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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The only county in the first congressional district which Dr. Bernard Daly, the popocrat nominee for congressman, admits will go republican in Tillamook. Would it not be in order to send Dr. Daly a telegram congratulating him upon his imaginary walk over, just the same as Chairman Jones sent to Mr. Bryan after the last presidential election? Any fool can claim everything in sight, but when the votes are counted next month Dr. Daly won't be the blowhard he is now. Republicans are sawing wood and participating in the prosperity of the country, and there is no fear that they will vote to go back to democratic hard times, industrial stagnation and financial stringency.

We don't think that Daly, the popocrat candidate for congress, used good judgment when he did not claim this county. Perhaps Daly, who is an Irishman by birth, has no use for a county which is flowing with milk and honey like Tillamook, but prefers old Ireland, with fenianism and all its diabolical murders and Orangemen organizations which make a little hell upon earth.

The troubles of business men multiplied under the last democratic administration which they will not readily forget. They remember how hard it was to dispose of goods, and doubly so when trying to make collections. What a revolution today compared with four years ago, when the general trend of business was stagnation, with factories closed down, men out of employment and hard times. It is agitators like Cyclone Davis, the false calamity prophet, who wants to stagnate the country again—both financially and industrially. And Tillamookers are to have this political agitating, calamity howler thrust upon them with his false doctrine.

It is extremely amusing how some of the political agitators want to meddle and put a stop to the war in South Africa, while they have closed their eyes to the fact that the United States is engaged in a similar war in the Philippines, yet we have not heard that any of the politicians in England have agitated for parliament to interfere with that war. Politicians who have tried to make political capital out of the Boer war in this country have been sadly disappointed in not being able to twist the lion's tail. For the reason that citizens who look upon the two wars dispassionately see that the eagle's tail can be pulled if you commence twisting that of the lion's. In a few years those who now claim that the wars are cruel and unjust will realize then what the United States and England are doing for civilization and humanity.

To hear our prohibition friends make their plausible arguments one would imagine that prohibition would put a stop to drunkenness, debauchery, crime and lunacy, in fact, produce an era of the millennium before that period of time is looked for. We would say "Amen" to prohibition if it would accomplish this. Taking the state of Maine, what is the prohibition law accomplishing in that state? Here is what the Press says: "If the lawmakers had set to work to devise a scheme for encouraging the officers of the law to keep the rum shops open, they could not have concocted a better one than the so-called Sheriff enforcement act." Commenting upon this the Inter Ocean adds: "Here we have the latest chapter of an old story—a very old story. The liquor traffic in Maine has not been suppressed; it has simply taken on a succession of new forms. It has created no deep rooted temperance sentiment, it has brought the temperance cause and the temperance people into ridicule. It has closed some saloons, but it has encouraged the establishment of secret resorts, backroom barrel-houses, whisky

clubs, beer cellars, 'blind pigs' and the like, demoralized the drug stores, and created the hip-pocket habit—a more pernicious evil than any form which its people have escaped." If prohibition in Oregon would be the means of creating hell holes and haunts of vice to entice the "dear girls" and the "dear boys" we say give us the licensed open saloon if we have to choose between the two evils. For the above reasons, no doubt, some of our prohibition friends prefer that the license be taken off intoxicants, which means free whisky and free beer, but it is strange how they can logically reconcile prohibiting the manufacture and sale of it with distilling whisky and brewing beer and disposing of it without a license to bring about the same results.

The change in public sentiment regarding the Porto Rican act, now that its principles and underlying motives are understood, has been remarkable. People who a month ago were clamoring for immediate free trade with Porto Rico say frankly now that the act as passed is vastly better and for very important reasons. To have established immediate free trade with Porto Rico would have taken away the easiest method of raising revenue which that island must have, and which it could otherwise only have had by an internal revenue act—a tax which would have been extremely burdensome—or by direct contribution from the treasury of the United States. This absolutely necessary revenue will now be supplied from the collections under the Porto Rican act and on all dutiable goods imported into the United States from Porto Rico or into Porto Rico from the United States. If this system of raising money is unsatisfactory to Porto Ricans they can put an end to it within a few months if they desire, since the act authorizes them to elect a legislature and specifically provides that all tariff between the United States and Porto Rico shall cease when that legislature shall provide the necessary funds for sustaining the government of Puerto Rico. An equally important result however, of the enactment of this law, which retains a mere shadow of tariff duties between Porto Rico and the United States, lies in the fact that the right to determine matters of this character as they are reached is retained by congress, and thus no precedent is established by which anybody could claim, or the democratic party can successfully assert, that free trade with the Philippines or other possessions of that character must or would logically follow. It is only justice to the working-men of the United States, whether on the farm, in the factory, the mine, or elsewhere, that congress should retain in its hand the absolute power to determine these matters one by one, as they may offer themselves for determination.

