

WEST SIDE TELEPHONE.

McMINNVILLE, TUESDAY, OCT. 26, 1886.

TBUE TALK.

Now, when thousands of men all over the country are sacrificing their means of livelihood for themselves and families for some visionary point upheld to them by demagogues; while the socialistic utterances of Henry George are being telegraphed through all the land; while the great contest between labor and capital is going on—a contest which should be settled soon for the greatest benefit to both sides, and must if settled peaceably, such sensible words as those delivered by Senator Edmunds, of Vermont, before the Vermont state fair, will be read and appreciated by all.

"Among the problems of the farmer, the manufacturer, the artisan, and the wage-worker (and perhaps the most important of any) is that of diversifying productions, manufacturers and industrial employments, so that every natural resource of the country shall be drawn upon, and the accumulated stock of property of all kinds utilized; and all its working force employed at remunerating prices. It is perfectly clear, then, that the farmer is necessary to the manufacturer and to the miner and the laborer, and in an equal degree they each and all are necessary to him, and the co-operation and co-ordination of all for the welfare of all by the utmost diversity of production and employment, and by observing the just relations of prices among all are indispensable to the progress and prosperity of the community.

To attain these beneficent ends as nearly as possible, human experience has shown, I think, that in a country of varied and abundant resources—fertile lands, wide variations of latitude and climate, mines of all metals, coals, forests, water power, a country, free from legal monopolies and bound by its constitution and state constitutions to equal taxation and security of equal personal rights—home markets and home consumption are the sure and only constant reliance. Undoubtedly foreign markets are extremely desirable for the sale of surplus productions of everything that cannot in the ordinary course of things be consumed at home; but for a country situated as ours is, they cannot be relied upon with any safety as the principal avenues of reaching paying consumers of our productions. These evident, and almost indeed self-evident, considerations point as you can readily see, to one conclusion—one that is not, and I hope not and believe will not be thought political in any party sense—that the policy of American legislation and the efforts of American law-makers—who are really the people, ought to be directed to the utmost development of every variety of American production and so to the improvement of the condition of the American laborer and the American employer of labor of every kind, by giving that labor full employment at adequate reward, and to the ready and steady market. This done, while it will be a source of gain and profit to every material interest of the land owner and the capitalist, there will be also a larger and nobler advancement of these portions of society which are now so often the victims of discontent and suffering, and which so often, in unwise and misguided efforts to redress grievances, make progress backward and find themselves, at the end of a struggle with those who employ labor in a worse condition than before.

The constantly employed and well paid laborer will become himself a man of accumulating capital—the force of labor transposed into things. He will become a land holder; his wife and children—of the first of whom he ought to have one, and of the latter many—will abide in his own house. He will see that the liberty of the laboring man is the liberty to work on in peace and safety if he thinks it for his interest to do so, while others may choose, as they have a perfect right to do, not to work upon the terms proposed. He will learn that violence against the administration of law, or unlawful coercion of any kind, exerted toward other workmen, or toward employers, are crimes of the gravest character against all labor and the welfare of laboring men, upon whom the consequences of such things finally fall more heavily than on any other classes of society."

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NOTES AND NEWS.

The Linn county temperance alliance will meet in Brownsville on Wednesday, November 10th.

Cleveland and his cabinet will attend the inaugural ceremonies of the Bartholdi statue on Thursday.

An attempt was made to burn the Southern Pacific's bridge over the Los Angeles river, near Downey, Cal., last week.

Hon. W. Lair Hill has returned from California to his home at The Dalles. He reports that the code will be out in December.

Copies of Mr. Beecher's lectures are selling in England at the fabulous figure of a penny a piece. Come home, Henry, come home.

In addition to a half dozen other complications the women will take a hand in the New York city campaign. Oh, it will be a merry old fight.

The Baltimore and Ohio and the Pennsylvania have just placed orders for 3,000 new freight cars each, to relieve the business pressure upon those lines.

Sergeant Brainard, of the Greely expedition, has not abandoned his plan for searching the mysteries of the north pole. He is arranging for another expedition next year.

The \$1,000 foot race between Pete Grant and Attorney Noland of Astoria, was won by the former by three feet. The distance was 150 yards and the time 15 1/2 seconds.

New York is going to have a big time on the occasion of the dedication of the Bartholdi statue. New York can always spread herself when other people pay the bills and furnish the attraction.

Maj. Quincy A. Brooks, recently appointed collector of customs at Port Townsend, has forwarded his bonds to Washington. He expects to take charge of the office in two or three weeks.

