our social and industrial world than is the harmless, submissive coolie. For nearly a half-century our manufacturers have been enjoying the benefits of a protective tariff. Manufactured goods that enter our markets in competition with their products, must pay a heavy duty for doing so. Because of this protection our manufacturers have accumulated enormous fortunes at the expense of the rest of the American people. Yet during this period, so far as our labor world is concerned, there has been absolute free trade. Is it not about time that some protection should be thrown around our labor market?

True, at the present time there is demand for all the labor our country affords, and at a remunerative wage. But when our warehouses become filled with the overplus of manufactured goods; when the era of railroad building has passed and there are four or five men for every job, what then will be the condition of the working man? With one-half of the American people without work and without food, the little disturbance now existing over in Russia would be a mere circumstance as compared with the racket that would result from such conditions.

The American laborer has a right to the American job at a fair wage. This, if we would have a peaceful and prosperous country, must be guaranteed him. He cannot retain a remunerative job, if we allow the half-starved European the freedom of coming to our shores and underbidding him. Hitherto there has been the great, boundless West that offered a home to the underbid American laborer to go to. Free Government land for a home cannot now be found as easily as formerly, and the time will soon come when the American laborer must submit to reduction in wages to an

European basis unless we curtail the European supply of competitors.

The American home is the bulwark of American liberty. Destroy the home, which will be done when the laborer is denied the right to earn a home, and the term "My Country" will soon have a different significance in the heart of the laborer. Destroy the home and force the American laborer to a condition of mere existence and you will destroy patriotism. Destroy patriotism and, like the Roman Republic, our American Republic will become past history.

No government, in which the people are as intelligent and as well educated as is the average American citizen, can long exist unless the people are reasonably contented and prosperous. No government deserves to exist unless it makes such conditions possible. No citizen can nor will love his country unless his country is worthy of his love—unless it guarantees to him life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The American laborer who through a fierce competition in the labor market is forced to struggle for a mere existence; who must see his wife and children daily suffer for the merest necessities of life because he cannot supply them, will have but a poor opinion of a country and its laws that is responsible for such a condition.

If we would prevent a condition as outlined above, we must take hold of the immigration evil at once and before it is too late. When immigration is coming to our shores in hordes of more than one million annually, as was the case during the past year, it is quite time to sound the alarm. We do not wish to become an alarmist, but the way our immigration laws are being abused; the fact that steamship companies have agents all over Southern Europe rustling emigrants, just for the passage money; the class of people that comes and the ease with which citizenship papers are obtained is surely enough to alarm he who thinks for the future.

We have a remedy that we feel sure would cure the evil. If every immigrant, when he lands, should be required to deposit \$500 in the Federal treasury as a guaranty of good conduct, etc., returnable when he becomes a citizen and could talk and read English, the immigration question would be of no further trouble. Those who complied with the required conditions would probably be good citizens. At all events they probably would not become charges at our eleemosynary institutions in a year or so after they land.

THE DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE.

Last week we attended a session of the Willamette Valley Development League. Bright business men from all over the valley assembled at Albany, some of whom, as per program, read very interesting papers. The question is often asked, "What good do these Development meetings do?" As to any direct benefit, one must answer, none. Indirectly they are productive of much benefit. Socially our brightest men from different points in the valley meet and exchange ideas; the undeveloped resources of every locality is discussed; what is being achieved in different localities is told, and a general union of effort result. We there learned what every locality desired in the way of development, and there was exhibited a union of disposition for a general pull together. Another very commendable feature is the getting acquainted with each other and the general goodfellowship spirit that is generated. By the interchange of ideas new thoughts are developed, which tend for the betterment of every locality. Another feature that is brought prominently to the fore, is the utter helplessness of a locality when it works singly and alone to accomplish results. Especially is this true in securing government aid to any particular project. One lone locality may not cause Congress to give much heed to its wants; yet if a union of effort from all localities should be brought to bear for any one purpose, results are usually accomplished. "In union there is strength" and there is no better plan for developing an union of effort than through these league meetings. For this reason every locality in the valley should be represented at every league convention.

These league meetings should bar every feature other than what will contribute to the pushing of its initial purpose. No side issues should be allowed to in any sense mingle in its deliberation. Delegates sent to represent the various localities and commercial bodies of the valley, are mayhap, of different religious or political sentiment. Hence, any tendency to allow either of these subjects a foothold, will probably destroy harmony and in the end destroy the league itself.

At the Albany meeting President Hofer invited all political candidates present to seats on the stage. Unfortunately, there were none present except Republican candidates. While we do not think that President Hofer's purpose was to give a political coloring to the meeting, yet such was the effect. We heard a number remark, some of whom were Republicans, too, that but very little more of like work would destroy the Development League. We think that the exhibition there made of the gentlemen who aspire for office, was an injury rather than a benefit to the chances of either for the nomination for the offices they are seeking.

President Hofer, in the Thursday morning session, made answer to the many criticisms of the tax bill formulated by the League and Shippers' Congress. While it was admitted that the proposed law was probably far from perfect, yet it was infinitely superior to our present law and would result in a much more equitable system of collecting taxes. Mr. Hofer thought that this proposed law would result in fully one-half of the taxes required to support the State being collected from sources that do not now pay any tax at all. The next League meeting occurs at Forest Grove, and it is urged that every locality in the valley be represented at that time. Albany was voted by the delegates to be a first-class entertainer.

Political Announcements

To THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF LINN CO.:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination of
Member of House of Representatives
of the 23d Legislative Assembly of the
State of Oregon, subject to the Democratic
voters at Primary Election on
April 29,
FIELDING J. DENNY
of Shelburne Precinct.
P. O., Jefferson, Oregon.

To THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF LINN CO.:
I hereby announce myself a candidate
for the nomination for the office of
County Commissioner
Subject to the decision of the Democratic
voters at the Primary Election on
April 29, 1906. I further state that my
policy, if elected, will be "Equal and
exact justice to all and special privileges
to none."
R. B. MILLER
North Scio Precinct
Scio, Oregon.

To THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF LINN CO.:
I hereby announce myself a candidate
for the Democratic nomination for
the office of
County Recorder
Subject to the will of the Democratic
voters at the Primary Election, to be
held in this County April 29th, 1906.
L. A. BELLEF
Marriaburg, Oregon.

GEN. JOSEPH WHEELER DEAD.

Last Friday occurred the death of
General Joseph Wheeler, the hero of
three armies and two wars. The immediate
cause of his death was pneumonia.
General Wheeler was the most successful
cavalry leader of the South during
the Civil war and arose to the distinction
of Lieutenant-General in that
army. When the war closed he, as a
brave man, submitted to the inevitable
gracefully and did much to persuade his
fellow-citizens of the South to do likewise.
General Wheeler, honored him by
sending him to Congress for a number
of terms, which position he resigned
at the breaking up of the Spanish war,
to accept a commission as Major-General
in the Federal army. At the battle of
San Juan Hill he commanded the Federal
line of battle. At the conclusion
of that war he was named Brigadier-General
and was sent to the Philippines. At the
time of his death he was upon the retired
list. In every position that General
Wheeler has occupied through life,
he has filled the measure to the hilt,
as a soldier, as a statesman and as a
citizen. No greater compliment could
be said of him than, seeing his duty, he
did it faithfully and well. His remains
lie in the beautiful military cemetery of
Arlington, near the National Capital.

Hon. J. K. WEATHERFORD, in an address
before the recent meeting of the Willamette
Valley Development League at Albany,
in discussing the resources of
Linn County, made the statement that
if the forest trees in this county, on the
western slope of the Cascade Mountains,
were cut and the lumber sold, the yield
would be twenty billion feet. The cost
of converting these forest trees into lumber
is estimated to be about \$8 per
thousand feet. The money, if sold, would
be paid for the labor. One hundred
and sixty million dollars is quite a
sum of money, and which is an
asset of which we need not be ashamed.
This enormous amount of lumber would
require more than 1,000,000 of the largest
cars to transport to market, which
would make a train long enough to reach
more than twice the distance from San
Francisco to New York City. Linn
County lumber resources are not to be
sneezed at, anyway.

The captain of the steamer "Slocum,"
which was burned in New York waters
over a year ago, causing the loss of more
than 1000 lives, has been convicted of
criminal carelessness in the care and
management of his boat and has been
sentenced to serve ten years in penal
servitude.

The wreck of the steamer "Valencia,"
which occurred last week near Vancouver,
B. C., in which 150 lives were lost,
is being investigated at Seattle. It is
intimated that the captain of the vessel
is somewhat culpable for the disaster.

The principal event now agitating the
fashionable world at the National Capital
is the marriage of the president's
daughter, Miss Roosevelt, to Congressman
Lansburgh, which is to occur on
February 17.

A disastrous wreck occurred on the S.
P., at Grants Pass, on Monday evening.
One fireman was instantly killed and an
engineer badly, if not fatally, injured.
The authorities are investigating to locate
the cause who is to blame.

We wonder if Dr. Withycombe, one of
the faculty of the O. A. C. at Corvallis,
draws his full salary as a member of the
faculty board while he is playing politics.

THE SCIO MARKETS.

The following are prices quoted on
Thursday of each week by our dealers.
Wheat, per bushel.....\$.67
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Eggs, " dozen......11
Chickens, " pound......08
Geese, " " "......08
Turkeys, " " "......15
Ducks, " " "......12
Beef, per pound live weight......04 1/2
Hogs, " " "......04 1/2
Veal, " " for shipping......06
Sheep, " " stockers......03 1/2
Mutton " " "......03 1/2

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THE WEAK SPOT.

When a boiler explodes carrying death and destruction with it, every body says "Why: we thought it was strong enough. It must have had a weak spot somewhere!" When a man who has the outward appearance of being sound and strong suddenly falls a prey to disease, his friends exclaim: "Why we thought he was all right—he must have had a weak spot somewhere."

The fact is, almost everybody has a weak spot somewhere. Death and disease are always looking for weak spots. If your stomach or your liver won't do its proper work, if your body fails to get the full nourishment from the food you eat, and your brain loses part of the sleep it ought to have, no matter how big your frame and muscular your limbs may be, you will give out; disease will find the weak spot, and nature will give way.

Three years ago this spring I was attacked with severe dyspepsia," writes Mr. W. A. Cain, of 414 West Madison St., Hastings, Mich. "I was treated by five different doctors, but kept getting worse until I was afraid to go to the table to eat, as the least little thing I ate distressed me so I could hardly stand it. After suffering for nearly a year and falling off in weight from 155 pounds to 120 pounds I commenced taking 'Golden Medical Discovery.' Before I had taken all of one bottle I began to feel better, but kept on until I had taken eight bottles, and now I am as well as ever, can eat anything I want and I feel good. Am weighing 150 pounds and feel fine all the time. My friends were surprised to notice such a quick change in me after seeing me suffer so long. Several said they never expected to see me get well. I have not had to take any medicine for stomach trouble since. I cannot say enough in praise of your 'Golden Medical Discovery.'"

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