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The Ohio Floods.

The Ohio river, with an actual length, including its longest tributary, of nearly five hundred miles, drains an area of country estimated at 241,000 square miles, an area as large again as that of California. With a catchment as large as this extending from the mountains of Pennsylvania and New York on the west to the Mississippi river on the east, it is easy to understand how these sudden and great rains of the river can occur. A general rainfall or a general thaw throughout this vast extent of country would at once throw vast bodies of water into the river—so vast that the channel could not hold them, and so do that would be the immediate result. It seems almost impossible to guard against these overflows. Last year the cities along the banks of the Ohio were inundated, and this year they experience the same disaster. No precautions that are taken seem to have been of the least effect. It is apparently impossible to build levees capable of containing rising rivers. A single week's steady rain, or a general thaw, is sufficient to cause the entire levee system. It may be that experience will show that it would be better to raise the cities themselves than to raise the levees. The expense of filling in the low part of cities until they were raised above flood mark would be heavy, but it would be offset by the annual saving effected. Every flood does damage to the extent of hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars. Perhaps it would be better to avoid this loss by expending a certain amount, even though a large one, in protecting the cities from danger. Of course, the original cause of these floods is the loss of forest in the region drained by the Ohio and its tributaries. The forests held and distributed it gradually to the rivers. The bare ground purges the rain and melting snow into the rivers with a rush.

Anti-Monopoly.

A farne of this valley called upon the editor of the STATESMAN a few days since with a copy of the Oregonian containing an account of an Anti-Monopoly meeting recently held at Salem, and requested our views upon the subject of the STATESMAN regarding a similar move at the mountains. In raising the names of the originators of the Salem movement we found that they were nearly all political tricksters who are well known for their wire pulling proclivities, especially before election. This STATESMAN would like to encourage the people to band together against monopolies, but when it is asked to do this in order to assist a lot of blatant demagogues to obtain an office it begs to be excused. Experience has proved that only those men who are to be trusted to work for the people are to be trusted to work for the people. It is to be hoped that the heart of the voters that may be led to congress, where they uniformly fly to the highest bidder, or to a similar position by their influence, will be of service to the people. When the STATESMAN finds a strong, brave man who is willing to devote his time for the people, we will support him with all our power and influence, but as we cast around we can find no such man. That there are earnest men among us we have no doubt; and the time will come when they will be in the front ranks, but our people have been led by those who often by false promises and false promises, and men that in future, prove by deeds as well as by words that they have the interests of the people and not their own personal aggrandizement at heart.

The Enclosed Land Grants.

The following is a list of the railroad corporations now claiming lands that were not carried during the lifetime of the grants to them, with the number of acres claimed by each:

- Northern Pacific—Time fixed for completion, July 4, 1874; length of proposed line, 1,872 miles; miles completed, 222 miles; miles not completed, 1,650 miles; acres patented to June 30, 1883, 245,390.22.
- Atlan. and Pac. Time fixed for completion, July 4, 1878; length of proposed line, 2,479 miles; miles completed within specified time, 1,200 miles; miles not completed, 1,279 miles; acres patented to June 30, 1883, 40,690,569; acres patented to June 30, 1883, 959,208.87.
- Northern Pacific—Length of proposed line, 356 miles; time fixed for completion, July 4, 1872; miles completed within specified time, 222 miles; miles not completed, 134 miles; acres patented to June 30, 1883, 1,040,430.00.
- Pac. and N. Length of proposed line, 1,483 miles; time fixed for completion of same, May 2, 1882; miles completed within specified time, 705 miles; miles not completed, 778 miles; acres patented to June 30, 1883, 1,040,430.00.

Altitude and Climate of Ceur d'Alene.

The altitude of this district is much less than is generally supposed, and a great deal less than almost any of the highest large canyons. The altitude above the sea of Lake Pend Oreille is 2,000 feet; that of Rathdrum, 2,250; and of Eagle city only 2,300. Ceur d'Alene city has an altitude of about 2,000 feet, the same as Lake Pend Oreille. Snow usually commences to fall in the vicinity of Eagle city about November 1st, and continues until the first of April. Work will be resumed April 1st and continued until the 15th of May, when the freshets, owing to the melting snow, will put a stop to mining for a month more. It is liable to be pretty wet. Last season an immense amount of water came down from the hills into the gulches, swelling Pitkin and Eagle creeks into broad and very rapid rivers. People would do well to bear in mind that the area of the district named, which has a length of ten miles, is all that has been materially prospectured. The other is not yet sufficiently prospectured to enable men to know of its character.

By This Sign we Conquer.

A letter was left at the STATESMAN's office on Friday which would have been published had the author attached his name. This is an all round printing office and will be enforced here stricter than ever, for the reason that certain so called journalists, knowing that their own opinions are looked upon by the community with suspicion, have got in the habit of signing bogus signatures to their communications written in their own office. If the sender of the communication will attach his signature as a guarantee of good faith anything he may choose to sign will be published of sufficient importance.

The Proprietors of the Ceur d'Alene Eagle.

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Tell It to the Marines.

A prominent citizen of this city has shown us a letter from a Walla Walla gentleman now in New York, in which, speaking of the freight rates between New York and this city and Portland, he says that the company claims they can send freight direct to Portland and thence it can be shipped to Walla Walla cheaper than if sent direct here. This is a story the company can whisper to the marines, but that they should so as a in a serious manner is very suggestive. The idea of freight being sent a distance of nearly six hundred miles beyond a given point cheaper than direct is too much for even the gullibility of interior folk to swallow. Walla Walla is ready to do its share toward making the O. R. & N. Co. a paying institution, but it objects to carrying the whole load upon its shoulders. There is a chance, however, if the proposed lease of the O. R. & N. by the Northern Pacific should take effect, our merchants may receive freight direct at favorable rates; we are beginning to feel the screw the new administration is putting upon us, and nothing so improbable for them to attempt.

