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The poultry industry in Salem's neighborhood has increased four fold in two years. Now the dairying industry is having a season of growth, with more creameries talked of. The farmers are learning how much easier it is to sell creamery butter, and at higher prices than the butter made in the old way.

There is no country in the United States that presents such a beautiful appearance as the Willamette valley does now—not excepting any part of the South. There is no other country that has so much green grass, so many green trees and beautiful flowers. A week ago the ground in Illinois was frozen three and a half feet deep. We learn this from a man directly from that state.

A Western Oregon man was in Portland the first of this week with a few car loads of beef cattle to sell. He had gathered them up from his own farm and the farms of his neighbors. Some of them he had fed. He did very well with the cattle. He sold one car load at \$5.15 per hundred pounds, just as they came from the car. He says they will dress about 19 cents, and then the meat market selling the beef will have to throw away the necks and a great deal more which they cannot dispose of at retail—or as good as throw these things away. He wants to know if it is any wonder meat is high. The best cuts ought to bring 20 cents, to leave anything for the retailers. There is quite a contrast between what our friend realized for his beef cattle and the prices that prevailed during the "good old democratic days" of the second Cleveland administration. He had beef cattle to sell then, too, and he often sold as low as \$2.25 on foot, and he used to think he was doing extra well when he realized two and three-quarters cents to three cents a pound. Our friend thinks prices of beef are going to stay up, though probably not at the top prices now realized. He says the calves have been sold off too closely, and the men in Montana and elsewhere having range are now selling back to the Willamette valley in the shape of beef the calves they took out of this country. And all the heavy freights must be paid. It is a pity that a calf is ever killed in the Willamette valley. There is plenty of idle land, and someone ought to be found to take care of every one.

YAQUINA HARBOR.

The people of the Willamette valley to-day did themselves credit in sending delegates to Newport to argue before the board of engineers the commercial



A horse is the lead puller in vain when the wheel horse lays back in the breeching. A man's body is a good deal like a team of horses, and must work harmoniously. The head may want to work, and strive ever so hard to work, but if the body is balky and sick the head will make no progress. The man who is out of condition physically may as well give up trying to work mentally. He will not be able to do good work, or satisfactory work, and in the endeavor to do so will only do himself further harm. The reason that men have nervous exhaustion and prostration is that they try to work the brain when the body is balky. The right thing for a man to do when he finds he is out of sorts physically is to give the mind a little rest, and promptly resort to the right remedy for his physical ailments. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best of all medicines for a balky body. When the head aches, the appetite is poor, the sleep is restless, the nerves are shaky and both body and brain suffer from dullness and lassitude, it is time to resort to this great remedy. It restores the appetite, corrects all disorders of the digestion, makes assimilation perfect, invigorates the liver and purifies and nourishes the blood. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It is the best of nerve tonics and restoratives. It makes both body and brain alert and active. Medicine dealers have nothing "just as good."

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importance of the Yaquina harbor improvement. It was a duty that could not have been neglected with prudence. This point established, as it has been established, the members of the board will seek to find a way to make further improvements, with a view to deepening the water over the channel and on the bar.

It is conclusively demonstrated that the project affects the value of the products of thirteen counties, amounting for export in 1896 to about twenty-five millions of dollars, and that it has a bearing on the price of freights for imports into these counties, which aggregated in value for last year about fifteen millions of dollars.

And then the future. There is a vast region in Southeastern Oregon practically untouched. Put a few feet of water more on that bar, and a railroad will surely be built traversing that region. Think what that means of added commerce! All the surplus and all the imports will never go by way of Yaquina, any more than any one buying what we have to sell will ever buy it all. But any one man paying a certain price, if higher than paid by others, fixes the price paid by others. The possibilities offered for making rates over the Yaquina route will fix the rates over other routes, or have a large influence in doing so. Hence the importance. It was a good day's work done at Newport Friday by the people of the Willamette valley.

THE WEST AND THE SPEAKERSHIP.

