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Wanted—A Hill or a Harriman

The other day William Pollman, of Baker, was in Salem on cattle business and in an interview with a Portland newspaper he casually made the remark that the greatest western country, and especially the livestock producers of the west, need a Hill or Harriman at the head of transportation matters in order that the livestock products of the west may have anything like an even break with other industries.

Mr. Pollman's statement is very apt and appropriate. The country does need a Hill or a Harriman. People swore at these men when they were living, but they see now what really big men they were. They were the men who realized in order for a railroad to prosper and have tonnage to haul, industries along the lines of the railroad must be developed. James J. Hill knew this when he shipped out several trainloads of registered bulls which he sold to cattle men at nominal prices in order that the grade of their cattle might be increased and bettered. Harriman knew the forests of the west must be burned and that the lumbermen on the coast must have a freight that would let them live in order that the railroads could have the lumber tonnage.

Yes, give us a Hill or a Harriman in transportation. And, taking another step, give us an Aldrich, a Plumb, and an Ingalls in the United States senate.

In other words, resorting to the old prayer, "God give us men."

Well Done

The House of Representatives did nobly when it passed the Fordney tariff bill by almost a straight party vote—the Republican members voting for the tariff and the Democrats voting against it.

Now, we are getting back to normalcy, as President Harding would say. The tariff is plainly the big issue between the two old bickering parties and after all the bickering and talk, the vote shows that it is still the tariff that is the national question now just as it was in Jim Blaine's time.

This nation must have protection or many industries of our people will go broke. Republicans need this condition of affairs.

The Observer has never analyzed the Fordney bill, but we know in a general way what it contains and we are for it. We do not mean that the bill is a perfect measure. Far from it, for no perfect tariff bill will ever be framed. But it is a step in the right direction and once we are rid of the Democratic anti-tariff tendencies, friendly hands can amend the Fordney bill until it is a workable measure.

Unless we get protection on wool, lumber, cattle and hides, the north-west people had as well head back the land to the Indians and go elsewhere. The Fordney tariff bill provides such protection. Now that the House has done its job well let the Senate get busy and during the hot weather pass the bill and make it a law at once.

What's the Matter With Baker?

Quite a while until the nominating primaries for the scholastic of gubernatorial candidates in Oregon, for we notice several newspapers in the state sending up trial balloons for different supposed-to-be candidates.

The Portland Oregonian has been telling on the public on Max G. Kelly, but it is found that Kelly is not very well known. He was formerly a member of the Birch-Kelly Lumber company at Eugene. Other papers have been eulogizing Charles F. Spence, Master of the State Grange for the Republican nomination, but so far as is known Mr. Spence is not particularly affiliated with the Republican party. One paper has been saying some nice things about Senator Ike Patterson, of Polk county, a very excellent gentleman. Still another newspaper wants Louis Simpson to try it again, but no reply has been made by the Coos Bay statesman. Through it all we have watched

carefully for the hunt for Mayor George Baker, of Portland, but have found it not. What's the matter with George? It looks to us like he would make a formidable candidate. George has the voice, the winning way, knows politics better than any other man in the state, has made a good mayor—then why not let down the bars and chase George into the ring with the rest of the candidates?

Adelbert Palmer

Possessed of the finer feelings of man, blessed with God's blessing of righteousness, free from all selfishness to a marked degree, constantly thinking of the welfare of others, bending every effort to aid his fellow-man and to support his flag and his country at all times, is the brief but magnificent story of Adelbert Palmer, who at the age of seventy-five years, has passed on.

He had been a resident of La Grande for many years, and yet few La Grande people knew him. We say, knew him—and by that we mean, knew him intimately, for everyone in the city knew the gentlemanly Mr. Palmer, who was always polite and kind to his fellowman.

The writer lived as his neighbor for some time and we knew him better than most people. Our acquaintance went well beyond the polite and genteel surface, revealing to us the man as he is. We have never known a more tender-hearted, well-meaning, sincere American citizen. If the nation had more Adelbert Palmers to teach by example that honorable life how splendid it could be.

Today La Grande mourns the loss of one of its very best citizens.

That Tenth Hole in the golf course seems to be the swimming tank and it is decidedly popular these warm days.

Portland is to have the benefit of another big electric unit which will provide an additional 900,000 horse power. If all of us keep on boosting, Portland will be a city yet.

Slower driving by many La Grande people is the best insurance against accidents. It usually only takes one accident to cause death or broken limbs. Why take the chance? Time is not so valuable to any of us.

Oregon owes \$107,400,593.84. Quite a nice little sum, sufficient if one had it all in cash to take a vacation during the hot month of August. But, have you figured what the interest is on this debt? Wow!

This is a good time of year for the telephone fight to proceed in Salem. Attorneys on both sides will get hot under the collar before the first hot has been discussed, and when the attorneys get hot there will be something stirring.

It is really a shame for as pretty a town as Roseburg to come into the limelight of publicity with a murder case such as the Brumfield-Russell case. No one could have believed that people of this kind could have resided in the suburban climate and among the beautiful hills of Roseburg and Douglas county.

If the governor of Illinois is guilty of fraud as has been charged in the indictment, it is a pity. Any man who accepts the honor conferred upon him is mighty low and mean to use money that does not belong to him. It is not the money that counts, it is the horrible example he sets, and the further fact that the people are prone to lose confidence in our political system when governors become mere thieves.

