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OREGON MUST HELP SETTLE HER LANDS

The west has the best farm lands in America. Her irrigated section has not an equal from the point of production, but the mercenary spirit in lands has whipped itself into shreds, just as the mercenary spirit does in everything else.

Oregon now finds herself with several finished irrigation projects of great merit but no people. No one to develop the farm; no one to take the big plunge of making two blades of grass grow where none grew before.

We have only handled one end of the great work of reclaiming lands, and that end has been the speculative end. We have encouraged the building of irrigation projects, have assisted with state credits to get water in the ditches for some company or concern to sit back and demand the price for the raw land.

Now we are confronted with the startling fact that people will not settle on lands and take on large obligations without they can see their way out. As the Portland Chamber of Commerce representative at Omaha said recently, other states are taking the settlers who should go to Oregon. The reason is simple. Colorado for instance, sells irrigated land with no payment down and only exacts payment of interest for five years. That is competition in its keenest sense. Oregon must meet that competition in order that her lands may be settled. It is the biggest state question we have today, for this commonwealth is not increasing in population. Look at the last census and compare it with that of ten years ago. Note the few people on the farms—less farms in Union county now than there was ten years ago.

No new people are coming into Oregon and settling on her farm lands—why? Because Colorado, Utah and Idaho are offering better inducements. Oregon must wake up or ten years from now we will be even farther behind the great procession than we are at the present time.

THE FELLOW WHO IS BROKE

Were you ever broke? Down to the last two bits and that went for breakfast? Did you ever experience that feeling? Well, it is quite a feeling. Everybody should at some time in life have it, for really there is not a condition in a man's career that will level him and make him realize how small he is, so much to know you haven't a single cent and no work.

For the last five years no one has been in that shape scarcely, but for the twenty years before that time most any fellow was liable to go broke and be down and out for a little while.

There is no disgrace attached to being broke, but there is a decided disgrace attached to staying broke. No man need be broke in this country for twenty-four hours. He can find something to do if he is made right.

If he belongs to skilled mechanics and will work only at his trade he is in bad shape, but if he is a college professor by profession and possesses the American idea of doing whatever come up to do, whether it be shoveling the load of coal in the basement or hoeing the garden for four bits, then he is all right.

Yes, to be broke is a good experience.

DR. PENROSE IS RIGHT

La Grande people heard the best commencement address last evening that has ever been delivered in this city, and this is not said with any desire to criticize or reflect on other speakers who have addressed graduating classes.

His argument was sound, his language was well chosen but not strained to a point of high tension in selection. It was in fact just a plain, good, sensible, honest, sincere appeal for common sense education. Dr. Penrose punctuated the idea that a man holding a sheepskin was made; he insisted that some men are educated without even attending college or even high school, and admonished the class that mere college attendance would not get them any place. Application and earnest endeavor to not only learn from books, but from men and women, from nature, from commercial life, all combine to make the educated man.

Dr. Penrose is one of the substantial educators of the northwest. His Whitman college has grown under his hand but it has been a solid growth free from the frills and flourishes so many colleges are tempted to put on. His visit to La Grande has done good not only for the graduating class, but every person in the large audience last night went away with better and clearer ideas on education.

HEAR FRANK IRVINE'S TALK

Sunday evening at the L. D. S. Tabernacle Frank Irvine, managing editor of the Portland Journal, will deliver an address on the China relief and everyone should hear him.

Few men in Oregon have hearts that beat for humanity as does the heart of this old veteran editor. It is not a money worshipper and he prizes the man who does worship money.

Frank Irvine loves his fellowman; he possesses that remarkable wisdom which makes clear to his that wealth is as nothing compared with the love of a little child or an old man or woman; his thought goes farther than mere money and houses and business blocks; to him the world is a place for us all to do good to our fellowmen rather than scramble for money, place or power.

Frank knows something of conditions in China and he feels it his duty to tell of those conditions. Tomorrow evening you will hear a lecture and sermon combined, delivered by a fine gentleman whose heart is right and who believes that the brief time allotted us on this earth should be devoted to doing good—to acts that will show on the right side of the ledger in the eyes of Almighty God. Go and hear him.

ANOTHER WAR INQUIRY

A new congressman, full of fresh zeal, offered a resolution in the House the other day calling for official investigation of charges that there was a propaganda conducted in this country, early in the World War, to get the United States into the conflict.

Is there never to be an end to this sort of thing? The war has been over for two years and a half. It was won and won thoroughly, with the very effective help of the United States, to the profound satisfaction of every good American. The only criticism that still carries weight with the majority of citizens is that we ought to have got into the war more quickly. If anybody tried to hurry us into it, whatever may have been the underlying motive, the influence was probably wholesome, merely accelerating what was inevitable.

But wholesome or not, all that is past and done. There have been scores and scores of investigations and inquiries since the armistice, ninetenths of which have either proved nothing of consequence or revealed nothing that intelligent citizens did not know already.

Isn't it time to quit all that pawing over dead cats, and get down to living issues? It is not the cause or conduct of the war that confronts Congress now, but reconstruction growing out of the war.