Gen. Sheridan received a dispatch Friday from Gen. Howard, announcing that the last of the renegade Apaches had been captured and had arrived at Fort Bowie, Arizona. These Indians took to the hills when Geronimo surrendered.

Work has been suspended for the winter on the Oregon Pacific at the summit of the Cascades. Those who have returned to this city state that 11 inches of snow has fallen. About a half a mile has been graded through the heaviest rock work and 240 feet of track laid.—Albany Herald.

Henry Villard sailed for New York on a North German Leyd steamship on Thursday last. He returns to remain permanently in the United States. In Europe he has been comparatively unoccupied. He goes back to New York as the representative of a German syndicate of great strength.

Joseph Watson, while out hunting the other day, received a load of bird shot in the face, fired from a gun in the hands of James Fennel, who was shooting snipe. The two hunters were over fifty yards distant from each other, and the load, which took effect about the neck and face, did not result in serious injury.

The state of Mississippi is fast ridding itself of the saloons through the operation of the local option laws passed by the legislature last spring. Of the seventy-four counties in the state thirty-seven are practically free of saloons, while in a number of others the liquor traffic has been restricted within very narrow bounds.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—Jennie Winston arrived from Washington yesterday and registered at the Baldwin hotel. The prima donna stated that she is exceedingly anxious to get to Portland and see her old friends there. She will go as soon as she is through here, and take a full troupe with her and will stay six or eight weeks.

The petroleum trade has become a great item of international traffic. It is estimated that the world's consumption of illuminating oil amounts to 1,800,000 gallons every day. It is the cheapest light ever brought into use. The shipments of refined oil from the United States in 1885 amounted to 6,985,637 barrels, of which Great Britain alone received 1,269,723 barrels. If the total shipments were placed in barrels end to end, like a string of beads, they would reach from London to New York. This great shipment makes America the principal petroleum power.

CHARLESTON, Oct. 23.—Dispatches received this morning report the damages at Summerville by the shock yesterday afternoon as greater than at first stated. Seventy-five chimneys will have to come down. North of the city geysers have been discovered where an oily water spurts up continuously. The water has an odor similar to kerosene, and it is accompanied by fine sand of different colors. The people of the town are thoroughly worked up again, and great uneasiness is felt by all. The duration of the shock is estimated at from twenty to thirty seconds, and the force was so great that persons found it exceedingly difficult to open the doors or get out of their houses to a safe locality. Some cases are reported where persons were thrown down by the shaking. There was a slight shock in Summerville and Charleston at 11:55 last night; no damages done.

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TIMBER DEPREDAATIONS.

Commissioner Sparks has made a report to the secretary of the interior upon information received at the general land office, to the effect that the Montana improvement company is making extensive depredations upon public timber upon unsurveyed land along the line of the Northern Pacific railroad, under an agreement with the railroad company, and that private surveys are being made by the timber company, with a view of claiming that the lands depredated upon are odd sections belonging to the railroad company and not to the United States.

The commissioner, in his report, urges vigorous prosecution against both companies. He says that he questions whether the Northern Pacific railroad company has a legal right to any lands along such portions of its road as were not located within the time when the road was required to be constructed. This has not been settled, but that if it has such right generally it has no right to specify tracts until odd sections have been defined by public survey; that such sections cannot be defined by private surveys, and that private surveys are unlawful. He recommends that the timber company be enjoined from trespassing upon public lands to make such surveys and says that nothing but the most active and severe measures will put a stop to its operations. He recommends criminal prosecutions against all persons connected with alleged timber trespasses.

In another report, upon application of this company to have certain suits discontinued that have been already commenced, the commissioner recommends instead of discontinuing the suits, that they should be pressed with the utmost vigor, and says that public lands in portions of Montana, Idaho and Washington territories are being rapidly denuded by it of their valuable timber, and unless the full force of the government is exerted to put an immediate stop to these operations, much of the public timber land in said territories will soon be nothing but a barren waste.

The striking mania has reached South America. They have novel excuses for striking, however. Conductor Noye, of the Panama railroad, shot and it is supposed mortally wounded a man on his train Sunday, the 17th. Bail was refused him, and in consequence all the conductors and engineers on that road have struck. Affairs look very serious and all transit across the isthmus has been stopped.

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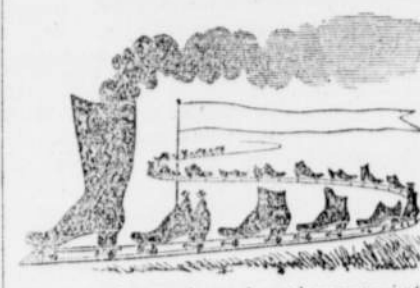
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