Frank Lovell has brought out a tabulated statement of the indebtedness of each Oregon county which makes one's breath come short. It is the first time such a statement has ever been rendered and shows again Mr. Lovell's ability for work and his skill in compiling data. The gist of the tables carry a danger signal and every political unit in the state as confronted not with the suggestion, but with the demand, that expenses be cut and less public money be spent.

Round The County

Incidents with Human Interest Attached, Gathered by The Observer.

SWISS HERD A BEAUTY

Union county has one of the finest herds of Brown Swiss cattle in Eastern Oregon. This distinctive type of cattle is raised exclusively in this county by Ed Meyerstick and from a small beginning, has now developed to such an extent that Mr. Meyerstick and Mr. Walter Richards who has leased the Meyerstick farm, have seven registered milking cows at the present time, and the herd has been disposed of throughout the northwest. Seven splendid calves, less than two months old, romp about the farmyard. Individually they average 140 lbs. out to weight. The history of this herd is interesting. About seven years ago Mr. Meyerstick became interested in this strain of cattle because it had the reputation of filling all demands for either dairy or beef purposes. He purchased a high priced cow at Oresham, and the head of his herd came from the well known Bue-

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

Poor Old Maude
Maude Muller on a summer's day Raked the meadow sweet with hay. We mention it, not because it's new. But it's all we could coax from the lazy Maude.

Precaution
Clint Haines is an Irishman and makes his living in the good old fashioned Irish way of policeman. This morning he announced that the demand for Irish buggies, known also as wheelbarrows, is increasing and he expects to trade his car for one. "One Irishman drove his car through a hotel banquet room night before last and a fleet of Irish extraction used his car in smashing another machine yesterday." Clint reflected this morning, "so I have decided the best thing for an Irishman to do is to go back to the contraptions that first forced the Irish race to straighten up and walk on two feet."

Who Knows?
Two young beaux lost all their clothes— And didn't know where to find 'em. Leave 'em alone, for they're far from home With a couple of hoboes inside 'em.

The unluckiest man in La Grande has been found. He came down town to see the sights and got dust in his eyes just as a bunch of girls were coming down the street.

If you are building during 1921, we hope it won't be a bungle-ow!

"Have you a little fairy in your home?"
"No, but I have a little miss in my engine."

He was—well, very careful. Each week he would go over his wife's cash account, growling and grumbling. Once he delivered himself of the following:
"Look here, Sarah, mustard plaster 50c, two teeth extracted \$2.00, flour \$2.50 in one week spent on your private pleasures."

Pono
Here lies the body of Jim Lake. Dead softly all white pass; Though his foot was on the brain, But it was on the gas.

If Adam and Eve had lived today there would have been an awful squab over the moving picture rights.

"Real orators are becoming scarce," says an exchange. There haven't been so many, for a fact, since the country went dry.

Colors
Miss Kewpie: "I am going to have a new dress but can not decide on the color. Doarrie, won't you please choose for me?"
Mr. Pepper: "I know what flavor I like best."
Kewpie: "And what is your favorite color?"
Pepper: "Rainbow."

Man, Mont, breeder W. O. Bohart. From this small beginning he has developed his herd of pure-breds up to today the get of the Meyerstick herd is heading other flocks in many and widely located areas of the north west. In addition, there have been retained for the Meyerstick farm the above mentioned number. Some bulls have been sold in Union county to cross with other breeds.

The Brown Swiss is a unique animal. It is extremely showy, possessing the bulk and bone of the beefier, such as the Hereford and Shorthorn, and the graceful lines of the milkers. Every distinctive mark, every line of the body, spell "pure-bred" and "class."

Rather short-legged, big of body, compact, of an attractive set-up in every way, it is a cow to catch the eye of lovers of purebred cows in every way. It is a cow to catch occasional hawk eyes to the highly-bred Jersey. It is no wonder that

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Mr. Meyerstick has been able to win prizes at the Yakima and Salem fairs for they are indeed showy. They always command attention when exhibited at the Union Stock show.

Both Mr. Meyerstick and Mr. Richards are attached to the herd for they obtain an abundance of rich milk and the financial returns from the sale of the get is making the venture worth while. Mr. Meyerstick's endeavor and purse are responsible for bringing the herd into existence but during the past two years the daily routine of caring for the cattle and attending to their wants, has fallen to Mr. Richards, one of the prominent Cove family by that name. He has leased the Meyerstick farm but Ed can't stay away from the herd very long at a time, and makes frequent visits to the Meyerstick ranch although he lives and works in La Grande. A few days ago an Observer representative accompanied him on such a trip and got the spirit in a hurry. The calves are a playful lot and romp and run with the grace and style that can come only with perfect breeding. The milk cows are docile and entirely free from the skittish nature of the range herd.

However, raising Brown Swiss cattle is by no means the chief enterprise of the Meyerstick farm, for wheat and hay, oats and barley, are also products of that soil—the cattle are more incidental than primary. Just across the road from the old home lies an 80-acre field of

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One characteristic of the Meyerstick farm policy, is unique, and that is that he has not run to heavy farm machinery. Both Mr. Meyerstick and Mr. Richards are staying close to the horse, declaring that the farm of 300 or 400 acres can best be operated by horsepower. They do not mean by that, however, that there must be no automotive power on the place, for they operate their water system, washing machine, etc., with a gasoline engine.

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