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A SURPRISE.

The Willamette Independent surprises us. "The success of the Yamhill county fair, which closed Wednesday, was so complete that the citizens subscribed during the meeting \$7,500 to purchase the grounds and to properly improve them. This gives the association \$2,500 for improvements. This is not the first time the citizens of Yamhill county have come to the front at the right time and in the right way. The fair for years to come is now assured! What a good one, but who was it told you, Rio. I would like to see the color of his hair."

CHASE NO MORE.

Poor Martin James, whom we heard of a month ago as being the possessor of a massive gold chain and a magnificent suit of broadcloth, some broken in fortune. He made a bold stroke for fame by organizing the south-western railroad strike, and succeeded in doing as much injury as an ordinary earthquake. He then posed as a candidate for the position now occupied by Mr. Fowderly, and threatened half a dozen leading newspapers with libel suits. The dream of greatness is now by ended. Last week one night the bold Martin was locked up at the police station of Kansas city on a charge of drunkenness, and was unable to give bonds for his release.

TIME IT WAS STOPPED.

There is evidently need of some radical change in the laws relating to pre-emption claims, or in the administering of them. A case is now in the U. S. court at Portland, where a man, who had pre-empted a claim and made substantial improvements upon it, is arrested for cutting timber on government land, because he cuts some logs on his own claim and took them to Portland to sell. The government agent declares that there has not been enough improvement made to justify

the settler in cutting his timber. Parties who have bought railroad lands in good faith and cutting timber on it are arrested for cutting timber on government land, and the whole business seems to be in a very unsatisfactory condition. The Oregonian says saw mill men are afraid to buy logs, for notwithstanding that the man offering them has apparently a good title to the land on which he cut them, he is liable to be arrested and they are liable to be losers by buying from him. This sort of a thing seems getting to be a regular nuisance. Everything seems to depend on the caprice of some irresponsible timber agent and there is no end of trouble for mill men, which works great damage to our lumber interests. It is about time that there was an end to it.

STARTED BY THREE GOLD PAINERS.

The first national convention of anti-saloon republicans began its session in Chicago, on the 6th. There were 300 delegates present. Senator Windom made the principal opening speech, and taking his seat as chairman. Mr. W said: We meet under a call of true and loyal republicans, desiring through the party to accomplish what we believe to be of great good to the American people. For myself I never had the slightest thought of attempting to organize a new political party. I think such a thought does not enter the minds of any other delegate here present. The party that freed the slave, that dignified human labor, that enacted the homestead law, that suppressed the great rebellion, that defended its honor in peace and advanced it to the front ranks of the nations of the earth is good enough for me. The speaker said the record of the party for twenty years showed its willingness to grapple this issue and carry it to victory. The issue was as grave a one as the republic had to meet in the past. It resolved itself into the question whether the saloon was to dominate the politics of the nation. "We don't want to dictate to the republican party," said the speaker. "We are here simply for consultation, and we meet to encourage it to take hold of this question, which it surely will have to do, and the sooner the better."

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