## Editorial Page of The Journal I

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N INDICTMENT AGAINST THE RAILROADS.

HEN A BODY of such conservative business men as L. A. Lewis, Henry Hahn, T. D. Honeyman, A. H. Devers, Edward Newbegin Mears sign such a report as is presented in this ssue of The Journal it is time for thoughtful people to ortation committee of the chamber of commerce and the report which they have presented should not only be read and digested but laid aside for future reference. While the report is judicial in tone and spirit it contutes an indictment against existing railroad methods such as can be paralleled in no other place in the country. Three fifths of the whole state is left without railroads. In the 10 years from 1894 to 1904 there were 1614 more railroad built in Washington than in Oregon althis state has one third more area. Of the 416 miles built during that time (including yard tracks and with the exception of a very few miles, the hole is represented by roads built by capital other than that of the railroad system which dominates Oregon, such as the Astoria road, the Columbia Southern from Biggs to Shaniko, the Sumpter Valley from Baker City

While other states have largely increased in popula-tion and wealth owing to railroad extensions through which virgin territory was opened, Oregon up to the present has treated the railroad with a degree of fairness present has treated the railroad with a degree of fairness entirely beyond criticism. There has been no adverse legislation; we taxed the railroads \$156 a mile last year while Washington taxed them \$215, California \$247 and Idaho \$244. In 1900 the taxable valuation per mile, in cluding rolling stock, in California was \$9,719.51, in Washington \$7,427.66 and in Oregon \$3,285.86. In 1903 the reported cost per mile of the O. R. & N. company was \$0,500 and the capital stock and bonded indebted ess of the company was in excess of \$56,000,000. The et earnings of the O. R. & N. in the 10 years was \$33,-61, from which were deducted charges for bettersof that new roads pay as evidenced by the great suc-

ery suggested extension has stood the test of of investigation and report. The time has therefore when the question must be faced and met by the of Oregon. As a beginning of any such movethey must rely upon themselves. They have done opening the river to the extent of building a portoad, even though they have met with some difwhich our own people have interposed. But st not weary in well doing. Now is the accepted the northwest and particularly for the northwest to Portland. This city should become the metropolis of the Pacific coast; it has back of it ore resources than any other city can boast and the tural outlet is here. Railroads are needed to open sat sections of the state in which the people have toiled years under tremendous disadvantages. Elsewhere lroads have come under infinitely less favorable conhat now confront the people and we believe they are qual to the task of furnishing a solution of the question, place to visit. They must come here and it remains for the

### JAPAN'S POSITION OF POWER.

Japan certainly will not give up Port Arthur again, and it may be expected that Manchuria as well as Korea will become pretty thoroughly Japanized. Already its mancial, commercial and manufacturing people are financial, commercial and manufacturing people are flocking to Dalny, and its agriculturalists will doubtless gradually overspread Manchuria, as far north as Harbin. The Chinese will not object; they cannot, any more than they could effectually resist the attempted Russianization of Manchuria—and the Japanese and Chinese are kinsmen who are likely to stand together.

Japan will probably be reasonable, even liberal, but it will dictate terms, and will keep itself in a position to the country of the door, or at least to keep it open only

open or close the door, or at least to keep it open only on its own terms. In this Japan will have England's support or consent, for Japan is England's only ally, and a needed one. France was Russia's ally only to the extent of loaning her money, and the burgeoise will not readily go to war. The kaiser may bluster around Europe, but he will not scare the mikado.

Japan is boss of the far east.

Better Morals Coming.

From the Pendleton East Oregonian. Pendleton is the last resort in the nd Empire where the gambler feels

### BANISHING THE SALOON BOXES.

HE LAW is the law and being the law should be remains for officials with any respect for their oaths but As Walt Whitman aged, and his life became more to enforce it without fear or favor. The boxes were lonely and sombre, he was dubbed "the good gray poet," without exception the greatest breeding places of vice and so Mr. Miller may be appropriately termed the good that the whole city affords. Nothing could be said in gray poet of the Pacific coast, and especially of Oregon, defense of them and public continuous could be said in gray poet of the Pacific coast, and especially of Oregon, defense of them and public sentiment is unanimous that the "emerald land" he loves.

