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WORDS THAT ARE FAIR.

Reference is called to an article in this issue regarding the Scalp Bounty law, referred to by an editorial writer in The Portland Evening Telegram as a "farce," the theory of which law is "utterly wrong and vicious."

As a contrast, we republish the words of the Portland Evening Journal regarding Eastern Oregon which are as follows:

The people of the Willamette Valley have not yet realized the certainty of the future that awaits Eastern Oregon and parts of Eastern Washington.

That is really a great region, great in its present productiveness, and great in what it promises. Already, the grain that pours its flood through Portland each year adds materially to the wealth of the State and forms a considerable portion of the bread supply of the country. There are immense quantities of livestock annually sold to the packers. There are trainloads of fruit. There are increasing dairy products. There are mines. There is everything that Oregon anywhere has or produces.

Yet, as Mr. Chamberlain said, the people here are accustomed to look upon that region as given over to sagebrush and jackrabbits, inhabited by cowboys and Indians, and susceptible of development only by the leg-ferdemain of some one who has not yet appeared to pronounce his exorcism of evil spirits and conjuring of the good ones.

Without Eastern Oregon, Portland would be sadly lacking in business with which to grow and become the great city it is destined to be. Without Eastern Oregon, Portland would not be a city of 100,000 people, with promise that it will become one of a half a million before many decades elapse.

It is demonstrative of the breadth of observation possessed by the Governor-elect, that he has come to a realization of these facts. It indicates that he will broaden the scope of things at Salem, and permit his vision to range over territory larger than that comprised within the limits of the Willamette Valley.

We respectfully submit the above to the Portland Evening Telegram. There are some, at least, who believe that Eastern Oregon is a part of the great state, and entitled to some recognition.

All doubts as to the treachery of convict Tracy are relieved. One is led to wonder what it is that is altogether too desperate for this man, or fiend, to undertake. Probably the most despicable act in his entire career was the cold-blooded assassination of his partner Dave Merrill, in the wild woods near Chehalis, Washington. Merrill's body was found by Mrs. Mary Wagoner and 12 year old son, who were searching in the underbrush for berries. Mrs. Wagoner will claim the reward of \$2,750. Merrill had been shot from behind, the bullet from Tracy's gun entering the back, which disproves the story told by Tracy that he and his partner had fought a duel. As well as being brave and desperate at times there is a streak of cowardice in the man who has made a page in the criminal history of this country.

The first session of the Fifty-seventh Congress has been a memorable one. It has to its credit the repeal of the war revenue tax law, the initiation of the canal route, the inauguration of civil government in the Philippines and the formation of a system of Federal irrigation. The repeal of the war tax is a story in itself. From the beginning of the war with Spain to the close of the war in the Philippines millions upon millions of American dollars have been spent, and every dollar has been paid by the American people. Few Nations, if any, on the face of the earth could have recovered from the ravages of war so quickly. Truly this is a great nation.

We can look on and smile as the political campaign progresses in California. We have passed through the 1902 ordeal in Oregon and can find some satisfaction in watching the antics of others. Ere long campaign lies will be "nailed" by newspapers of the Golden State, and the merry war will be on. That Democratic "Ring" down in Modoc promises to be a source of much bitterness, and Colonel Thompson, of the "fearless Plaindealer" may have his hands full.

The Alturas Plaindealer in its last issue mentions something about a Democratic "ring" that is trying to run politics down in Modoc. So, you have one of your own, have you Colonel? If we remember correctly you had a good deal to say during the progress of the Oregon campaign regarding a "Republican Ring" in Lakeview that was only mythical. A Democratic "Ring!" Great Scott! This is something awful.

General Jacob H. Smith, tried by court-martial and found guilty at Manila for giving orders to "kill and burn" which is against the ethics of humane warfare, has been informed by President Roosevelt that his services are no longer needed in the army. The notification was accompanied by a severe rebuke.

The statement that Representative Tongue voted against the Cuban reciprocity bill is incorrect. Mr. Tongue voted for the bill, and sustained the policy of the Administration.

John W. Mackay the millionaire died Monday. This is the last of the four famous Mackay brothers.

Edward VII insists on being crowned next month. His royal highness is rapidly regaining his health.

LOCAL NOTES.

Mrs. Chas. C. Matthews, formerly of Scott Valley, was terribly burned at Oroville, Cal., last week, in a fire starting from a curling iron lamp. The window curtains caught from the lamp, and the woman's clothing ignited. Her recovery is doubtful, as she is frightfully injured.

Dr. L. P. Fleming and his brother Herschel Fleming of Lake City, Cal., were in Lakeview last Friday. The Cedarville Record intimates that there is a plaster somewhere in the New Pine Creek section that "draws mighty hard," which accounts for the Lake City gentleman's visit.

We are informed that Mr. Flourney of Likely has contracted all his cattle for 6¢ for dry cows and 7¢ for steers, and will deliver them in September. The price is a good one which makes it nice for Mr. Flourney, but the beef-eater will probably open wide his eyes and purse when he goes to purchase his steak.—Cedarville Record.

Stock Inspector Clarkson, who returned Sunday from a tour of inspection out west, informs The Examiner that there is now very little "scab" among the flocks of Lake county. Some migratory bands are affected, and are receiving the attention of the inspector. Clarkson started for Siccan yesterday.

People who considered potatoes a luxury last season, and who knew they were "eating money" when they used them for table purposes, will never think about cooking them this season, because they will be so plentiful. Lake county will have a big crop. Especially will the crop be large in Summer Lake and Goose Lake valleys.

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