Woman and Work.

Twelve wise men in a Chicago jury room the other day decided a case according to an old and chivalrous theory, but, unfortunately, not in accordance with universal practice. A woman was arrested on the charge of vagrancy and her counsel urged in defense that it was impossible for a woman to be a vagrant for the reason that "she was not made to work." The jury accepted this view of the case and promptly acquitted the defendant.
 It is evident that nature did not intend woman for a life of hard labor. It put upon her enough burdens, without piling the Ossa of drudgery upon the Pelion of physical infirmity and mental distress. Nature was not over-considerate in the making of woman, but it endeavored to offer some amends to her by providing man as her protector and supporter. Nature has been more kind than man. When knighthood was in flower woman was shielded as a delicate rose in a garden. Her mission was to please with her beauty and to perfume with her loveliness and to brighten it with her manifold charms. Hers was the duty to soften and to smooth. And back of all this she was the source of inspiration and help to great deeds.
 But the selfishness of the modern complex life has roughly rubbed off much of the delicate bloom of the rose. It has transformed it from a thing of beauty into a thing of utility. It has turned the rose into a cabbage.
 To-day woman goes into the struggle

of life alongside man. She hustles and jostles in the crowd. From man's superior she has become his equal. Her changed condition in the world is due partly to voluntary independence and partly to forced self-dependence. Some women refuse to be supported; some even women who are "provided for" by the stronger sex are not exempt from toil. It is not infrequent that their labors are more arduous than those of the "head" of the family. There is great truth in the saying that "woman's work is never done."

Notwithstanding the decision of the jury that "woman was not made for work," we find that she really bears her share of labor's burden and oftentimes carries loads that are not her own.

Diplomacy and the Sultan.

European diplomats are said to be snickering at the effort of the United States to force the sultan of Turkey to pay indemnity for the massacre of American missionaries. But why shouldn't the Turkish government pay its debts like other nations and peoples? If he doesn't pay them, whose fault is it? Bad debtors are the children of careless creditors. This benighted ruler of the Balkans is just what the enlightened powers of Europe have made him. If he has been allowed to ignore treaty obligations and break verbal promises at will, while his neighbors snarled at each other's heels, Americans can have but little more contempt for him than for them.

If the conscienceless Mussulmans slay or even persecute Christian missionaries within the confines of the sublime porte, there is no reason conceivable why he should not be held to account for it. Neither is there any reason why we should accept his promises to pay indemnity as final, leaving the fulfillment to a time fixed by his sweet will. Diplomacy born out of the experience of antiquity and upheld by men and ships without number and countless treasure has failed to wring a dollar out of the sick man of Europe in fifty years, say those who arrogantly predict our ultimate failure in this instance. The failure may have been due to those very men and ships and that treasure, to say nothing of the antiquity. The United States is not exhibiting her navy or treasure or exploiting her diplomacy. We do not worship diplomacy of any kind, ancient, young, vigorous, smooth, gilt-edged or sky blue. We expect to win nothing by it alone. It is but the means to an end. We expect to succeed because we are right. Jealous Russia, even, knows that we would not have the whole of Turkey as a Christmas gift. What we want simply is to indemnify the American citizens who suffered because of wrongs inflicted by crimes committed within the jurisdiction of the porte and by its subjects. The justice of our cause was acknowledged by that government and the promise to accede to our demands made. We have chosen now, after a long season of probation, as the time to invite a settlement of the claim. No sinister or latent motive is possible. We have nothing to do with the experiences of European nations or the fatality of their hoary-headed diplomacy. Some of these governments may have older records and longer files of "unforgotten lore," but we are thrice armed, for our quarrel is just. All we ask Abdul Hamid to do is to pay up and if he doesn't do it we will take it.

