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Consular reports from France indicate that the wheat crop of that country will be upwards of sixty-eight million bushels less than last year, caused by the severe weather during the winter.

In the immediate future there will be no scrambles for the positions of minister and consuls to China. The president will not be besieged by place hunters in that country, for even hungry office seekers will not be hunting jobs where they are liable to be boiled or hacked to pieces for the gratification of howling savage mobs.

When President McKinley said that the republican party is the party of emancipation and not of imperialism he struck the keynote in history and touched the sentiment of the intelligent American people. Politicians and demagogues are much more to be feared in this country than imperialism. The former we have but the latter can never exist.

"Fewest Failures for Eighteen Years" is the headline on Bradstreet's record for the first half of this year. That non-partisan business journal says: "The number of failures reported for the first six months of the calendar year, 1900 is the smallest period noted for eighteen years past. Compared with 1898 the decrease is 25 per cent, and even larger decreases are noted when comparisons are made with the first half of the years 1897 and 1896."

The Oregonian's opposition to President McKinley has been summed up by the Woodburn Independent thus: "The Oregonian pretended to be against McKinley in order to secure a large list of democratic and populist subscribers, so that it could have the right sort of an audience at the proper time. Financially and otherwise, its tactics met with much success. It is now sizing up Bryan for the benefit of its numerous readers, and especially for the edification of the new subscribers."

Oregon has ever been renowned as the land of red apples, but when it earned that name it was only necessary to put out an orchard to raise apples. However, something more is needed now. The orchard has not only to be put out, but it must be conducted scientifically in order to produce a commodity that is in demand. The people of Hood river valley appear to have discovered all the secrets pertaining to horticulture, and if our own people do not look carefully after their interests the honor of growing the choicest fruit will fall to the section east of the Cascades.

There will be more tickets in the field this year than during any presidential campaign in the history of the country. So far the following have been nominated: Bryan and Stevenson, democratic; McKinley and Roosevelt, republican; Barker and Donnelly, populist; Debs and Harriman, social democrat; Woolley and Metcalf, prohibition, and Maloney and Remmel, social labor. The Afro-Americans and others are yet to be heard from. However, the principles held by all that have not been enumerated here, are doubtless covered by the platforms of some that have, so that other nominations may not be necessary.

The fusion democrats of the state of Idaho have turned down their own democratic governor for no other reason than that he is in favor of law and order and that rioters shall not have a free and unrestrained hand in committing murder and arson. They cannot undo what Governor Steuenburg did for law, order and good government, but they have given that state a black eye with liberty loving people all over the country. The result of the Idaho convention will probably be that the state will return to the republican column next

fall. As there are some law abiding democrats in that state yet, the time is not far distant when fusion for office, and that is the only kind of fusion there is, will be more despised by the American people than the most corrupt trust. Fusion is the worst kind of trust, and no trust in the country has done as much injury.

The last Oregon legislature passed an act amending the statutes and providing for the filing of criminal informations direct by district attorneys and leaving the calling of grand juries to the discretion of circuit judges. It was maintained in some quarters that such a procedure was in contravention to the constitution of the state, but a decision rendered by the court last week, in a case brought to test it, declares for the constitutionality of the act which will now stand unquestioned. In affirming the judgment of the lower court Justice Wolverton set up the fact that it is no violation of the constitution to deprive a defendant of an examination by a grand jury, and that thereby no rights of the defendant are jeopardized provided a trial is had before a jury in open court. This decision establishing the validity of the law will work a decided change in the criminal practice in the state, and hereafter probably only the most important cases will be investigated by grand juries.

Charity covers a multitude of sins, and when applied properly, relieves suffering. Charity also suffers long, and is kind. This same heaven-born trait of mankind is just as often abused. Just as freely as the people are now contributing of their means for the relief of the starving natives of India, they gave in certain sections of the country some time ago for the relief of the Boer Indians and orphans. This was done at the solicitation of democratic ladies who used the Boers as a sort of political campaign sympathy manufactory. The treasurer of the democratic Boer committee in Washington, D. C., has been forced to publish a statement, which shows that of some \$1,100 contributed, all but \$18 was expended in caring for the Boer envoys at a late celebration in Washington City. Among other things, the treasurer states that \$140 was spent for champagne for the envoys. Thus the society which received subscription in the name of charity, ostensibly for the relief of widows and orphans, has come to an inglorious if not a dishonest end.

