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"I will not indorse for that responsible position any man who habitually deals in stocks" said the President recently, when asked to secure an appointment for a bright young man who takes an "occasional flyer on the stock market."

During the past month President Roosevelt has been cheered by the association of Canadian Railway Passenger Agents, the French Chamber of Deputies and praised without stint by the German Emperor. To few men is it given to attain such unlimited respect and popularity at the age of 44.

With the mineral wealth of Oregon immeasurable, those interested can reasonably expect that the careful expenditure of every dollar in the development of a mine should be returned from ten to twenty fold, and in many cases in this section the proportion of increase has been much greater. And the average Oregon company of repute—for there are those of no repute—is ready to be a protection to investors in behalf of honest and legitimate mining.—Portland Journal.

Secretary Root recently performed an unpleasant duty which should earn for him the respect of all right thinking Americans. A retiring board found that an officer was suffering from chronic alcoholism and recommended that he be retired. The Secretary ordered him discharged saying, "the evidence shows that the officer was suffering from chronic alcoholism and on at least one recent occasion had been drunk on duty. These are not grounds for placing an officer on the retired list and supporting him in idleness for the rest of his life, at the expense of the country, but they are grounds for dismissing him from the service which he has disgraced." The Secretary is to be commended but the country is not to be congratulated for congress will doubtless pass a special bill restoring him to the retired list with increased pay.

To the Public.

Allow me to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I had a very severe cough and cold and feared I would get pneumonia, but after taking the second dose of this medicine I felt better, three bottles of it cured my cold and the pain in my chest disappeared entirely. I am most respectfully yours for health, RALPH S. MEYERS, 64 Thirty-seventh St., Wheeling, W. Va. For sale by all druggists.

From all points of the compass in this county come reports of the good done by the rains of last week. While the long dry spell was very detrimental to the early growth of grass on the ranges there is now sufficient moisture in the ground to bring a good crop of herbage unless cold weather should set in earlier than usual here. Fears were entertained by many that if the dry spell continued up to the first of November it boded a long cold winter, but when the wet spell began nearly two weeks ago it was a continual and regular thing and has been about as wet as the proverbial Webfoot weather usually is. Should the present temperature hold out until Christmas we may look forward to one of the best crop years that has ever favored this county, as there is at the present time nearly double the acreage of grain in that there was last year and with favorable conditions for spring grain there should be a much larger acreage of that put in than last year. Tak-

ing into consideration the fact of the large amount of land entered under the homestead law during the past year in the Agency Plains country we may reasonably expect to soon become one of the great wheat producing counties of eastern Oregon.

On the first page of the Journal will be found a lengthy communication to the Oregonian from Major Sears, who was here last summer in the interests of the big irrigation corporations on the Deschutes, in which he makes an attack on Williamson principally and on all those who would have the public lands left as heritage to the people, in detail.

So far as Sears' letter concerns the people of this county we will deal with it. It is simply the fear that the general government may take hold of the matter and that the corporations will thereby suffer that animates the old man to the point of writing this long winded epistle. The frequent libations of spiritus frumenti that were indulged in by him must have set hard on his stomach to bring forth such foul gasses. We would advise him to bring along a supply of Bull Run water the next time he comes up here to inspect the irrigation situation.

In the first place he says that the country is in the hands of a lot of selfish stockmen, who wish to preserve the public domain for the purpose of grazing their herds upon the same. This in itself shows that the man is ignorant of what he is talking of, for the large stock owners have long ago given up the idea of holding the public lands for grazing purposes and furthermore there are hundreds of small stock owners now grazing their herds on all the public lands of this county, and the isolation of any large tract of land is an utter impossibility without first acquiring a title to the same.