A genuinely new social function appears to have been invented in Plainview, N. J., where Dr. George W. Endicott, a fashionable physician, has won in a divorce suit brought against him by his wife. The doctor's admiring friends are going to give him a banquet to celebrate his victory.

A man in Pennsylvania has achieved fame by always standing up when he sleeps. In these sensation-loving days the man who likes obscurity has a hard time dodging the lasso of notoriety. He has to be without a peculiarity, and even then runs risks of becoming noted for that.

Colonel Dulier, who first suggested khaki as a uniform, is a Belgian engineer. While serving with the British in Egypt all the stores were stolen and the tailor had only some khaki cloth left, which Colonel Dulier ordered made up for the men.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE AND GROWTH OF POPULATION.

Ingenious Appeal of a Woman Suffragist to the Voters of Oregon.

This letter appeared in the N.Y. Sun, and was written by Henry B. Blackwell, of Boston, no doubt for the purpose of helping the woman suffrage cause in Oregon, which will be voted upon at the June election:

One of the most striking effects of equal suffrage for women in the States where it exists is the extraordinary growth of population and material prosperity which have resulted. Wyoming granted full suffrage to women with less than 9000 inhabitants; to-day it has more than 100,000. Wyoming, Colorado and Idaho combined had only 247,746 in 1870; to-day they number nearly a million. Many people in the Eastern and Middle States are annually driven by the advancing wave of European immigration to make their homes farther west. In their choice of residence they are attracted by the fact that equal suffrage has been adopted in certain localities. That speaks well for the chivalry of the men and for the intelligence and public spirit of the women. A decadent community has no use for a movement to enlarge liberty and promote free institutions. When people read that the Oregon Legislature, by an overwhelming majority of both houses, in two successive sessions, has voted to submit an equal suffrage amendment next June, they say:

"Why is not Oregon the best of all States in which to make our homes and educate our children?" If the suffrage amendment is carried it will be worth millions of dollars to the State within the next five years in the increased number and superior quality of immigrants and in the advanced value of real estate that will follow.

Attention is turned at this time, as never before, to the Pacific slope. The annexation of Hawaii and the Philippines will stimulate the growing commerce between the United States and swarming populations of China and Japan. It will give the Western farmers new markets for their products and a free exchange of these for sugar, tea, coffee, tobacco, hemp and spices. Great cities will grow up on the Pacific seaboard. Portland, Me., has grown rich on West India commerce, why should not Portland, Ore., grow rich on her East India connections? The possibilities of Portland as a manufacturing and commercial centre for the western half of the continent are not yet fully appreciated. San Francisco on the South, Tacoma and Seattle on the north, have been more widely advertised and have achieved greater notoriety. Yet the intermediate locality may prove in the long run more available. New York on the Hudson River was once a smaller city than Philadelphia or Boston; yet it has surpassed them both. Portland, in the Columbia River Valley may also some day distance its northern and southern competitors. The soil and climate of Oregon have great advantages. Free from drought and dust, blessed with an equable temperature and fertility, Oregon is capable of supporting a great farming population, and Portland, as its business and social centre, may yet become the metropolis of the Pacific coast.

Oregon is exceptionally fortunate in the character of its people. They have not been suddenly drawn to it by the greed of precious metals or the excitement of speculation. Its early settlers were adventurous pioneers, men and women who proceeded the introduction of railroads. They crossed the desolate plains for 2,000 miles in wagons with ox teams, rifle in hand, guarding their families and live stock against hostile Indians. Their worth is shown by the ability of their public men and the superior merit of their newspapers.

The advantages of Oregon are being talked over to-day in hundreds of families throughout the States east of the Mississippi River. These people are about to decide whether their future homes shall be in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota or the Dakotas, or whether they will cross the Rockies; and if the latter, whether California, Oregon or Washington shall be their destination. If the equal suffrage amendment carries, the popular choice will be Oregon.

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