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And Remember to Get a Stop-Over for Springfield.

WHERE RIGHTEOUS SUFFER.

People who conduct business honestly invariably suffer when dishonest people are allowed to ply their trade unmolested. Honest railroads have suffered because of the dishonest deals of other railroads.

The time should be past for people to condemn every railroad because of the manipulation of certain railroads which have watered their stocks to such an extent that it seems impossible to make the corporations show a profit. In recent years there has been practically no stock-watering, while most of it was done so long ago that the statute of limitations no longer applies and it certainly would be the eight million bondholders in the United States who would suffer should the Government attempt to force the watering of the stock.

Most of the railroads have seen the error of their way and are now hewing to the line and making an honest effort to make the railroads pay in spite of what has happened in the past.

Howard Elliott, president of the New Haven Railway, made the following statement:

We must give our railroads the highest character for honesty, and in order to do this we must be honest and sincere ourselves. And when I say that, I don't mean only about money, but I mean we must be honest of statement and stamp out all evidence of foolishness in personal and railroad conduct, and eliminate anything that looks suspicious in the affairs of great public service corporations.

Sometimes we are asked to go into politics, and, as you know, the railroads and business generally have been charged with engaging too much in politics and trying to manage politics. That day has gone by.

It would certainly be a splendid thing if every railroad would act in accordance with the statement of Mr. Elliott. It would not only be much better for the railroads, but it would be better for the public and the country at large.

The rate increase allowed by the Interstate Commerce Commission is based on the belief, by men who ought to know, that the railroads are entitled to a living profit.

Since the progress and financial affairs of this country depend so much on the railroads, it seems high time for every body to get busy and boost for prosperity.

BELIEVE IN YOUR TOWN

If you live in a town you should believe in it. If you don't believe your own town or city is a little better in most respects than any of its neighbors, you should move out. Like other places, it has advantages that others have not, and your modesty should not prevent you from making that fact known whenever the opportunity presents itself. At home or abroad, whether pursuing pleasure or engaged in business, do not neglect to give those you come in contact with to understand that you live in a town populated by interesting, wideawake, go-ahead people and one that is advancing instead of retrograding.

If you can truthfully speak in commendation of the ability of your professional men, the square dealing methods of your business men, the excellence of your mechanics, the superiority of your churches, schools and public institutions and industry, energy and sobriety of your citizens, let nothing prevent you from exercising that privilege. You should learn to believe, if you do not already, that we have all these and in addition the best located town, the finest country surrounding it, with the most intelligent class of people to be found.

If there are any drawbacks it will not be necessary to mention them. The people and newspapers of competing towns will relieve you of that task by attending to that part of it themselves. Strangers seeking locations are always greatly influenced in favor of any town whose citizens are enthusiastic in their praise of it. No city or town expects to attain prominence over its rivals unless its inhabitants appreciate excellence and virtues of each other and will collectively spread abroad their faith in the present prosperity and future greatness of their locality. Talk is a cheap commodity but when rightly utilized it can be made effective in many directions and this is one of them.—L'Anse, Mich., Sentinel.

How does this strike you, Mr. Patron of the Mail Order House? A nice little dividend of 50 per cent, or a little nest egg of \$20,000,000. After reading the following you will probably realize that, outside of a few well known articles—on which the price is lowered just as a bait—you have been paying ten times the profit on everything you bought from this concern, that you would have paid your local merchant. At any rate the following dispatch from Chicago, tells an interesting story of the prosperity of one concern: "The richest melon ever cut by a Chicago corporation was served today for the common stock holders of Sears, Roebuck & Co. by the directors of the mail order house at a special meeting. They declared a stock dividend of 50 per cent, double the amount which La Salle street had expected. The dividend calls for the issuance of \$20,000,000 new common stock absolutely free. The melon was a par value of \$20,000,000. With the stock quoted at 197 its market value is much more. The stock dividend was ordered payable April 1 to common stock holders

of record March 15. The next time you think you are buying it at home, at least give your merchant a chance to quote you on it.—Forest Grove Times.

QUITE RIGHT.

It appears that so far as this session of the Legislature is concerned there will be no serious attempt to rehabilitate the boxing game, all of which is good and satisfactory from the general-public standpoint. The legal status of boxing in this state is just about what it ought to be. The law does not interfere with it in any way, as an amateur, athletic sport; and the law does not recognize it in any other respect. That is its proper status; and for the Legislature seriously to attempt to give it any other would be a waste of time.