This windy "blatherskite" would have us think that it is for the best interests of the state to have the Carey law exploited to its fullest capacity and then let the general government come in and irrigate a lot of the arid waste that is left. The state in this case is the people and the people can do a great deal better under the reclamation of the land by government aid than by any Carey law or any other land grabbing scheme that was ever promulgated by the land barons. In the first place the lien granted on the land by the state law is entirely too much to admit the settlement of the land by the masses of the people who make the best citizens. This lien approximates \$10 per acre in the Deschutes valley and when it is understood that there will be an annual rental for water of one dollar per acre in addition to this lien it will be seen that no man of common means can ever hope to become the possessor of 160 acres of this land. In fact the matter stands in about the same light that Mexican peonage does at this day in old Mexico. A case in point. A comes out from the east and locates on a quarter section of the best land in the Deschutes valley and makes a payment on his home. Then he goes to work to reclaim it, for notwithstanding the claim that the parties who have the contract with the state to reclaim the land, there has been no reclamation taken place, but only that water has been conducted to outside lines and the settler is compelled to construct all the laterals and side ditches. Then there is sage brush and junipers to remove and many other things to do beside fencing the land before the settler can begin to plant his farm. He has become indebted to the corporation in the sum of \$1600 for his wild land and then must pay the sum of \$160 annually on the same for water rent and interest on the original lien, of perhaps another \$160. Thus he is compelled to pay for his land a good round price and then interest on the investment besides. This in reality makes his 160 acres of raw land worth the sum of \$3200, for which sum one may buy the same amount of improved land in locali-

ties where no irrigation is necessary. Think you that we will be able to get this country settled up under such conditions?

Some of these land grabbers think that they can pull the wool over the eyes of the people by attacking the stock interests of this county as being the greatest drawback to the acceptance of the contracts of these corporations by the government, but they cannot do it and a strenuous effort will be made by the people of this inland country to have these contracts held up until there is an investigation by those who cannot be controlled by honied words, sugared whiskey or a little spot cash.

This bewhiskered prodigy would have us understand that unless the state gets this land settled up through the efforts of some corporation under the Carey act that it will not be able to get any good out of the land. He says that the state must enter upon a gigantic advertising scheme in order to secure settlers for this land under government irrigation or any other mode of reclamation save by the means of the Carey act; that under that method the land grabber must do the advertising etc. Suppose the state does need to do a little advertising, it will do no harm, but once the people get taken in by these greedy corporations then that part of the state where such corporations are operating will receive a black eye from which it will be impossible to recover for a decade. It would be nice for these landed barons to sit back at ease and have a few hundred poor devils working for them all their lives, a pleasant prospect or the hard working farmer to contemplate.

Suppose that the state signs a contract with these corporations and the government accepts, or ratifies it and the corporations do not sell this land for a number of years, or suppose they sell it and then the buyer after working on a quarter section for several years fails to make his payments and is ejected from his home, what then becomes of his land? The corporation has a lien on the land and will keep it until paid, and if that is not a virtual ownership of the land what is? Our good friend of the many initials to his name,

would have us believe that the stockmen of this country want to virtually own the land sought by the corporations, for grazing purposes, while these same corporations are the benefactors of the state and the people of this county, but they are benefactors for money, which is a good thing and any of us would like a job of the same kind.

When the National Irrigation Congress gets through with this land grabbing scheme it will look like thirty-five cents or less and if the people of this interior country attend to business, they will be able to save their heritage without the stigma of a system of peonage being established in their midst.

NOT A RELIEF BUT A CURE

Dr. C. A. Perrin, Helena, Mont., Oct. 4, 1902. I wish to thank you for my relief. I was suffering agonies from piles and was taking medicine to relieve me when, on the advice of a friend, I purchased a bottle of your Puzin Pile Specific and took a tablespoon at night and another in the morning. At half past twelve, noon, my wife gave me another tablespoonful, when my pain all stopped. In two days I was able to attend my regular business entirely relieved. It was simply wonderful. Julius Meyschofer, Purrier, Helena.

PERRIN'S PILE SPECIFIC

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, November 8, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before J. J. Smith, County Clerk at Prineville, Oregon, on Friday, December 19, 1902, viz: John J. Coleman, of Prineville, Oregon, H. E. No. 7143, for the SW 1/4 Sec. 35, Tp. 12 S., R. 14 E., W. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Hanley, L. M. Thomas, Joseph Wigand and Lee Moore, all of Lamonia, Oregon.

JAY P. LUCAS, Register.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the matter of the estate of Albert E. Smith, Deceased, Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the administrator of the estate of Albert E. Smith, has filed his final account of his administration of said estate, and the Hon. County Judge for Crook county, Oregon, has set the 4th day of January, 1903, at the County Court Room, in Prineville, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing said final accounting. W. H. SMITH, Administrator of Estate of ALBERT E. SMITH, Deceased. Dated this 13th day of November, 1902.

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