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THE RAILROAD SITUATION.

The railroad situation in any part of the United States is at all times a matter of deep interest, and the development of the system of transportation is always indicative of the progress of civilization. Railroads on Coos Bay are particularly interesting because of their great necessity and their almost complete absence. But 1908 seems to promise the very best results in this direction. The prospects for the completion of the Drain road are better than ever before. The people of Drain feel sure that the Southern Pacific will build in the spring. Portland people seem to have no question about it, and the report comes from San Francisco that, in certain lines of railroad work men are being called for at this early day to go to work on the Drain road in connection with bridges and iron and steel structures. That the Southern Pacific has always been desirous, since beginning work, to push the work to completion, is denied only by those whose prejudices have prevented them from investigating the facts. Now that all complications are out of the way except the financial, the company considers this the first of its projections to complete, and April 1st of this year will doubtless see the work begun in real earnest. But this is not all. The electric railroad which extends up the Willamette valley is of standard gauge and is equal in structure and all other respects to the demands of heavy traffic. The power behind it is altogether mysterious, and is shrewdly suspected of being one of the strategic names of some great transcontinental line invading the Southern Pacific territory. It is generally believed to be the Great Northern. Nor can its construction be explained on the ground that it is merely seeking the trade of the valley as a feeder. It is believed that Eugene and Coos Bay will be tapped by the same system, and that it is one of the roads which are inspiring activity on the part of the Southern Pacific.

While something has been said about the Moffatt road being extended to this port, the information is somewhat vague. The Woman's Magazine, published as far east as Ohio, contains an article which credits one of the citizens of Coos Bay with being an agent of the Moffatt system, to obtain rights of way and franchises from North Bend and Marshfield. The people here have not seen any activity in that line as yet, but the information comes from Denver that the Moffatt people have raised by stock subscriptions over \$200,000,000 and that their line is to proceed westward from Salt Lake City to Coos Bay. This road proposes to connect the gulf with the Pacific, and Coos Bay is persistently asserted to be the proposed Pacific terminal.

But there is no question that the Northwestern and the Milwaukee are entering the Pacific territory. The Milwaukee is not to be satisfied with Seattle and the Sound, but is already proceeding to Portland. Her plans are to reach San Francisco also. The same is true of the Northwestern, except that the Northwestern is at present at Lander, Wyoming, but this year proposes to proceed with her western extension with a view to completing, in the near future, the shortest transcontinental line in America. It is known that Northwestern men have been over the line to Coos Bay with a view to submitting bids for the contract work of construction, and the Northwestern will run trains into the Coos Bay territory by the time the Panama canal is completed.

A man can excuse meanness in himself, but how he despises it in others.

With the Toast and Tea

ONE BEAR THAT HE WILL NEVER



Duluth News-Tribune.

GOOD EVENING.

Teach us delight in simple things, And mirth that has no bitter springs; Forgiveness, free of evil done, And love to all men 'neath the sun."

Rudyard Kipling.

As to Girls.

I like my freedom, I admit, My pipe and chat with some old croup, But still I am not opposed a bit To matrimony.

A blessed and a holy state—I know that cannot be disputed. As for myself, I merely wait Until I'm suited.

Show me the girl who's to my mind (They are not scattered round so thickly), But show her to me and you'll find Me acting quickly.

I do not ask for beauty rare, Or for a bearing proud and stately, For intellect I do not care So very greatly.

If she's not absolutely plain, And if in her the virtues mingle In a fair proportion I'll remain No longer single.

Yes, such there are—some perfect gems— Sweet girls with dispositions sunny. The trouble, though, I find with them's They have no money. —The Bachelor.

The fellow who is satisfied to wait for something to turn up is generally turned down.

"Here's where I put my foot in it," remarked Frank Parsons as he stepped in the bathtub.

IN THE POET'S CORNER.



Poet—Who was the man who wrote those beautiful words, "The night hath a thousand eyes?" Practical Friend—I don't know; some oculist, I guess. —Philadelphia Press.

A woman always feels that she is privileged to say disagreeable things to those she loves.

"Somehow or other the necessities of life don't seem so important as the luxuries," said Jack Finnegan as he lighted his two-bit Perfecto in the poet's corner.

A neighboring paragon says: "Adam was a lucky man in that his wife's waists didn't button up the

back." And then, it was said there was a sort of snaky feeling around there, anyway. Besides, there is no evidence that he ever saw Eve's back.

He Forgot Himself.



Absentminded Employer to stenographers—Write a letter to Murray and tell him to send us his address.—Bohemian

All Nature Fakes.

After a careful and impartial consideration of all the evidence bearing on the subject, the investigating committee reports that, notwithstanding their long life and apparent respectability, the following are undoubtedly nature fakes:

- The bull in the china shop. The wolf at the door. The fly in the ointment. The dog in the manger. The bee in the bonnet. The flea in the ear. The rat that was smelled. The chorus girl's lobster. Pigs in clover. Horse and horse. Time flies. The Welsh rabbit. The man on a lark.—Indianapolis News.

The Dinner Table.

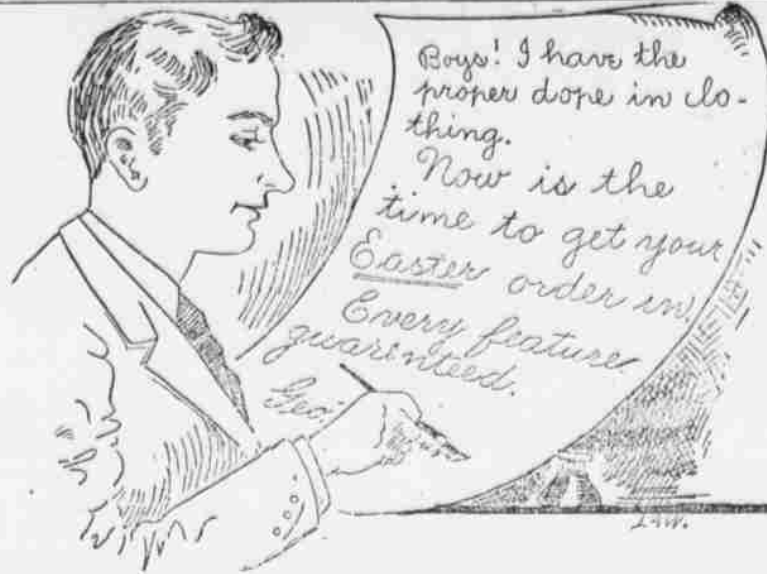


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