city councils in Oregon towns, until the only way in which the people can se-cure the enforcement of the law is to oust the politicians and place men of conscience and moral stability in posi-tions of trust

secure in his trade, and where the of-fleers have made absolutely no effort whatever toward closing the saloons on Sunday, as the law of Oregon pro-Boise, the fastest city in the north-west, has just, passed a rigid Sun-day closing law, because, as it declared, Boise county loses hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of crops every year, because of drunken crews, which are enticed to town by open saloons on

because of drunken crews, which niced to town by open saloons on ty. Spokane, a notoriously swift is seriously considering Sunday g. Baker City, La Grande, Elgin, Dalies, North Yakima and every city in the northwest except Pens, has taken some steps to bring a better condition of morals by g the saloons on Sunday.

I have in Oregon is as plain as it is made, and yet officials whose it is to enforce it seem to be in with the element which does not the moral condition improved and tely refuse to take steps toward they refuse to take steps toward to go to your work will be spontaneous, you to it a whole man, fresh, strong and vigorous, so that it will be spontaneous, to it a whole man, fresh, strong and vigorous, so that it will be spontaneous, to it a whole man, fresh, strong and vigorous, so that it will be spontaneous, to it a whole man, fresh, strong and vigorous, so that it will be spontaneous, to it a whole man, fresh, strong and vigorous, so that it will be spontaneous, to it a whole man, fresh, strong and vigorous, so that it will be spontaneous, to it a whole man, fresh, strong and vigorous, so that it will be spontaneous, to it a whole man, fresh, strong and vigorous, so that it will be spontaneous, to it a whole man, fresh, strong and vigorous, so that it will be spontaneous, to it will nevi Sunday. Spokane, a notoriously swift city, is seriously considering Sunday closing. Baker City, La Grande, Elgin, The Dalles, North Yakima and every other city in the northwest except Pen-

O. S. Marden in Success Magazine. Only fresh, spontaneous work really ounts, If you have to drive yourself exhausted vitality, if you feel fagged or worn out, if there is no elasticity in your step or movements, your work will

they be abolished. In abolishing them it is possible that some barm will be done to some who were not offend ers in this respect. In order, to reach the bad and to be perfectly sure that no loophole was left to them this was inevitable. The same was true of San Francisco but as a man who was largely instrumental in stirring the agitation that led to their abolition said, the ratio was nine cents worth of real injustice and \$9.80 worth of downright good, so therefore there was no reason

the public morals of the city; every one except those di rectly engaged in the business, and they should no count, is agreed that there is nothing that can be said in favor of these breeders of vice and crime. A man need not be in anywise straightlaced to come to this con-

And so there is another added to the many reasons for congratulation that the people of Portland may feel and that is that the saloon and restaurant boxes are a thing of the past in this city.

#### THE CHAUTAUQUA ASSEMBLY.

HE twelfth annual assembly of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua association is now under full headway at Gladstone Park, and the exercises so far and the program of those to come indicate that this will be the most interesting and successful assembly yet held, notwithstanding the exposition. Perhaps, indeed, the exposition will serve to add to rather than detract from the attendance on the assembly, for many eastern visitors will desire to take one or more trips to Gladstone Park, and avail themselves of the opportunity to attend some of the assembly's features. Some hours or even days could not well be spent more profitably or enjoyably by such as are making a considerably prolonged visit to this region. The Willamette Valley Chautauqua association had

quite a struggle to win success for some years, but is now in a flourishing condition, financially and otherwise. It is able to and does secure lecturers of national reputation, and provides a continuous educational program that cannot fail to be beneficial to those who attend the exercises. The spacious and delightfully appropriate grounds have been annually improved, and could scarcely be excelled for the purpose of accommodating a large number of people, particularly campers. Camping sites are practically unlimited, and are free, and the auditorium is excellently adapted to the purpose of accommodating large audiences comfortably. Camping out for two weeks or so in this beautiful grove is in itself an enjoyable and beneficial species of recreation for hundreds of families. who in addition have the advantage of the educational and amusement features. President Hawley, and in particular Secretary Cross, the owner of the grounds, and others of the association, are indefatigable in their ef-forts to make visitors comfortable and well satisfied.