By all the principles of political fairness and propriety the West is entitled to the speakership of the present congress. The West has more republican members than the East. The West has more electoral votes than the East. It is growing faster than the East. The pre-eminence which it has at present in the electoral college will be largely increased when the apportionment based on the census of 1900 is made. This pre-eminence will continue to increase, says the Globe Democrat.

No Western state except Ohio and Indiana has ever had a son chosen to the speakership. Kentucky and Tennessee, of the states on the sun-baked side of the Alleghenies, have contributed speakers, but these states can not be considered as belonging to the West in a political sense. Half a century ago Indiana had a speaker, John W. Davis, a democrat, who held the office one term. Schuyler Colfax, a republican, from the same state, held the post three terms, retiring from the office thirty years ago. Michael C. Kerr, an Indiana democrat, held the office a few months in 1875-76, when death ended his service. Gen. Keifer, of Ohio, was speaker in the first half of the Garfield-Arthur presidential term in 1881-83.

In the forty-five years which have passed since the republican party was founded the West has had the speakership a little less than nine years. All the rest of the time the East and the South have had it. It is the West's turn now. The republican party got a start in the West earlier than it did in the East. To the West more than to the East was the success of the republican party due in most of the canvasses of recent years in which the party has carried the presidency. Of course the question of fitness is a higher consideration in the matter of the selection of a speaker, as of every other official, than is any sectional demand. The West fully meets this requirement. Many of the ablest, worthiest and most experienced of the republican members of the house are from the Western states. In the election of 1898 the republican strength from the West in the house of representatives increased as compared with the election of 1896, while the republican vote from the East decreased. To the Western states this year belongs most emphatically the privilege of choosing the speaker.

ONE OF FREEDOM'S CHAMPIONS.

A man died a few days ago almost unnoticed whose name at one time was familiar to every person in the United States. This was Eli Thayer, of Massachusetts. At the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the admission of Kansas to statehood Charles Robinson, Kansas' first state governor, declared that without Lawrence, Topeka, Manhattan and Osawatomie, Kansas would have been a slave state; without the Emigrant Aid society, those settlements would not have been established, at least at that time, and that that society originated in the brain of Eli Thayer.

This may seem at this day to be extravagant praise. But it is certain that the organization which Thayer founded in 1854 had a powerful influence on the fortunes of Kansas. Thayer saw more clearly than most men of his day that the only way to save Kansas for freedom was to send free state men to it with their families to occupy the ground and to outvote and outlast those who went to that territory from the slave states. This was the sensible view, and when it began to be arranged the free state men had a decided advantage. They had a larger field to draw from, and the slaveryites were hampered by the difficulties in taking their property into new localities. Douglas' Kansas-Nebraska act proclaimed the principle of squatter sovereignty in the territory. Thayer and his society accepted the challenge, and under the operation of that principle prepared the way for the victory of freedom.

If Eli Thayer had died at any time within a half-dozen years after 1854 the whole country would have been stirred. The Northern states would have rejoiced, and the South would have grieved. But the rush of great events in the third of a century which has passed since his work was done have crowded him out of the public mind. His case is a striking illustration of the transitory character of fame in this stirring age. Thayer's memory deserves to be cherished by Kansas and by the whole country. Yet a generation has appeared upon the scene since 1860 who never heard of Eli Thayer, and to nearly all of those who were old enough in Thayer's day to appreciate his work the announcement of his death will be