The yellow terror, that furnishes the daily papers with so much sensational matter, presents a peril other than that attending the frenzy that is sweeping over the hordes of the great empire at the present time. The mob can be driven back. Their country can be subdued and partitioned by the nations of the world, but what then? No part of China would be Germanized, or Russianized or Americanized. Rather, the invaders would be Chinaized. The great dread is what China will, when awakened, be to the industrial world. This is what made the fearless Californians thirty years ago afraid. They saw John steal in with a pole upon his shoulder and a bundle on either end of the pole. There was the non-combatant smile upon his face, but the merciless thrift was in his heart. They saw him eat food that the stomachs of all generous races would instantly reject; they saw twenty Chinese living and working in a room not large enough for three white people to live in; they saw them willing to work for wages that would not support an American child, and in a little while discovered that with their imitative qualities they could quickly master the simpler arts and by opening a shop across the way could soon drive their former employers out of business, and they cried out against the invasion. But now all the indications are that the mighty hive has begun to swarm, and the fear is that it will be as when the locusts swarm and start on their flight, consuming all vegetation as they move. The nations have proclaimed "the open door" towards China. That open door must have hinges which will permit it to swing out as well as in, and when rich men see what can be done, what will prevent their building factories on Chinese soil and producing goods at one-fourth the present cost? What then will become of the workers of generous nations? The yellow terror is one that the majority of the world does not yet half comprehend.

D. C. Derby is able to come over to town again, with the aid of a cane.

Gov. Roosevelt is going to open his Illinois campaign early in September. About that time, doubtless, he will be heard on the stump in Missouri also. Roosevelt has legions of admirers in the west, and all want to hear him in the canvass. He will not be able to gratify a hundredth part of them, but they are in every town, and he will greet some of them. The people have not forgotten what he did before the war and in the war, but they turn to him now as the hero of the hour because he represents, as much as any other man, their aspirations, their sympathies, and their purposes. He says now, as he said months ago, "Where our flag has been raised it shall not be hauled down." He does not hesitate to declare that his nerves tingle with pride over the achievements of the splendid volunteers and regulars who followed MacArthur, Lawton, and Funston in the Philippines, and who have "added so many new pages to the honor roll of American history." He believes that the United States is to be the great power of the Pacific, and that in the future we must be courageous as well as honest.

Intelligent Chinaman's View.

Rev. Fung Chak, a Chinese missionary resident in Portland who takes a lively interest in the warlike condition in the far east, gives an interesting view of the situation. He is not blind to the faults of his own countrymen. Of the wars China has engaged in of recent years, first with France, and later with Japan, that which threatens now promises to be the most formidable and far-reaching. However Rev. Fung Chak believes that the imbrogio will soon be satisfactorily adjusted.

The great error made by foreign powers in dealing with China is in demanding a cash indemnity. This, according to the missionary, has little or no effect. A foreigner is murdered, his government demands so many thousand or million dollars, it is paid, the account is settled and then the natives are ready to kill another foreigner, pay another indemnity, etc. In this respect the Chinese do not learn by experience. They are just as ready to massacre a band of foreigners after a heavy cash indemnity has been paid as they were before.

A peculiar course of reasoning is used by the Mongolians in accounting for this monetary tribute. They look on the matter in a purely commercial manner; as if England, France, Japan, Germany or the United States, as the case may be, sold them so many foreigners to be killed at so much per head.

The ignorant Mongolians are aware that taxes will come for one thing or another, and if they can amuse themselves by slaughtering a few foreigners, they may as well pay the tax for the indemnity as to enrich some mandarin. Some times the imperial government attempts to punish the murderer, but never apprehends the guilty party for some reason or other.

