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TAKE THE WORLD EASY.

It may have fallen under the observation of our readers that the publishers of THE CAPITAL JOURNAL do not propose to waste their opportunities. There is room in this world for all to make a stir, and the one who bustles to the wisest purpose is the most likely to come out on top. The successful newspaper man has no cohorts, he does not strive to convert a community to his own way of thinking. There are a dozen ways to arrive at a desired end, and it matters little which one you select so long as you make your point. Hence orthodoxy is the correct rule. Broad canons of judgment, a large measure of charity, and an all-embracing sympathy that takes in the interests of all. Solid character is wanted in the world, a clear perception of the line that divides right from wrong; but when the moral bearings are correctly taken, and soils are sown and sown, there is no sense in wearying about trifles; taking the voyage easy, we shall reach the haven at last. Such is the philosophy of this paper. The world will revolve on its axis, and the succession of seasons flow on whether republican or democrat has rule, and whether the third party makes a larger or a smaller vote. Things generally come out right in the end. These views govern the minds of THE JOURNAL people; they infuse a cheerful and comfortable tone in their columns; they fall in with the desire of its readers, and hence its growth in favor and circulation. Having struck out the right path they propose to continue it. Who knows but it may lead on to fortune?

STUDYING OVER A BAD DEBT.

The Central Pacific question was again brought before the senate committee a few days ago. Judge David T. Littler, one of the Pacific Railroad commissioners, endeavored to enlighten that body, to whom the commission reports have been referred, on the difficult problem of how to get from the above named road the money it owes the government. He thinks some plan must be devised, which that company would accept, for if when the bonds mature there should be a foreclosure and sale, the property would not bring the amount of the first mortgage. It would be bought in the interest of the present managers, and they would have it with the indebtedness of the government completely wiped out. He sees no objection to referring the so-called equities in behalf of the company to the court of claims. He thinks there may be something in one or two of them, and the rest could be safely submitted to any tribunal on earth. Judge Littler's plan of settlement is to ascertain what the present and prospective income of the road is, provide for the payment out of it of two per cent. interest on the government debt, and extend the principal so that it could be liquidated by the road whether it requires 50 or 100 years.

Considering the value of the road, from which the business has been drained by the construction of rival lines, out of its former profits by its own managers, this is not a very promising scheme; but then it is difficult to devise one that will force out of the road more than it can pay. If exact justice were done, the men who have absorbed wealth from the Central Pacific and depleted the government's security for its debt, would be compelled to disgorge.

We give Woodburn a good showing today, our next excursion will be to Jefferson, then to Turner, and so on till we swing around the circle. A wonderful charm attaches to printer's ink, and we do not propose to be chary in its use so long as we have so attractive a field for exploitation.

WOODBURN INDUSTRIES.

We fold a supplement in our issue to-day calling the attention of our readers to the activities of the neighboring town of Woodburn. An effort is being made to induce settlement in the Willamette valley, and pamphlets and other reading matter have been sent abroad to set forth the advantages that here await the capitalist, the business man and the farmer. Our present enterprise is in a line with this endeavor. General statements prepared for outside distribution, setting forth the evenness and salubrity of our climate, the fertility of our soil, and the immense resources of forest and plain that yet wait to be developed, do not impress the reader at a distance, who is looking for a new home, as vividly as the story of successful labors we present herewith. The half sheet we enclose to-day is devoted to Woodburn, a thriving little town of 400 inhabitants, in Marion county, 17 miles north of here, and 35 miles from Portland. Our reporter tells of nurseries which for extent and excellence are surpassed by no place in the northwest; fruit culture is a profitable industry, and this furnishes business for an extensive cannery. The agricultural surroundings being good, as is the general character of this extensive valley, grain and stock raising is the staple industry of the farmers in that section, who are old settlers mainly, and well provided with this world's goods. Country is abundant there as it is throughout Oregon, and a large number of these farmers are willing to divide up their possessions, because the truth has dawned on their minds that they hold more than they can properly cultivate.

In the early days of this Pacific coast country, when it was a summer's journey to reach the east, a farmer could run his fences over all the country he could conveniently reach, as it lay out of doors of no use to anybody, and splitting rails and laying them up afforded employment for his idle hours. But during the present generation a change has come over the spirit of his dream. Railroad communications give us direct access to all parts of the Union, and the populous north is looking with growing interest in this direction, as a future home for the most restless and adventurous of its growing sons. Hence land in this remote region has attained a value now, which will increase as the years roll by, and the farmers are holding it, as fallow and grain field, until this surplus population flows in and fills up the waste places. These facts are pleasant to dwell on, and they are profitable to make known to the world.

THANK GOD IT WAS NO WORSE.

