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THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

In the senate of the U. S. on the 10th of July, pending an amendment of the committee relative to the proposed improvement of the Hennepin canal, Mr. Ingalls (Kansas) advanced the proposition that the benefit arising from cheap transportation of wheat inures alone to the consumer, and that the producer gains nothing. Surprised at the proposition, Senator John H. Mitchell of Oregon replied at length, from which we extract as follows: Now, this cannot be correct, because the price of wheat in the Liverpool market is regulated not by the price of transportation in this country but from the competition from other countries, Australia, India, Russia and western Asia. And I can, perhaps, better than in any other way illustrate my views by discussing the question with reference to the proposed appropriations in this bill for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the Pacific Northwest.

The subject of appropriations is then reviewed, after which Mr. Mitchell says: The area drained by the Columbia river, we are told by the report of the Chief of engineers on our desks, is estimated at 245,000 square miles; an area he correctly states, larger than all the New England and Middle states, with Maryland, Virginia, and west Virginia thrown in all; all these states combined having an area of but 244,260 square miles. The area drained by the Columbia river and its tributaries is twice as large as Great Britain and Ireland, more than twice the size of Italy, half as large again as Spain, and many thousand square miles greater than either France, Germany, or Austria-Hungary, and greater than all the islands of the seas combined. Snake river alone, a tributary of the Columbia, flowing into it over 300 miles from the sea, drains an area of nearly 105,000 square miles, and its valleys are among the most fertile and productive on earth; while the upper Columbia, above the junction with the Snake, drains an area of 97,155 square miles, and the main stream of the Columbia, below the Snake junction, 43,200 square miles. The value of free navigation on the Columbia and its tributaries will be emphasized when it is stated that by these we have a total inland navigation for vessels various classes for a distance of about 1,686 miles.

A Baltimore paper says that a syndicate of monied men purchased Hot Springs, Virginia; that Ben. Holliday, of Oregon, was one of the principal men; that his law suits here made the syndicate default for \$86,000 on the purchase price. An extension was given until August 1st, 1886, and

hopes are that the late decision in favor of Mr. Holliday here will enable him to pay the purchase money and secure the title to the springs, as the creditors do not care to go into another sale if it can be avoided.

The local fair to begin at Newberg on the 23d is free for all. For several years the people in that part of that county have made a neighborhood exhibit that has been a great credit as well as a means progress. If such fairs could be held in all parts of Oregon they would do much to create honorable enterprise and emulation and add no little to the social advantages of our state.

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