The various exercises and studies of the Chantaugus assemblies are well calculated to improve people, morally as well as intellectually, and their merits in this respect are too well known and generally understood to need any

### GREGON'S GOOD GRAY POET.

when peace is declared for the enormous cost of the war, and that with a new consciousness of ower and prestige Japan should appropriate most of the mults of victory itself, leaving little to its ally England or other sympathizing nations, except as they can win to commercially, with Japan as "the most favored nation"

OAQUIN MILLER, who is an honored guest at the exposition today, many years ago made a world-wide reputation for himself as "the poet of the Sierras." His work as a versifier was appreciated better in England than in this country, perhaps because his poetic descriptions and delineations appeared fresher and in brighter colors in that older country, where the great mountains and prairies and forests had OAQUIN MILLER, who is an honored guest at lend to the view. Besides, Mr. Miller was rather a unique character, naturally more interesting to Britishers than to Americans because of a type rarer to them than to us. At any rate, they took up with the far western poet, and lionized him, and then Americans were more ready to notice and appreciate his work.

Of that work it is not our purpose to speak, further than to express the opinion that much of it is undoubtedly true poetry, and as such will endure and be appreciated long after the writer has passed out of the range of mortal vision.

Though Mr. Miller has long resided in an adjacent state, he is regarded and we believe regards himself as an Oregonian. Coming here as a boy with his pioneer parents, he spent most of his youth and early manhood in this state, and doubtless drew from Oregon mountains and forcests and plains and streams and plains and streams. and forests and plains and streams and valleys the in-spiration for his songs. His life has not been without mistakes and sorrows, but these can be forgotten or ignored in his literary success, and in his conquest not only of the literary world but of himself.

Joaquin Miller was a pioneer newspaper man in a small way in Oregon—and all newspaper men's ways were narrow and rough in those days here—and is claimed by enforced. This applies just as strongly to the the fraternity as one of them, and is welcomed by them box ordinance as any other. Indeed nothing and by all.

## Farewell to Hinky Dink.

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From the New York Bun.

Hon. Hinky Dink Kenna, legislator of Chicago and advocate of municipal ownership, sailed systerday for Queenstown aboard the White Star liner Teutonic. He is going to study municipal ownership in Glasgow. Just after the ship got out in the stream a man with a satchel in his hand come running down the pier. He was intercepted and made to open the satchel, which bulged suspiciously. He brought forth a poem (over which the bureau of combustibles has no jurisdiction), which he said he intended to read to Hou. Hinky Dink. The man declared that he was not the author of the poem, and he was permitted to go out on the end of the pier, where he recited the poem to the reporters, the police having refused to interfere. The man said that the poem came from Chicago, and judging from the condition of its feet, it probably walked. Two of the stanzse run:

walked. Two of the stants run:
Farewell, thou Hinky Dink,
May happiness attend thee.
Chicago is now on the blink
And things are not what they used
to be.
In foreign clime you take on tone,
And visit curious places,
Do not forgst your happy home
And the welcome which swaits thee.

Michael, dear, our hearts are sore, We feel this parting heavily. To have these back will give us joy. We reverence the supremely. You may meet the Dutchman and a Sweek, And men of other nations. But Chicago hearts you'll find ore be Of this be not misteless.

### SMALL CHANGE

Presidential booms of Tatt, Root, aw and Cortelyou are liable to play much with one another.

It is doubtful yet if Devlin owed as much as Bigelow—so he may get more

Shouldn't Lawson have been made a doctor" of something by some college!

The kalser seems determined to butt

A New York philosopher says it to quite possible for a man to love two women at the same time. He may be right, but most of us can't afford to

Frenzied weather back east.

"It never rains but its pours," isn' Kick the grafters out-everywhere

The new \$20 bill is said to be a thing of beauty, but it is a joy only a little while—to any one person.

A man who can get \$60,000 a year salary need not worry about lectured by even Secretary Taft.

The Panama mosquitoes ought to make it interesting for the canal dig gers, but the big salary fellows can have nets.

Several incipient presidential boom are likely to be up-Rooted—if this is allowable way to speak of booms.

If Paul Jones' bones were sentimental they would doubtless rejoice to get out on the high seas again.