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"Something over two years ago I commenced to have an extremely tired, worn-out feeling and kept getting worse," writes Mrs. W. S. Lindsey, of Chietopa, Labette Co., Kans. "Almost everything I ate would sour on my stomach and cause diarrhea, and I had such a heavy feeling in my right side, just opposite my stomach, that I could not lie on my left side. It seemed that the weight in my right side was tearing something loose whenever I would try to lie on my left side, and then I commenced to have such a terrible pain in my stomach and right side. It would shift from my stomach to my side and then back again, and every time the pain would get harder, and it would last hours at a time. Nothing would ease me in the least except laudanum, and I would have to take two or three doses before that would help. Nobody knows what I suffered. In the first place, these spells would be two or three weeks apart, but at last they came on regularly every other day. They would commence about eight o'clock in the morning and last until nine or ten o'clock at night. I tried three different doctors; one said it was malaria, and gave me so much calomel that it almost killed me. Another doctor said it was my liver; his medicine helped me for a short time and then the trouble came back harder than ever. The other doctor said, 'I think I know what ails you,' but his medicine did not help at all. I felt that my time was short, and I was perfectly discouraged. I could not bear to think of leaving my little children, but was so down-hearted and weak I could hardly crawl around. Was in bed most of the time. My mother said, 'Try Dr. R. V. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery; others recommend it, and I notice his advertisement in everything I pick up.' My husband bought a bottle. I did not feel much better after taking the first bottle, but my husband bought another and said, 'We will give it a good trial.' Before I had taken all of the second bottle I felt better and commenced to work a little. I have taken six bottles, and now I am able to do all of my work. Am never troubled with my stomach or side any more. God has surely blessed your medicine, and I recommend it to everyone. My sister-in-law is taking it now, and it is helping her."

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THE SUN'S POLITICS.

There is often discussion in the newspapers and by individuals concerning the politics of the New York Sun. It used to support some democratic measures and men. Of late it has stood by republican principles and those who uphold them. But the question was recently so discussed as to attract the attention of the Sun itself. Read what that newspaper has to say of its politics, as follows: Our esteemed contemporary in Iowa, the Red Oak Express, rebukes one of its neighbors for labeling The Sun as a democratic newspaper, and it goes on to say: "The New York Sun to-day is the chief republican newspaper of the United States, and no paper of the party is sounder or more sincere in its party fealty. With the advent of Bryanism The Sun ran up the flag of republicanism, and it has apparently nailed it to the mast." We beg leave to remark that the flag which The Sun has nailed to the mast is the American flag, and that flag will stay there. It is the extreme good fortune of the republican party to represent at this time certain definite ideas of national honesty in the matter of the dollar, national honor in our relations with the rest of the world, and national progress and expansion toward a glorious and prosperous future; and these are the ideas for which The Sun stands and intends to stand. In that sense, we suppose, The Sun is a republican newspaper. Whether it is the chief among republican newspapers in the United States at the present time is for others to say. But the measure of what our contemporary calls our "party fealty" may be discerned in the undoubted circumstance that if the national organization of the democracy represented the things The Sun thinks are right and the principles and purposes which The Sun desires to promote, and the national organization of the republican party didn't, our esteemed friends in Iowa and elsewhere would be describing this journal as a democratic newspaper with our entire acquiescence. For party fealty, as that quality is understood by the ordinary thick-and-thin partisan, the chap who takes his political opinions ready-made, and who will change his flag when he sees that he will change his flag sooner than he will change his flagstaff, The Sun cares absolutely nothing.

ANTIDOTE AGAINST STINGS.

According to Dr. Friedlander, of Wiesbaden, electricity is an antidote against stings of insects. His plan in such cases is to apply a constant current and to place a negative cathode on the spot stung by the insect. Galvanization produces a rather strong sensation of burning, but at the same time the pain from the sting disappears, and if the electricity is applied very soon after the wound has been inflicted there is little or no swelling. The current, however, does excellent service even if it be not applied until after some time has elapsed, for it removes the pain and also quickly reduces the swelling. The supposition is that the poison which the insect has injected through the skin, is neutralized and rendered innocuous by the current. Dr. Friedlander has repeatedly made experiments of this kind on persons who have been stung by bees and wasps, and has invariably found them successful. He naturally believes that a similar result would be obtained in the cases of persons stung by other insects.

EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM.

Mrs. Murkina, Oh, pshaw! Wasn't he elected to a public office once?—Chicago News.