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From Oregon to Minnesota

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times during a year because the distance to town was too great for frequent pleasure visits. They visited the movie theater now than they formerly came to town during a year for all occasions.

All Look Toward Oregon.

We have found nearly everyone interested in Oregon. Most of them pronounce the name with a longer "o" than the natives use and with the accent upon the last syllable. Nearly everyone, it seems, has visited Oregon at some time, or hopes to do so. Many think of Oregon as a place they hope sometime to make their home. The middle west is, without question, a great and prosperous section of our country. Many thousands could not be induced to leave it, but other thousands hope to some day move to a milder and more equable climate such as Oregon's. We want the many thousands to move to Oregon and we want many thousands of others to live in Minnesota and other states to buy our lumber, our wool, our fruits and other products.

Whole City Moves.

Speaking of moving, a whole Minnesota city has just moved, but it has merely moved to a new location. Large iron deposits were found under the city of Hubbard. The consequence was that the city had to move. The new city is much prettier than the old and prosperity comes to the city from the working of the iron deposits.

Interested in Oregon Traffic Laws.

I have found the people of Minnesota much interested in Oregon's regulation of motor traffic. Minnesota, because of the greater number of its roads, is spending more millions than is Oregon, and it must meet the same problems that Oregon has met or is meeting. Eight and ten ton trucks are just as much a problem here as they were in Oregon before they were regulated. Roads built at an expenditure of millions are being torn to pieces by the rapid and heavy traffic and the big trucks do not bear their share of the upkeep of the highways. Oregon is showing the way to many of its sister states.

The truck and the bus do not seem to be as numerous here, in proportion to the population, as they are in Oregon. They are rapidly getting into the game, however, and they will have their inning at the next session of the legislature. License fees are considerably lower in practically all the states than in Oregon.

Money Changers in the Temple.

I presume that some of the readers of The Sentinel have read in the world's best seller the story of how the Savior drove the money changers from the temple. I attended a church service a few days ago in the Minnesota-Wisconsin interstate park, which was held in what had the appearance of an open air dance pavilion. On the same level with the pulpit and not more than a dozen feet away a popcorn stand conducted its business during the services. The speed cop continued his interference with traffic that passed upon the main thoroughfare within a few feet of another side of

the pulpit. Flappers and the swains they had captured for the moment came and went as the service progressed. Old friends met and vied with the preacher in adding to the general hubbub. No collection was taken, which added much to my enjoyment of the service.

Minnesota Returns to Political Convention.

Having criticized upon occasion some of the results obtained through the Oregon system, I have been much interested in the fact that Minnesota has returned to what is practically the old convention system. The party conventions were held this year and complete tickets submitted to the primaries by all the parties. At the primaries those endorsed by the several party conventions were endorsed by the voters. This made interest in the primaries much less even than it had been before. No doubt the primary itself will be done away and the tax money saved that goes for its conduct. The people soon will be convinced that the return to the old convention system will not bring also a return of the evils that developed in the convention system before the adoption of the primary system. Too many elections have taken away the interest of the voters in any election.

Non-Partisan League to Go.

Speaking politically, Minnesota seems to have the better of the Non-Partisan league. Leaders in the old parties think that after the fall election this year it will be a negligible issue. With a much modified platform it may remain a power for years to come but never will gain sufficient strength to elect its members to office. It is expected to function through the other parties much as the prohibition party always has functioned. The evils called to the attention of the public by the Non-Partisans, few of which exist in Oregon, have been or are being righted in Minnesota without the wrecking of the state in the manner North Dakota was wrecked. Minnesota people who once thought of going to North Dakota are content to remain here because of the much greater tax rate in the Dakotas. Development in North Dakota, it is said, has been greatly retarded because the high tax rate frightens away the prospective settler, and there is no telling how much higher it may have to go to overcome what has taken place in the past few years.

We Make Many Friends.

We have some several hundred more friends than we had when we left Oregon. We had met none of them before. We have learned the names of but few of these friends and of the few names we did learn we can now remember almost none. We may never visit in their homes. We might not wish to visit in their homes. They might not wish us to visit them. The chances are that we will see none of them again. We did not so much as even speak to many of these friends, but we know they are our friends because they waived at us as we passed them on the road, possibly going by at the rate of 30 or 35 miles the hour. We hardly glimpsed many of them but the waive of the hand told us they were fellow tourists, and to be a fellow tourist is to be a friend. Perchance we slept in the next berth in the tourist camp. Perchance we divided the stove in the tourist camp, or exchanged receipts for making home brew or biscuits, or related how some dampfold had nearly put us into the ditch, or how little tire trouble we had had, or how steep the roads had been. No introduction is necessary among tourists. There is a freemasonry that makes all friends and neighbors for the moment.