Isn't Hitchepek a candidate for pr

The mayor says he frequently gets dry when around town and has to drink a glass of beer. And yet he favors water fountains so he can drink wa-ter. Queer, that.

More of 'em every day-interested and even dee-lighted visitors.

The proof effered that the benes as Jones' seems to furnish ground for large doubt about it.

Lawson says he has work shead for 18 hours a day till he is 90 years old. Does he expect to indulge in frensied talk all that time?

It is said that Elihu Root's income from his practice has averaged \$2,000 a day. Some men would not give that up for any kind of an office.

Devlin is one thing the matter with Kansas just now.

### **OREGON SIDELIGHTS**

Not a death has occurred in More ex-cept from accident in 15 months. Healthy town, that.

The sheep dipping season at the Heppner dipping vats is now over. In all about 40,000 head of sheep were dipped at these vats. All of the sheep that were dipped have been shipped. About 30,000 head were shipped without dipping, and with about 12,000 head that were driven out makes a total of \$1,000 head of sheep that were sold and sent away from morrow county this season.

#### Demand for eastern Oregon strawber ries greater than the supply.

Weston Leader: While riding to town Saturday, Billy Williams found a huge rattlesnake disputing possession of the road near the Ross place on Wild Horse creek. As he dismounted from his horse the reptile, far from desiring retreat, prepared to give battle, its tail buszing ominously. Armed with a club, Billy soon had his snakeship vanquished. The body was as large as a man's wrist, and 11 rattles ornamented the tail.

Canyonville Echo: W. J. Worley spent his seventy-first birthday with his brother, Joe Worley, near Day's creek, who has prospects of a good crop of corn and potatoes. His son, Orville, is trying to raise peanuts, which promise well, and a good crop of melons is expected. That he may be successful is our wish. ful is our wish.

Astoria Budget: Astoria is a city of nearly 14,000 people, and still it has no band. Certainly there is a field for an organization of that kind, if a competent leader can be induced to take charge. Astoria has a number of young men who are fairly good musicians, and a band could easily be formed here that, with a little practice, would be the equal of any similar amateur organization in the state.

Scio News: Last Sunday Mrs. Chris De Wall of Thomas was run over by a horseman, resulting in a broken arm at the wrist. Sometimes accidents will happen in spite of all carefulness. In this case, however, no carefulness entered into the matter. This young man, or hoodlum, came rushing along the road calling out, "Get out of the way."

Mrs. De Wall was unable to get out of the way, or perhaps knowing that she had as much right on the highway as this young brute, did not attempt to get out of the way. Such young hoodlums are out of place when they are not in the reform school or in the penitentiary.

Eugene's final count 5,743-probably

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL LES-SON for TOMORROW

By E. D. Jenkins, D. D.

ily 16, 1908 - Topic: The Suffering
four—Ineigh ili:13-15; ilii:1-12.

olden Text—Jehovah hath laid on
the iniquity of us all.—Isalah ilii:6.

seponsive Reading—Psalm xxii:1-24.

general whom history forgot to mention.

However, the chapters from which this lesson is taken are full of the triumphs of a redeemed Israel. Those triumphs, it was said, should affect the destinies of mankind. And they should be due to one called at times a "Servant," at other times God's "Holy One" (ch. xlix:7). We are reminded by this lesson of the question Samuel Taylor Coleridge put to the Jewish rabbl who told him that there was not a line in any part of the Old Testament that related to Jesus of Nazareth. The question of Coleridge was, "How did it happen that all your prophets in predicting future events overlooked, the one person who of all men most vitally affected the fortunes of your race?"

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"sprinkle" is retained by our revisers. And it means that the Messiah should not simply make Judah holy by sacrificial lustrations, but "many nations." This "servant" of God should exercise a sovereignty far more extensive than that of Solomon. Kings of the earth who hurl back threats and curses at one another, shall stand in dumb amasement before a power which they cannot understand nor stay. Before the irresistible power of the Christian church the rulers of China, Turkey and Persia sit in speechless wonder today. They cannot understand—what they cannot deny—how a crucified peasant who was physically tortured and marred nearly 20 centuries ago, is pushing them from their despotic thrones.