Mark Tapley, one of Charles Dickens's favorite characters, took great pride in "being jolly under creditable circumstances." He had no end of rough experiences in the steerage of an emigrant ship, and as nurse to Martin Chuzzlewit, when he was down with fever and ague; but when things were at the worst he was the blithest, his philosophy teaching that

A merry heart goes all the way, A sad one tires in a mile.

Philip II, of Spain, is another case in point. His ambition was to marry Queen Elizabeth, of England, and bring that country back to Catholicism. As that implacable virgin rejected his suit, he sought the persuasive power of an armed invasion. He fitted out the most formidable fleet that had ever been seen in those days, the pope blessed it and called it an invincible armada. But when this puissant monarch sent his navy against the tight little island, a violent storm dispersed it, and Admiral Blake, the British commander, made short work with the rest. A few wretched vessels dismasted and floating wrecks, were all that returned to tell of the disaster that had befallen. The Spaniard made the best of it. Solemn religious services were held through his dominions, and he returned thanks to the Almighty that his misfortune was no worse.

These are edifying examples for the democrats of Oregon to profit by. They set out to capture the state, and send tidings of their victory to their brethren in St. Louis, but their best laid plans were defeated, and they escaped the conflict with a miserable remnant. Now let them join in grateful praise that it is no worse.

Baker City Democrat: The new sheriff of Polk county will find a job awaiting him. The death warrant of Lambreth, the condemned murderer, has been reserved for his carrying out.

CLEVELAND NOMINATED.

The democrats in St. Louis have nominated their men; a bigger task that remains is to get them elected. It has been said all along by the supporters of Cleveland that he could not be beaten, because he carried the election before with the administration forces against him. Now that immense power is on his side and this will give him overwhelming preponderance. This argument had weight before the Oregon election, but that expression of public sentiment has charged the face of things. Cleveland's last message to congress committed his administration to free trade. He went before the preceding congress an avowed opponent to the free coinage of silver, and this won. Opposition to a protective tariff is but a prolongation of the same line, and no doubt he and his advisers thought it safe to make that a controlling issue.

But he read the sentiment of the county amiss, and he is unhorsed on a field of his own choosing. It was adventurous—it was even foolish. A high or a low tariff is not vital to the national interest; this country is vast enough to live without foreign trade. Furthermore, it now looks as if a commercial system might be built up by making in the other countries on the American continent, and organizing an American trade band, or Zollverein, as opposed to that of Europe. This, we believe, will be the choice of the American people, and it is Mr. Cleveland's misfortune that he had not conceived some such trade combination. In statecraft a blunder is said to be worse than a crime, and Mr. Cleveland now has to combat the perplexing consequences of a very egregious blunder.

The Examiner announces a proposed extensive sale of real estate in Salt Lake city. Some sharp dealers in San Francisco are getting up an excursion from that city and Los Angeles, to start the 17th inst., to be present at the offering of 700 residence lots, carved out of a quarter section of land bought recently for \$100,000. The former holder, Charley Popper, a sleepy looking Hebrew, used to pasture his cattle there, but a boom has been worked up in that city of the Saints, and now everything goes. This will be confusing to the children of the covenant, who have drawn themselves from Babylon—separating the sheep from the goats—in order that when the day of doom arrives, the unconverted may go down into destruction, while they will be reserved for better things. This wholesale carrying of outsiders into Zion upsets the Latter-day theology, because the sheep will be in imminent danger of sharing the fate of the goats. All this comes of parting with the hallowed soil of Israel to ungodly outsiders.

The Oregon City Courier has made the astonishing discovery "that before the civil war secession was not considered treasonable, but patriotic and constitutional." This is right enough, but the writer should have mentioned that this view of things was peculiar to South Carolina. That secession was held in abhorrence of the people of the north is evidenced by the fact that they made war on it and destroyed it.

The election is over; the dead have been reverently interred and the wounded carefully attended to. Now we address ourselves to the ordinary affairs of life. But we find some who still linger over the battle scene and talk tariff, as if their readers had not had enough of that wearisome subject to last them the rest of their lives.

This is Very Unkind.

Says the Oregonian: "Here is the most unkindest cut of all. The daily democratic organ of Portland says: 'There was ignorance and miserly selfishness at the head of our state organization.' Did the brethren expect Mr. Bush to expend his whole fortune for the 'good of the party?'"

The little girl, Della Gore, drowned at Hunter's Point last Tuesday was a niece of Mrs. Sidney Hledge, and a granddaughter of Mrs. Gorsline, who live near this city.

Lieut. Col. "Bob" Miller's majority for representative in Jackson county was only 25, while the other democratic candidates were elected by 150 majority.

Every performer mentioned in the "bills," is positively with Betty and Wood's big show, and will appear to-morrow night.

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