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Word comes from Philadelphia that the Northern Pacific has authorized the letting of a contract for the Cascades Tunnel. This is cheering news to the cities on Puget Sound, which can now look forward with certainty to speedily possessing the railroad facilities required for their future growth.

It is naturally gratifying to learn from the stream of immigrants now pouring into Southern Oregon that the great majority of them, who seem to be so well posted upon the place of their destination and pleased with the prospect before them, gained their information from a number of THE WEST SHORE issued some time ago, giving a complete description of that region. It is also highly pleasing to receive assurances from the leading citizens there of their knowledge and appreciation of that fact.

GOVERNOR MOODY has appointed to the Board of Immigration men whose character and ability give us the greatest confidence in the success that will attend their efforts. Each section of the State is represented by one of its foremost and most enterprising citizens, while Portland contributes two of her most energetic and public-spirited business men, who have been identified with the movement from the beginning. The Board is composed of the Hon. H. W. Corbett and Charles H. Dodd, of Portland; W. N. Ladue, of Salem; the Hon. H. B. Miller, of Josephine County; the Hon. L. B. Cox, of Pendleton.

OUR friends at Oregon City have struck upon a happy idea that not alone the power, but the beauty of the falls as well, should be utilized. On the west side lies a grand plateau, which has been subdivided for residence property, each block overlooking the river and falls, and affording a splendid point from which to view those snow-crowned monarchs of the Cascades—Hood, Adams and St. Helens. A substantial and ornamental wire suspension bridge will be thrown across the river immediately below the falls, commanding a fine view of them, as well as the locks and the river both above and below. This gives access to the town proper as well as to the railroad depot. In connection with this is a project to build a fast steamer, which will make two round trips daily between Oregon City and Portland, alternating with the cars, and thus offering an opportunity for travelers to go in either direction four times a day—twice by rail and twice on the river. The citizens and business men of Portland will thus be offered an easily accessible suburban residence place, possessing healthfulness of climate, beauty of location, and lying within sight and sound of the beautiful Willamette Falls. The gentlemen who have this enterprise in charge are Messrs. Charman, Hardig, Walden, Pillsbury, Eastham, Logan, Stratton, Williams and others well known to the citizens of Portland. The subdivided tract contains 500 acres. Other projects are on foot looking to the greater utilization of the immense power of the falls, and everything indicates that Oregon City is about to enter that career of prosperity which has been universally believed to be only a question of time. A splendid view of the falls is given in the present number.

THE WEST SHORE illustrations for April consist of a varied assortment of Oregon views, such as fittingly accompany the exhaustive description of the State which the number contains. Several of our prominent public buildings and institutions of learning are presented for the inspection of strangers and our own citizens as well, who feel a natural pride in contemplating these evidences of prosperity and cultivation. At Salem are the large Insane Asylum (recently completed), the Penitentiary, Marion County Court House and the State Capitol, the last being all complete but the dome, work upon which is now in progress. The McMinnville College shows for itself. It is a well-established institution. The State University at Eugene City has received an appropriation of \$20,000, and plans are now being prepared for the erection of another large structure in the vicinity of the one shown in the engraving. The Court House at Oregon City was recently completed. It contains immense iron vaults for the protection of records and papers of every kind, which were put in by W. B. Wilshire & Co., of this city. The view given of a ship yard at Coos Bay simply shows a scene that may be witnessed there at any season of the year. The scene on the Nehalem is one which might be repeated on nearly every stream in the State. The mountains are full of game and the streams abound in voracious and gamey trout. The salmon season of the Columbia began on the 1st of April. There are some fifteen hundred boats at Astoria; but the tendency of cannery-

men to hold off and not begin active operations till later in the season, when salmon can be taken in greater numbers, will keep most of them out of the water for several weeks yet. The solid stone and iron bridge spanning Snake River near Huntington, on the Oregon Short Line, is the new connecting link between Oregon and Idaho. The beautiful and peculiar Falls of the Santiam are shown to good advantage. The Santiam is a tributary of the Willamette, flowing down from the Cascades, and is but one of numerous water power streams in the State. On the same page are several scenes along Crooked River, a tributary of the Des Chutes, including the great landmark, "Stein's Pillar." A glimpse is also given of a small portion of Rogue River Valley, the "Italy of Oregon."