Verse 1. And yet, so strange is the message of the prophet it appears to him at times as though nobody believed what he was sent to say. "Better accept things as they are," said the prosperous merchants and the court favorites. "This man's visions have to do with a future as unknowable as the politics of the moon."

perous merchants and the court favorites. "This man's visions have to do with a future as unknowable as the politics of the moon."

Verse 2. To a pleasure-loving world-ling the whole aspect of Christianity is an offense. To the contemporaries of our Lord he appeared either as a tender shoot that might be easily crushed by a foot, or else as a dry and gnarled root to be kicked out of the way. When one reads the correspondence which passed between Pliny and the Roman emperof of his day as to the treatment that ought to be accorded to this new sect called Christians, we see these leaders half inclined to despise the new faith as unworthy of any notice, and half the clined to curse it as fit only for extermination.

Verse 3. No prominent person in Jewish history after this prophecy was written, could be named as filling out the picture, except Jesus of Nazareth, The Jews were inclined to exaggerate the virtues of their national heroes, not to disparage them. They did not "hide" their faces from their Maccahean deliverers. They thronged them with tumultuous acclaims. Kings are not "acquainted with grief." They seclude themselves from knowledge of suffering. But Jesus was oftenest found in the chamber of the sick, by the bedside of the dying, at the grave of the dead Verse 4. We can only explain the sufferings of our Lord by the atonement. If Jesus did not bear suffering for others, why did he, the only sinless one we know, bear them at all? His poverty, his rejection by rich and poor alike his betrayal and his crucifixion all seemed to belong to a life under the wrath of God. But he was the beloved of God, as we know.

Verse 5. The only explanation is that his wounding and our healing are, finthe providence and grace of God, divinely related.

Verse 6. Atoning suffering, atoning sacrifice, which comes to its climas in Jesus, is a part of the great law of life and love. St. Paul, who denied that his could be crucified for men as his Lord had been (I Cor. \$1.18), nevertheless could suffer for men and was anxious to do

By Wex Jones.

Being the Story of a Rural Person Who,
Had He Come East, Might Some
Day, Have Become a Director in
a Great Insurfance Company.
The Kansas fields were full of wheat
awaiting to be shorn;
The farmer he was full of grief, and
partly full of corn.

A score of harvest hands he watched go tolling in the sun; Some came from eastern colleges; all

The farmer watched his new-hired help mixed up with all his wheat: "They call 'em hands," he muttered "but they're more like tenderfeet

"The rain may come and spoil my crop: some plan I must devise To make these fellows rustle for an in-expensive prize."

"I have a lovely daughter, and the

The men pitched in like madmen; some fainted from the heat;
Some worked their hands to splinters but they put away the wheat.

They worked all day, and didn't pause to eat their waiting dinner. And at the end Bill Sluggins was ac-cleimed an easy winner.

The farmer led him to the house; along went all the crew.

And then brought out his daughter, who had reached the age of two.

They say that, tired as Hingsins was, the fight was mighty warm;

However that may be, just now an orphan owns the farm.

HE RETURN OF MR.

ROOT

the Rocky mountains and was lost from our view. After dining near this place we proceeded on 4% miles to the head of an island. 4% miles beyond which is a second island on the left; 3% miles farther in a bend of the river toward hat the north is a wood where we encamped for the night after making 19% miles.

We find the prickly pear, one of the greatest beauties as well as the greatest beauties as well as the greatest heauties as well as the greatest heauties as well as the greatest inconveniences of the plains, now in full bloom. The sunflower, too, a plant country of the Missouri from its entrance to this place. Is here very shundant and in bloom. The list is mind the sunflower, too, a plant country as bundant and in bloom. The list is mind the sunflower, the sunflower, and rush and narrowdock are also common. Two elk, a deer and an otter were our game today.

The river has now become so much more crooked than below that we omit taking all its short meanders, but note only its general course and iny down the small bends on our daily chart by the eye. The general width is from 160 to 150 yards. Along the banks are large beds of sand raised above the plains, and as they always appear on the sides of the river opposite to the southwest exposure, seem obviously brought there from the channel of the river by the incessant winds from that quarter; we find also more timber than for a great distance below the falls.

Public-School Deficiencies.

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