Professional boxing restored, if the Legislature had the time and were in the proper temper, would only mean that there would be another movement later on to put it out of existence. It will not do, because of its disreputable following and demoralizing influence. Upon that point the people have long ago reached a most determined conclusion.

Senator Kellaher has introduced a bill in the legislature to compel newspapers to publish nothing but the truth. To make such a law effective, the newspaper man would have to have a knowledge and wisdom far beyond that which is given to mortal man. And then suppose the newspaper should publish the truth and the whole truth, unvarnished truth.

The administration wants to buy and operate ships in order to build up the commerce of the nation. If the ships are to be handled in the same way as the railway mail service is conducted, please excuse us from having anything to do with a government line.

If we have the sugar beet acreage, why not have the beet sugar factory?

WORK OF PUPILS OF THE SPRINGFIELD SCHOOLS

The Lane County News today presents a few examples of the work of composition in the classes in the Springfield Public schools. The articles are published as written, without correction, in the hope that the printing of them may prove an assistance to the young people in developing their power of expression. Other teachers are invited to submit such articles as they may wish to have published in this column.

My Nanny goat

I have a goat. I call her nanny. She plays with us. I have a lot of fun with her. She butted my little brother down. He told mamma and mamma said that is too bad. I feed her sometimes. We play hide-and-seek with her. We were tettering on a board one day and Nanny came up and got on one end of the board and tettered with us.

Alice May Stevens

Grade 2 B Age 7

My Pet Dog.

I have a pet dog his name is Tiny. He is a very kind dog. Every time papa went to town Tiny would sit on the porch and wait for him. I like Tiny. After we had dinner Tiny would get his dinner. And so one day while he ate I was going to pet him. He does not like to have me pet him, and do you know what he did he jumped up and bit me and I cried.

Clara Olsen

Grade 2 A Age 8

My cat and bird.

I have three cats and a bird. I pet my cats and talk to my bird. I like to see the cats play. I love to watch the cats and I like to see the bird bathe. One of my cats followed me and I tried to make it go away and it ran back home. I like to hear my bird sing.

Mary Elizabeth Whitney

Grade 2 B Age 7

On My Way to Paisley.

I road on the train. It was very hot in the train. I ate an orange in the train. I like to ride on the train. I saw some cattle in a field. We ate in the dining car on the train. I had went fast. We were on the train six days. My sister likes to ride on the train. Mamma and papa were with me.

Ruth Brattain

Grade 2 B Age 9

We have two little canary birds. They live in a cage. Papa put cotton into the cage and the little birds pulled it all around. They made it into a nest. Now they have three little eggs in the nest. The eggs are a bluish color spotted with brown. By and by the eggs will hatch and we will have some birds.

Inga Soleim

Age 8

On My Way to Springfield.

I left Aberdeen Washington to come to Springfield. Mamma came with me. papa had gone before we did. we road on the train. I like to ride on the train. I had some bannanas on the train. We went so fast I could hardly see anything we went thru Portland and had dinner there. When we got to Eugene papa met us there. I go to school in Springfield now. Mrs. Bartlett is my teacher.

Alice Evans

Grade 2 B Age 8

My Cat and Chicken.

I have a cat and a chicken at home. I like them and they like me, I think. Two or three years ago, mamma would feed my kitty and my chicken would fly over the fence and would drink the kitty's milk and the chicken would peck the cat, and the cat would slap the chicken with his paw and the chicken would run away.

Virgil McPherson.

Grade 2 Age 7.

My Pet Chickens.

I have two pet chickens. Their names are nigger and Sally. I can catch them any place. They will eat wheat Nigger like wheat. I have a chicken house for them. I like my chickens and they like me. They come into the house at night. I take at night.

Jesse Broom

Grade 2 A

My Gold Fish.

I have a little gold fish. It lives in water and it can swim. We have to change its water every day. It has a little tail.

Lawrence Bruce

Grade 2 A Age 8.

My Puppy.

I have a puppy. He is a white and yellow puppy I play with him. I like my puppy and he will bark. He will follow me when I go to school. I scold him and make him go back home.

Henry Conrad

Grade 2 B.

My Gold Fish.

I used to have three gold fish. One had a short tail, and always swam on its side. One was a little goldfish. One was mine and

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THE 96-223 First National Bank of Springfield, Oregon

Report of the condition of the First National Bank of Springfield, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business December 31, 1914, condensed from report to the Comptroller of the Currency:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts \$102,135.81
U. S. and other Bonds and Warrants .. 21,810.91
Banking house, real estate, furniture and fixtures 13,457.85
Cash and due from banks 39,962.32

\$177,366.89

LIABILITIES

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