## THE REMEDY.

WHEN that drowsiness which presages death is upon us, the hand that shakes us the most roughly and beats us the most severely, in the effort to restore animation to our benumbed bodies, is the hand of our best friend; and though he excites our pugnacity and arouses us even to the point of abuse, we sooner or later learn that such was the sole object of his rough treatment, and the very ire and hot blood engendered by his conduct were the means of saving us from threatened death. Then, perhaps, we make a tardy acknowledgment of our gratitude. Such were, and are, the motives of THE WEST SHORE in endeavoring to arouse the merchants and capitalists of Portland from slothfulness and lethargy, and send the warm blood of healthful enterprise coursing through their veins. The only method of inducing a sufficient degree of animation was to first excite their pugnacity, and this THE WEST SHORE undertook to do, and apparently succeeded, trusting to time and the own better sense of the people themselves to have its action regarded in the proper light and a due acknowledgment made of its friendly offices. Even in the heat of anger they must admit that such a course is far preferable, and productive of immeasurably more good, than the sickly fawning of a certain weekly, which, for the sake of a few advertising crumbs that may be cast it, falls down in the dust and worships the donors. If such rapid adoration is pleasant to our business men they are welcome to it, but they can be assured that it will never spur them on to great achievements, or rouse them to the necessity for earnest and intelligent action to make Portland the city of their hopes. That such a journal, whose weekly issuance is a matter of uncertainty, and whose proprietors are never free from anxiety for their daily bread, should refer to the *Oregonian*, *Telegram*, *Standard*, *Welcome*, *New Northwest* and *THE WEST SHORE* as "irresponsible," is supremely ridiculous. But enough on this branch of the subject, since it is probable that the business men, for whose benefit that journal is supposed to be issued, are probably unaware that they have found in it a doughty champion and a sweet comforter, which seeks to gently stroke their backs until the drowsiness from which they have been aroused shall possess them again.

It must be distinctly and primarily understood that no "attack" has been made upon the business men of Portland. The press has simply made a plain statement of facts, the thoughtful consideration of which will redound to the interest of all concerned. Instead of being abused, it should be commended for its candor, and even if its advice be more wholesome than palatable, it should none the less be taken. Much loss has an effort been made to injure Portland. On the contrary, it is solely for the good of the city, and the surrounding country as well, the press takes the stand it does, since in their prosperity the press finds its own. That this should not seem patent to all, or that it should be necessary to call attention to it at all, is a matter of surprise; and yet the contrary has been asserted by many, not the least of whom is a gentleman whose position as the head of a large wholesale house would seem to exempt him from even the suspicion of having so little good sense and judgment. Portland owes more to the press than she will ever be able to pay—certainly vastly more than she has ever attempted to pay in the past; and the debt will become greater as the years roll on. The press will not relax its efforts to build up the city, but it is a pity our business men do not keep it in better condition for the task.

A CERTAIN trader in leather, who gives employment to one man, acting in the triple capacity of bookkeeper, salesman and porter, and whose name is never heard of in connection with any public enterprise, and is never seen on any subscription list for the public welfare, has asserted rather blantly that he will work up a list among his friends to boycott the *Oregonian* and *THE WEST SHORE*. So far as the latter is concerned, he has boycotted it always, and as his card does not appear in the former, it is probable that his patronage of that paper also is continued by borrowing occasional copies or reading it in places of public resort. The threat is unworthy serious consideration, for if the gentleman should attempt to execute it, he will quickly discover his painful lack of sense and how absurd and lonesome is the position he has taken. Nevertheless, it affords a proper opportunity to call attention to a few facts which, perhaps, the public does not fully appreciate. In the *Oregonian* the people of this city possess a paper superior in every sense to that published in any city of its size in the world. In enterprise and editorial ability it is the peer of any of the great metropolitan journals, and nothing but the lack of deserved financial support prevents it from being their equal in every respect. Take the *Oregonian* from Portland and a void would be left which would remain long unfilled, and a blow would be