

WEST SIDE TELEPHONE.

McMINNVILLE, FRIDAY, JULY, 20, 1886.

In these hot summer days when nearly everyone who can repairs to the woods and mountains to indulge in the gentle pleasure of the piscatorial art, wonder has been expressed why congress does not adjourn in order that its members might participate in coaxing the "finny fishes" from their aqueous retreat. It seems to us that the failure to adjourn does not lessen their ichthyological sport. Larger fish are angled for in congress than in the Adirondacks. Many and various baits are used and multitudinous the tackle employed. The game usually sought for is party success, popularity and re-election, and the bait used, glittering promises, slightly colored with performance, enact wholesome laws. When these honorable anglers return to their constituents the fishy tales they tell of the monster landed, of the abuses they expect to cure—next term, of the toils and hardships they endured, will dwarf the narrative of Jonah into a nursery story, and will make the average sportsman's recital appear suitable for Sunday school literature.

Of course congressmen are all patriotic and honest. The welfare of the country and not votes is what they labor for. This session proves these statements. Everybody knows that the practical politician despises civil service reform, and yet weeks of the senate's time was spent in a bootless effort to prove that one party was more in favor of it than the other, in order to conciliate a few mugwumps. The United States is a silver producing country, and silver is popularly considered "the poor man's money," hence months were spent in a fruitless attempt to force silver into circulation, in order that the honorable members might pose as friends of the poor man. Tariff reform had been promised by the democratic national platform and so Morrison must needs introduce his tariff bill, to quiet the free traders, but Randall and his followers assisted in "putting it into its little bed" in order to hold the protection votes in their districts. Arbitration is proposed as the panacea for strikes and labor troubles, to catch the working men's votes, but the men who favor the scheme well know that after arbitration is had they are no nearer to a solution of the difficulty than before. The cry last election was "pay out the surplus money in the treasury." Now after seven months of congress, when the members are about to appeal to the country for re-election, as the surplus has been increasing something must be done. Morrison therefore introduces his surplus resolution. Being aware when he does so that if it becomes a law the government will have to pay in silver obligations that it is in honor bound to pay in gold, he rests easy knowing that the president will veto it. All the same he and his friends know they can assure the dear people that they did the best they could to reduce the surplus. In order to win the soldier vote pension bills are passed by the wholesale and the President is placed in the unenviable predicament of being compelled to make enemies by vetoing them or else approve unjust claims. Oleomargarine, while admitted to be wholesome, is taxed in order to make friends of the dairymen. The river and harbor bill is drafted with the design of satisfying the demands of every locality, and not with reference to the justice of the expenditure. Because there is a popular prejudice against "land grant railroads" a bill is introduced prohibiting members of congress from acting as attorneys for such roads, but leaving them free to take cases against the roads.

This catalogue of wise and unselfish legislation might be lengthened indefinitely, but this is sufficient. In the meantime, regulation of inter-state commerce, revival of our shipping, forfeiture of unearned land grants, restriction of foreign emigration, and many other important matters drag wearily along without much prospect of immediate adjustment.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The Star this evening says: The question before the California legislature now in session of electing a senator to fill out the remaining portion of the time for which the late Senator Miller was elected, the seat at present being held by Mr. Hearst, has been one of no little interest here, especially among Pacific coast people. If the legislature shall adjourn without electing a senator, then not only will Mr. Hearst's tenure expire but the seat must remain vacant until the meeting of the next legislature. The power of the governor to appoint an interim terminates with the meeting of the legislature. Senator Hearst cannot hold under his original appointment nor can the governor reappoint. Senator Edmunds says "this question has been settled and there is no room for a controversy. Under the law it is the duty of the legislature at its first session after the occurrence of a vacancy to elect, and if it fails to perform this duty there is no power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding session of the legislature. Hence, should the legislature omit to elect, there will be but one Senator from California until the legislature to be chosen next fall shall organize and elect."

THE CROPS.

The statement of the crop condition on the first day of July, compiled by Professor Dodge, statistician of the government agricultural department at Washington, and telegraphed to the press on the 10th, was on Tuesday last supplemented by a fuller report, giving additional facts and figures of an interesting character. In his report the professor says: The area of corn is steadily increasing, with only the slightest impetus from foreign demand and still less from spirit manufacturers. The increase in the seven years since 1879 has been about 20 per cent., and the present area is about 75,000,000 acres. The increase is rapid in the more lately settled western states for two reasons: First from settlement and home making; second, from the substitution of corn for wheat. Settlers find the demand for wheat fixed and little variable, except that the world's supply affects the demand everywhere, while the demand for corn is elastic and may be doubled with prices sufficiently low. Wheat is the sport of speculators, while corn has seldom been cornered.