The Fair Prophet.

El Mahdi, or the False Prophet, evidently means conquest in the attempt to establish himself as the head of the M. S. C. C. He is writing letters to prove the authority of his alleged mission and draw converts to his cause. One of them, being translated, reads:

Take notice all ye Moslems, that this is the sign of the Lord of Time and of the Mahdi-Hussain against all the emissaries of Satan. To God pray continually that he will send down a sign to all the enemies of our father Adam, of our mother Eve, and of our prophet Mahomet. The bearer of this letter is the messenger of Mahdi, the Lord of the Age, who will shortly himself appear among you.

Mahomet was a great conquerer in his time, but the conditions are widely different now. If England took the notice, she could make short work of the impostor or she could do as she did with him—she could hang him.

LETTER FROM PORTLAND.

Five Buildings Check-out-block with Lateral Masonry—Chimney—Shops in Port with a Lesson in Marine Architecture, Etc., Etc.

Portland, Ogn., Feb. 13, 1884.

Let's Walla Walla 10.30 Tuesday night, arrived at Walla Walla at midnight and after a night at this delightful resort a couple of hours for the Northern Pacific train, finally pulled out, broke the ice blockade and arrived here this afternoon at two o'clock. The weather was bitterly cold all the way down, and although the stove was kept at a heat that resembled blizzards the cars were very snugly clad. Ice formed on the windows as dense as the thickness of a river dollar, and one had to accept the alternative of roasting at the stove or freezing on the outside of the car. The river is frozen over for nearly its entire length and the volume of water is so great it diminishes it the lovely Columbia is now an insignificant looking stream.

The "town" has improved wonderfully since my last visit four years ago, and much as we hate the place we may as well submit to the inevitable and regard it as the metropolis of the northwest. The changes that have occurred under our eyes in the interior seem to anticipate great improvements, but the party exceeds all anticipations, so much so that Portland appears to have concentrated in itself all the elements of growth that have in the last few years led to such a remarkable expansion of development and civilization in our own day and beyond.

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Local Briefs.

Of a Personal, Social and General Nature. Gathered from all directions.

Lent commences on the 27th. Loni, the well known tight rope fraud, is in duress in his nestle.

We are grieved to learn that the eldest child of Mrs. Leuterer Edwards is dead. A Washington Lodge L. O. O. F. will give a grand banquet on their anniversary March 21st.

Present western terminus of the Short Line, Snake river crossing, three miles from Huntington.

The G. A. Lodge which was to convene at New Tacoma on the 19th inst. is postponed until the 21st.

It is probable that Mr. Smalley, of the Northwest, will remove his papers to Spokane Falls early in the spring.

The San Francisco Chronicle places the B. & N. R. in Oregon. They are evidently not aware that it is in Idaho.

The Bull's Head Trade and City Council passed a resolution asking Congress to locate the Northern Pacific railroad road.

The Union office has used a pamphlet of several notes on the Pacific Northwest. It gives a good idea of the country and is a good thing to send abroad.

Those 700 elk that were seen the other day in Eastern Oregon knew what the papers were saying about them they would certainly take to the bush.

bids for the construction of a court house and j. l. at Canyon City, are asked for; contractors to furnish everything needed in the construction of the buildings.

Queen Victoria is very fond of apples, and they do say it is interesting to watch the old lady popping the seeds on the kitchen stove, to see if she will get married this year.

W. P. Rees killed a "bat" in one of his fields the other day. It bruis had carried on the principles of his race and held up like a respectable animal he would be alive now.

A Mrs. Johnson, living on powder River, Walla Walla County, Oregon, and her two children, a son and a daughter, were all three married the same evening last week.—Chicago Herald.

A private in the U. S. Army has invented a patent for extracting healthful shells from rice, and Gen. O. O. Howard has recommended its adoption by the War Department.

The boot makers in the States are terribly worked up over a late decision made by Secretary Folger which will make them pay twenty per cent duty on broken grain rice in and of 2 1/2 per cent.

The Union correspondent from Bekap to the cent city mentions seeing the U. S. Mail at 11:30 carried to the new mine via Belling but by way of Rathdrum, Camp Clear and then to the M. S. C. C.

Street Commissioner Brock says that Sunday being a legal holiday, the snow ordinance cannot be enforced on that day. It is to be hoped that the law will be obeyed, thereby rendering arrests of delinquent parties unnecessary.

We will no doubt have a long spell of cold weather yet, and if you are in need of a warm coat of winter clothing or overcoat, buy it of Schwaner's clearance sale. Save money as they are determined to close them out regardless of cost.

Although money seems scarce the rush at Schwaner's clearance sale still continues. Today's special are white flannel blankets which are now selling at four dollars and fifty cents, worth seven dollars. Buy a pair and protect yourself against the cold.

The community will be pained to learn of the death of Mrs. Bessie Reed who died on Sunday of last week. She was a bright and popular little lady and her loss will be severely felt. Her parents have the sympathy of our people in their present trial.

Mrs. A. J. Ayres and McFarland have leased the Mt. Vernon Hotel at Butte. It is the only brick hotel in the city and has been thoroughly renovated and elegantly furnished. Readers of the STATESMAN will find a first-class hotel in every respect.

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