THE OFFICE CAT.



A Prayer.

Lord, when I am nearing the end of Life's day
Let me look o'er the path I have trod,
And know I played fair every inch of the way,
As I sat by the fireside and nod.
Let me, when years number three score and ten,
Hold no barren regrets for the past,
Let me feel that my name is respected by men,
And let them be friends to the last.
When the locks time has left me are scanty and gray,
And my teeth have long since ceased to mout,
Let me sit by the fire in a dignified way,
And not try to act like a coil.

That Walking Stick.

Attica, Ind. Tribune.)
A cane was found by one of our citizens and left at this office for identification and reclamation. It is not much of a cane, but still, viewing the stick from a physiological standpoint, it must have done service to some citizen of Attica for many years. It is not a heavy, wieldy club, such as a strong man would use. It is not a very long cane, therefore, it must have belonged to a man with long arms, slightly stooped, with the habit of walking in deep meditation, with face cast downward. Therefore this walking stick must have belonged to a professional man—a doctor or a lawyer, perhaps. Judging from the color of the cane the owner must be dark complexioned, gray haired and eyes either gray or brown. At a closer look at this stick the conclusion is reached that the former owner must have held some public office for

POLITICAL HISTORY

May 27, 1819.—Julia Ward Howe, born. Wrote "Battle Hymn of the Republic."
May 27, 1862.—Battle of Hanover Court House, Va.
May 27, 1863.—Siege of Fort Hudson, La.

Republican Party.

The present Republican Party came into existence in 1856. It was composed of the anti-slavery element in all parties. Its first candidate was John C. Fremont of California, but in the election the party suffered defeat and James Buchanan, Democrat, became President. In 1860 it elected its first candidate, Abraham Lincoln, and remained in power for six administrations, ending with James A. Garfield in 1880. It has since held office for a number of years, as it should, and has shifted from the right to the left and an incalculable number

of times on occasions when the owner met up with fellow citizens with franchises to exercise. If the owner of this walking stick will call at this office, describe the property and pay for this notice at 5 cents a line we would be very glad to turn the cane over to him.

The man standing at the corner of Adams and Depot the other day who told us that the girls of twenty years ago had ugly ankles was perfectly safe. No woman will admit that she was a girl twenty years ago.

Not Against—Of's the Word.

Sir—Have been a strike against the contris? I present myself as a strike-breaker. If you resist my demands, bewa-a-a-a-are!

I recently overheard this conversation between two women:

First woman—"What have you seen at the theatre lately that you liked?"

Second—"I liked the shaving scene from the 'Barber of Seville'."

First—"Really? I cared more for the jungle scene in 'Tiger, Tiger'."

Will our multitude of loyal and gifted contributors please sign their regular monickers to contributions henceforth? Initials or noms de plume only will be used for publication, unless otherwise specified. Thankx.

A Boston tailor announces that, for a limited period, he will sell \$25 suits and topcoats for \$27.50. Hurry, men!

We lamped the following in the Muskogee, Okla. Phoenix. "Last week an opera singer sang Salome, enclosed in twenty-eight heads—and twenty-two of them were perspiration."

STOCKMEN DECLARE THEY WANT TARIFF

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and senators and to the chairman of the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives, and the finance committee of the Senate.

High Rail Rates Protested.
Whereas, under the Transportation Act, the railroads are practically insured a return of six per cent on the estimated value of the railroad property, and the different states are compelled to conform their rates, and charges so as to yield such a return; and

Whereas, we are unalterably opposed to such forms of favoritism in the regulation of any business of this country, and firmly believe that the carriers should be required to handle the traffic of this country upon reasonable rates and regulations without any guarantee, therefore be it

Resolved, by the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon, that we favor the immediate repeal of Section 15-A of the Transportation Act which guarantees a fixed return on railroad investment, and that we urge upon the Interstate Commerce Commission the prompt establishment of such railroad rates and charges as will permit the free movement of the products of the farm and the livestock industry; and be it further

Resolved, that we vigorously protest against the present livestock rates from Oregon points to the Portland and Seattle markets, and to the Missouri river, as being unreasonable, unjust, and unfair to our industry, and that we insist upon a restoration of these charges to the basis prevailing before the war; and that we join in the proceeding before the Interstate Commerce Commission, filed by the American National Live Stock Association, for the purpose of determining the reasonableness of these present rates of live stock from Oregon.

Railroads Violate Contracts.

Whereas, the public service commission of Oregon, after due consideration, has prescribed by order for a new livestock contract, to be used by the railroads operating in Oregon on all interstate business; and

Whereas, this order is not being respected by the Oregon, Washington, Railroad and Navigation and Southern Pacific companies; and

Whereas, this new contract grants relief from procedural and unfair treatment of the Oregon shippers, and from terms that are now illegal on interstate shipments; and

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The Composer Gets Funny. Western paper—The Wiseman wedding was solemnized at the house of the bride's parents.—Boston Transcript.

A Compromise. No college man is as good as he tries to make his professor believe he is, nor as bad as he tells his girl he is.—Jester.

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