

SOMETHING ABOUT HAYTI.

This little republic has been engrossing the attention of the United States of late, and, perhaps a general review of her history will be of interest to our readers.

Haiti, proper, or Hispaniola, and some times called San Domingo, is an island now divided into the independent states of Hayti and San Domingo. The island is, after Cuba, the largest of the West Indies, and is about equally distant from Porto Rico on the east, and from Cuba and Jamaica on the west, and the Caribbean Sea on the south, and the Bahamas and the open ocean on the north.

The mountains, although timbered to their summits, are susceptible of cultivation. With a fine soil, well watered, and with a climate tempered by cool sea breezes laden with moisture, the island as a whole is, perhaps, the most fertile of all the West Indies. It has excellent harbors, the Bay of Guanabara on the west being the best, offering splendid facilities for foreign trade.

The island formerly belonged to Spain. In 1791, under the influence of the French revolution, the 500,000 slaves rebelled and the most vindictive struggle on record took place—a struggle, which about the close of the eighteenth century, ended in the extermination of the once dominant slave owners, and the independence of the colored insurgents.

As emancipated slaves, they mostly belonged, in form at least, to the Church of Rome, and Hayti at that time had the honor of being the only community of blood on either side of the Atlantic.

In 1801 France sent an expedition to recover her lost possessions, and his army was opposed of the deliverer of Hayti, the Washington of Hayti, Toussaint Overture.

Grand preparations are pending for the observance of Christmas, and as a consequence our stores are thronged from day to day, and our merchants are doing a rousing business.

Christmas eve and the celebration of the birth of Christ is surely the most wonderful part of Biblical history. The Saviour of all mankind having been born into the world of poor and friendless, it pleased the Wise Disposer of all things, by His holy angel, first to make known to some shepherds who were herding their flocks by night in the neighboring fields, the birth of the long-promised, long-expected Messiah.

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Those who gave notes received the following guarantee: "Heppner, Oregon, April 2nd 1888, L. Nelson Jones, and I, J. L. Morrow, and I, Wm. Penland, hereby agree and promise to each person who signs a note for the purpose of raising money to purchase the right-of-way and depot grounds for the O. R. & N. R. R. Co. to and through the town of Heppner, that we will refund, pro-rata, to each person, from the amount paid by them, all surplus money collected over and above the necessary expenses in procuring the said right-of-way and depot grounds." (Signed) J. L. Morrow, Nelson Jones, Wm. Penland.

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The question is now often asked, not only in Heppner, but in other places, "Have the Heppner people fulfilled their agreement?" Technically, it is presumed, we have. Literally, we have not. How any one could receive a guarantee like the one above mentioned, and then be in doubt as to the verbal understanding in regard to this matter, is more than we can comprehend.

In our position, we are no more interested in this matter than any other citizen, but hold that our word should be as good as any bond. A few teams and dollars, additional to what has already been contracted, will amount to already, comparatively, when it is taken into consideration that the O. R. & N. people can make this town or they can ruin it. Mr. Holcomb, while in Heppner recently, asserted the people through some of our most influential citizens, that he did not insist on the verbal agreement being carried out, but stated that they were entitled to all that they claimed.

While the company have not as yet signed any disposition to ruin us, and they never may as far as that is concerned, there are many little things in regard to railway business that already show which way the wind will blow. For our future prosperity and general good, it will be quite necessary (depend upon it) to have the company's assistance and good will. The suppositional irregularity it regard to the purchase of the Heppner depot grounds, has nothing to do with this matter. Our position must be one that will win the confidence of the O. R. & N. Co. The day of final reckoning will satisfactorily settle all other differences that may exist in regard to right of way.

LAND DECISIONS.

And Other Information Important to the Settler. [LAND OFFICE BULLETIN.] Our Washington correspondent sends the following information: Land contests decided. The names of the successful parties are printed in capital letters.

THE DALLAS DISTRICT. Wm Hendrix vs. UNITED STATES. Homestead patents issued: No. 700 LA GRANDE DISTRICT. Thos. L. Arnold vs. N. G. CORLEY; Geo. W. Johnson vs. GEO. H. HUDSON. Cash patents granted: Nos. 1,64, 170 and 295.

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