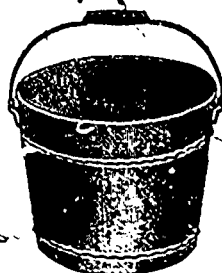


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A New Political Party.

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1. Righteousness and Truth in Public affairs as well as in private business, and no compromise with wrong.
2. Equal rights for all Creeds, Classes and Nationalities, but exclusive privileges to none.
3. National Sentiment, a National Literature, and in all matters of public policy—Our Country First.
4. The Prompt and Absolute Prohibition of the Liquor traffic as the objective point of Temperance Legislation; in the meantime the honest and vigorous enforcement of the Scott Act and all other laws for the repression of Vice and Intemperance.
5. Retrenchment and Economy in Public Expenditure, with a view of reducing our enormous National Debt.
6. Manhood Suffrage, with an educational qualification; that is a vote to every freeman of legal age who can read and write.
7. The extension of the Franchise to Women.
8. An Elective Senate.
9. Civil Service Reform.

The hand saw has had its experimental season in the white pine states, and now is about to pass through a like period in the Puget Sound district. It is to the credit of the lumbermen in that district that thus early in the history of



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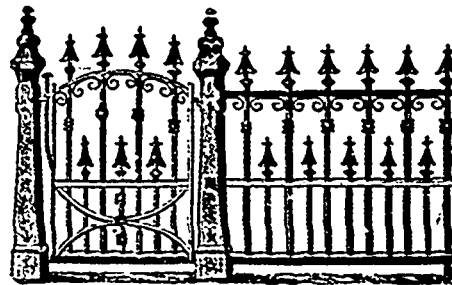
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their operations they are alive to the fact that the band saw saves timber and, under favorable circumstances, turns out superior sawed lumber. It took the operators in the white pine region a great while to learn this. Valuable timber, the supply of which was gradually decreasing, was given to the circular, and this, too, after the worth of the band had been absolutely proven in the hardwood districts. These white pine manufacturers can now see how they threw fortunes over their shoulders. There may possibly be difficulties to overcome in working the band on the timber of the Puget Sound district, but the faith of any thinking man in the ability of our machinists to overcome those difficulties should not waver. There are mill men on the Pacific Slope who argue that, as timber is plentiful, the necessity of the band is not clearly established. They should bear in mind, however, that the tendency all the time in that region is to over produce; therefore, the object should not be the manufacture of the greatest possible amount of lumber, but that the output may be well manufactured. It would also be well to consider that, having been to the expense of getting logs to the mill, it is business

and economy to get the most money possible out of them. When it comes to this test, in fine timber, the band will see the circular and go it one better any day.—Northwestern Lumberman.

The following report from the Experimental Farm at Brandon is about the gist of the report regarding crops through the province since the low temperature of last week: "The different grains have escaped practically without injury. While a few low spots in the barley show some discoloring, it is only the outer leaves that are affected, the stalks being uninjured. The oats are not injured in the slightest. Of the ten varieties of peas sown, nine are coming along nicely, while the tenth, "McLean's Little Gem," a garden variety, is badly injured. This pea was sown among the field peas, being a variety short and strong in the straw. The five wheats (red and white) are uninjured, and all the Russian varieties are looking as well as ever. In regards to frozen wheat as seed there is noted a great difference, it making poor growth and shows lack of body."