We noted that this friendly feeling is more prevalent in the far west than anywhere else. There were fewer waves of the hand the further east we came, although our well-packed car nearly stopped business in Minneapolis and some of the other smaller cities of what we call the east and what New York calls the west. The Oregon license plates, of which we have found none in Minnesota, seemed to be quite a curiosity.

Strikes Hinder Industry.

The railroad and coal strikes are more of a live issue here than in the far west. This is so because of the fact that folks here burn coal, and no coal can be secured until the railways move it, and the railways can't move it because there isn't any to move. The coal situation is such that the railways have curtailed the number

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of trains they operate, because the railways also burn coal. In Oregon, where the railways burn oil and the larger number of the people depend upon wood for fuel, the situation is much different.

The Newberry Case.

The Newberry case is another live subject here, and you can get it from all angles. This is largely so because of the fact that Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota, one of those who voted to send the Michigan senator, is a candidate for reelection and his opponents have made Newberry the issue.

The anti-Kellogg forces make the claim, which was proved, that Newberry's friends spent \$195,000 to put him in the senate. Upon this fact they base their contention that the election was corrupt. The other side of the case is that Newberry was serving his country at the time of his election (during the war) as commander of a battleship, while his opponent, Henry Ford, was waxing fat on war contracts and keeping his son out of the war. Also Ford had the endorsement of Wilson, in itself supposed to be worth more than \$195,000, his friends were spending large sums in his behalf and all the employees of the Ford plants were given two days off on full pay on two election days at an expense of some \$700,000. Nearly every American citizen will agree that it is not right that such a sum as \$195,000, or \$700,000 should have to be spent in a senatorial campaign, but when it is made plain that \$195,000 is sufficient to barely send two letters to each of the voters of Michigan, those who prefer an able patriot like Newberry to one whose patriotism was hardly of the rampant variety, will think the price paid was small and that a much larger sum might well have been paid by the patriotic republicans of Michigan to keep the Wilson-endorsed Ford out of the senate and put the patriot Newberry in. The voters of Minnesota are more than likely to endorse their senator who endorsed the patriot, Newberry, who was on the high seas at the time his friends spent a fortune to elect him.

Forest Fires Menace Northern Minnesota.

The forest fires of northern Minnesota, an annual affair, were burning fiercely at the time we arrived here but have since been extinguished. Much property and many lives were for a long time endangered. During one of these annual affairs several hundred lives were lost. It seems peculiar that in Minnesota, where there is almost no timber compared to that of the coast states, there should be so much danger in forest fires, while in Oregon a forest fire causes hardly a ripple of excitement and that forest fires should start at all when with the scarcity of timber it would seem they could be so much easier controlled. These facts are due in part to the further facts that the fire fighting

forces are not organized as they are in Oregon, that peat swamps hold the fire for weeks after it is thought to be extinguished and to the further fact that the foliage of timber in the tops of the trees, whose height is stupendous compared to the height of trees in this section.

Oregon Pooch Pooches Efforts of Others.

Boy River, Minn., August 30.—When I was a resident of the middle west I used to think the people of the far west, especially of Oregon, were the greatest boosters and boosters in the world. Sometimes I thought they were plain lars as they pooch poohed the big things done by Minnesota and other middle western states and related things to put in the shade anything done by any other section of the country. I feel quite certain that the people of Minnesota will have the same feeling after I have returned to my adopted and much loved state of Oregon.

I attended a county fair a few days ago.

"Aren't those fine potatoes?" a friend asked. I presume I would have thought so at the time I was a resident of the great potato belt of Minnesota, but since that time I have seen the Sentinel's front wind filled with potatoes that were much finer.

"What do you think of these crows?" another asked, but I could not get overly enthusiastic when I remembered that an Oregon Jersey holds the world's record.

"What do you think of these 'Egg-o-Day' hens?" I heard still another asked, and when I got done telling about Oregon hens I imagine that Pine county chicken fanciers had decided that they might as well go out of business.

Minnesota runs more to the heavier breeds of hens than does Oregon. This is due to the fact that the heavier hens are better layers during cold weather, a factor which Oregon does not have to consider.

I was interested in the corn exhibit because I expected to find here something much superior to anything raised in Oregon. When I first arrived in Oregon I was informed that the state could not produce corn, but nothing shown at the Pine county fair was it any particular the superior of what I have often seen in Lane county.

If people of the middle west do not wish people from Oregon to pooch pooh the efforts of other states, those other states have got to get a move on.

I always had something of a reputation, even before leaving Minnesota, of not understanding anything that was to the advantage of my home city or my home state. I feel quite certain that those who knew me then will think I have kept up the pace while a resident of Oregon.

Milk Cans Wear Overcoats.

In Minnesota the milk cans wear overcoats, even in the summer time. They are odd looking objects all bundled up as if prepared for a severe

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