To teach the Chinese to respect foreigners and leave them unharmed, civilized powers should demand, according to Rev. Fung Chak, not an indemnity of money but one of territory. The Chinaman is an intense patriot, or rather, he loves his fatherland immeasurably. To see a portion of the Chinese empire, no matter how small, in the hands of foreigners, is the worst calamity the Chinese can suffer. It matters little that the natives will not be exiled from the land when the foreigners govern it, they look upon it as a part dismembered, as a limb cut off from the body.

Under these existing conditions the wisest course to pursue in dealing with China for recompense for murdered subjects of a foreign power would be to demand land, and the greater the slice demanded and received the more keenly the natives will feel their punishment.

DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Judge Sears on Monday declared the bicycle tax law unconstitutional, on the ground that it conflicts with that section of the constitution which declares "that the legislature shall not pass local or special laws for the assessment and collection of taxes for state, county, township or road purposes."

Judge Sears further held that the bicycle tax law is probably in conflict with the constitution for the reason that it is a revenue law and ought to have originated in the house of representatives instead of the senate.

He further decided that it is double taxation, because being personal property, it is presumed to have been taxed already with other personal property of an individual, and there was no provision in the law that the bicycle shall not be subject to other taxation.

The court also held that the tax was not equal and uniform. It was not an ad valorem tax, a bicycle worth \$5 being taxed as much as one worth \$100.

Concerning the result of this decision, if sustained by the supreme court, the Portland Telegram comments as follows: "The decision of Judge Sears in the bicycle tax case, if sustained by the supreme court, promises another instance where money collected under unconstitutional or otherwise invalid laws had to be paid back by the county or city. In this case the amount paid by each individual,



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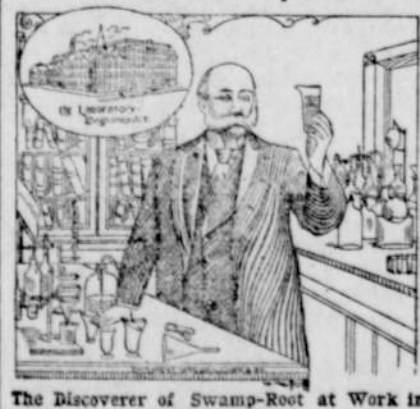
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is very small, only \$1.25, or counting two payments, \$2.50 each. But these payments aggregate for the two years about \$18,000, and lawyers and brokers are not lacking in Portland who will not disdain to buy up as many of these tax receipts as possible and sue the county for their repayment. These repeated cases of illegal or doubtful laws, by which people are required to pay taxes of one kind or another, to the final injury of the county that has to refund them, suggests the importance of a very careful consideration of such laws by members of the legislature. A large proportion of the legislators are always lawyers, and it would seem that among them the public ought to be protected against these blunders—though to be sure, a lawyer, in the majority of given cases, knows as little as anyone how a court will decide. But if they have a "reasonable doubt," to use a term none of them can exactly define, it would be better to exercise it against a bill that, if the law should turn out to be invalid, is calculated to make a mess of public business. As far as the bicycle-tax law is concerned, it is effectually "knocked in the head," for it is unlikely that, pending the supreme court's decision, any more taxes will be collected. And since there is so much objection to it, and collection of the tax is so difficult, it is reasonable to suppose that the next legislature will repeal the law, and that will be the end of the matter, except repayment of the taxes collected from individuals to brokers, and attorneys."

Death of an Amity Pioneer.

"Aunt Mary" Walling, as she was familiarly known, died at Amity, Or., Sunday morning, July 22, at the age of 82 years, 3 months and 13 days. Mary Long was born in Ohio, April 18, 1818, and was married to John R. Walling in 1835. After living in a number of different states, they crossed the plains to Oregon in 1854 and the same year located on a donation land claim in the gap of the hills two miles east of Amity. This was afterwards sold and they purchased a portion of what is now the town site of Amity, of which Mrs. Walling still owned a portion. Her husband died about nine years ago. She had called Amity her home for 46 years, yet during the last few years she spent most of her time in Portland.

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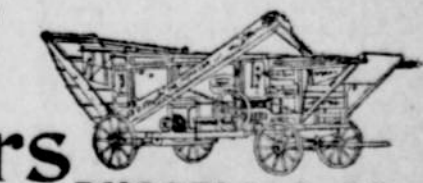


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