Of spring wheat the report says: The condition of spring wheat has declined from 95.5 in June to 83.3, in consequence of high temperature, drying winds and want of rain. Last year the average condition was 96 in July and in consequence of high temperature at a critical period fell to 86 at the time of harvesting. It is a sudden fall, and though only three points lower than last year's corn at harvest, a continuance of injurious weather would be likely to threaten further and serious disaster. The apparent depreciation in June is fifteen points, but it would be a serious error to apply that reduction to 145,000,000 bushels of spring wheat harvested which represented the condition of 1885 at harvesting, only three points above the present condition. Should there be no further reduction, the present condition should insure about 139,000,000 bushels. It should be understood, however, that a loss of vitality so early in the season exposes the crop to further injuries by the heat of July and August, and renders it highly probable that the average condition at harvest may be still lower. In this point of view the injury is more serious than the average reported status of the crop would make it. With favorable weather in July and August an increased condition may be maintained, though the chances are confessedly against it. Making some allowance for this probability, a judicious and reasonable interpretation of the July report of winter and spring wheat would show a prospect for an increase of about 89,000,000 bushels above the official estimate 1885. The results of the threshing of the winter wheat and the meteorological conditions of the next two months may easily add 10,000,000 to these figures, or subtract quite as large an amount.

The winter wheat area assures nearly enough for home consumption and seed. The average exportation of wheat and flour for the past five years has been 112,000,000 bushels. The present expectation favors a product nearly if not quite sufficient for this rate of exportation. In addition to consumption, the exports of the past year have been some millions less than the average. The surplus will probably be ample, therefore, for any foreign demand likely to arise.

The distribution of the past year is as follows: Estimated consumption—Food, 271,031,000; seed, 51,474,000; exports from preliminary statement, 93,596,520; total, 416,071,520. Crop of 1885, 357,112,000. Drawn from crop of 1885, 58,939,520. The visible supply has been decreased during the year about 13,000,000 bushels, leaving about 46,000,000 bushels to come from the surplus in the hands of farmers. In view of the present surplus, visible and invisible, which is still a fair average, last year's official estimate is verified at 50,000,000. Lower estimates, so strenuously insisted upon by ambitious crop statisticians, are discredited with marked emphasis.

The condition of oats is lower than in any former July report since 1879, when the yield averaged 26 bushels per acre. The present condition is 88.8 against 87 in July of that year.

The average for rice is 95.6, against 87 last year. It is nearly the same as in 1881.

The condition of barley is somewhat lower at the present date than upon the 1st of July in any recent year, yet the difference is not sufficient to reduce greatly the prospective yield. It averages 89.7 against 92 last July and 98 in July of the previous year.—Ex.

Our Neighbors.

Woodville. July 24, 1886. The weather is warm—the thermometer ranging from 75 to 80. It is splendid haying weather.

The travel has started up again. This is the most pleasant time to be on the beach for the cool sea breeze is bracing and much more pleasant than the sultry valley.

Two elk we killed on Cape Lookout last week by some Lafayette. They passed through here with two splendid pairs of elk horns.

Capt. Tiltson, of Sheridan, was in last week taking the finny tribe.

Mr. J. Enqua started his new mower last Monday.

We see J. M. Knifong going around with his head bandaged up. He was out picking thimbleberries and fell from a log about 10 feet cutting a gash over his left eye to the bone and about three inches long.

Mr. Dimmick, of Marion county, passed through here yesterday. He thinks this the making of a fine stock country.

They are catching salmon here now.

The county court has appointed J. M. Knifong road supervisor instead of C. W. Bodvelt. I do not think they have bettered it any.

Judge Adams and family, of Portland, are on the beach enjoying the cool breeze from the Pacific. The Judge killed a fine deer last Saturday.

Miss Hattie Comays is improving in health.

Bees are doing well since the heavy showers the first of July.

Rev. W. Butt preached in our new school house here, to-day.

It has been decided by ballot of the legal voters of our district to use our school house for all entertainments except dancing. AUNT SUSAN.

Dayton. July 29, 1886.

In the way of organized society I claim the banner for our town; we have three flourishing Sabbath schools, regular preaching service in two churches, with two other church societies organized and in good working order, but without regular preaching; a choral union with about 20 members which meets once a week and that for business and not play; a cornet band which will compare favorably with any in the county, conditions being equal, and a social union which is not to be ignored. This for a place numbering less than three hundred inhabitants will be hard to excel in this line.

Our fellow townsman Mr. George Reiser is the victim of a most painful as well as dangerous accident. He has been at work for some time past on a building at Broadmead; last Tuesday while standing on a scaffolding about twenty-five feet above the ground, a piece of timber above him fell and broke the board on which he was standing giving him a fall, breaking both his arms below the elbow and dislocating one wrist. He was brought home as gently as possible under the circumstances, and Dr. Humphrey was called and set and dressed his wounds and considering all things he is as comfortable as could be expected. CORNAT.

The local option bill, says the News, did not have a popular majority at the recent election in Washington Territory. The total vote for the bill was 11,535, against 12,022; majority against 487. The prohibitionists carried 100 towns and precincts and the anti-prohibitionists 47 towns and precincts. In one precinct there was a tie vote. Several places were carried by either faction by a majority of one. Seattle gave the largest majority, 1,030, against the bill, and Goldendale the largest, 173, for it.

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