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HELP!

I'm a bridge, a little the worse for wear to be sure, but never mind, I'm a bridge. I stand very lamely on the west side of town looking down on Crooked river near St. Hodges' feedyard.

There is something materially wrong with my system. The doctor told me yesterday, after an examination, that it is spiraling magnitis, or some such term as that, but I am strongly inclined to believe that it is nothing more or less than a case of general debility which has become chronic.

Some sixteen years or so ago the city fathers manufactured me out of a fair grade of pine and stuck me up in the air to withstand as best I could the cold, the heat, the storms and the sunshine. Ever since that gala day men on foot, on wheels, on drunks and every other way have perambulated over my stomach and cut their initials in phantastic designs on my arms.

I don't complain, I never have—in fact, I'm speechless. But a few weeks ago a heavy load of merchandise gave me a severe jolt and one of my slats (a floating rib, that is) came loose, and now swings peacefully up and down in the wind with every little jar that shakes my frame.

That's all. During these many years of gallant service I may have accumulated considerable moss, but I've never been found wanting. I will some day, however. My nerves and tendons are all unstrung and locomotor ataxia is likely to assail me at any moment. Then look out! That's a disease that takes one away in a hurry, and when it strikes me I'm going to quit once and for all. I may not be afflicted with it this week or the week after but my system is getting ready for the inoculation pretty fast. In consequence something is going to drop. It may be myself, and if it is, something else is going to drop with me—perhaps a load of freight and several boxes.

Watch me close. In the meantime will not the council give me a prescription of some kind to tone me up? A complete renovation, as it were, would not come amiss but I am willing to accept small favors—anything which will prevent me from going to pieces and reducing maybe someone else to pieces at the same time.

CENTRAL OREGON RETROSPECTIVE.

Paul Delaney's descriptive articles of Central Oregon, appearing in the Portland Journal, are likely to astound some of the western residents of the state and incidentally a few railroad officials who have heretofore pictured the

insiding of this section as being sage-brush and arid soil. It is probable that their ideas will be somewhat reversed after a thoughtful assimilation of these facts and figures which are being put so forcibly before the public. This magnificent campaign of statistics should go a long way towards enlightening the outside world of the resources in the interior of the state, a portion of Oregon which has been swayed and buffeted by railroad chimeras for two decades past.

But even these detailed articles are not likely to put much life in the coffers of railroad capitalists. Big bodies move slowly, and the maxim can be applied in a plaster to such men as Harriman without producing any appreciable results. The almighty of the O. R. & N. has said "No" and he is a man of monosyllabic speech. He is no more likely to say yes than is the official forecaster at Washington to make a correct prophecy of the weather. Once said with him is done, and that ends it—go elsewhere.

And Portland in consequence must seek in other fields and close at home at that. Time was when interior Oregon was sanguine of quick results in the railroad line. That was during the period when the country was infested with men bearing the R. R. C. E. brand, but these annual legions of civil engineers soon played themselves out although it took years to do it. A more pessimistic view is now taken of steel rails and ties. The summer outing parties of railroad surveyors are looked upon as a josh, needless to say, the latter has a solid foundation. So it goes. Portland is spreading herself to display to the world the resources, wealth and varied industries of interior Oregon, but so far has done nothing herself but spread. These all essential moves of raising the capital, the will, and may have been thoughtfully omitted. Perhaps this is not a fault of Portland's nor a requirement to be demanded—the public will judge during the next few years. In the meantime the metropolis of the state will hold her fair. Interior Oregon will send her products and go to see it by stage returning by the same route, then, during the quiet which ensues will sit down to talk, argue, advance theories and WAIT.

WE HAVE SOME

A dog latched to a lawn mower stopped pulling to bark at a passerby. The boy who was guiding the mower said, "Don't mind the dog he is just barking for an excuse to rest. It is easier to bark than to pull the machine!" It is easier to be critical than correct; easier to bark than to work; easier to burn a house than to build one; easier to hinder than be helpful; easier to destroy a reputation than to build character. Faultfinding is as dangerous as it is easy. Anybody can grumble, criticize or censure.

The young man who died recently in New York City while singing a soprano solo probably killed several other persons with the same song.

The negroes of Boston are making very slighting remarks about Booker T. Washington. There appears to be considerable color in their sentiments.

Railroad bubbles keep reaching us, but whether it is little boy Harriman who thus amuses himself, or some unauthorized press agent, it is difficult to tell. They float serenely however, to their intended destination—Central Oregon—where the populace receives them, comment on their color, and thus end the incident. Railroad talk is like all other, cheap, but it takes money to buy whiskey, especially in a land of poor transportation facilities.

Culver Items.

Joe Mendenhall and wife were visiting in this vicinity the last of the week.

Omer Cyrus started for Shaniko Saturday for a load of freight for Stumpson & Wilson of Prineville.

O. G. Culver and wife started for Coos Bay where Mr. Culver goes to see his mother who is dangerously ill.

Henry Windom and Bob Armstrong have disposed of some of their wheat at the granary at \$1.00 per bushel.

Perry Read says melons will go down as soon as his crop ripens. We think so, provided Mr. Read invited the neighbors to help him dispose of them.

The Hoffman & Rogers threshing crew will move to Willow creek where they expect to finish that part of the threshing this week. They will then move back to Haystack and thresh the stacked grain. Their threshing is averaging twenty-two hundred bushels of bound grain a day.

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Hourly Notes.

Ira Hawley intends going to Heppner soon.

Elmer Clark is driving the stage between Buck Creek and Post.

Mrs. J. T. Knicker was in Prineville several days last week attending to business matters.

Miss Louisa Smith, of Newsome Creek, visited with Mrs. Elmer Clark several days last week.

Burney Watkins will leave in a few days for Southern Oregon for an indefinite stay with relatives.

John Price, Floyd Gilchrist, Harley Morgan, Dolph Holgate and others have been engaged in milking for cattle the past two weeks.

The most of the farmers are finishing putting up their second crop of alfalfa, which, when completed, will end the haying season for this year.

The Misses Christine, Gibson, and Marguerite Cox, went to Beaver creek Thursday for a few days stay with relatives and friends. Miss Christine's sister Rose is expected to return with them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan and son Perry left last week for The Dalles, where they will make their home in the future. These old people have made many warm friends during their stay here who deeply regret their departure.

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Table with bank assets and liabilities: Loans and discounts, Deposits, etc.

Table with bank capital and surplus: Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, etc.

STATE OF OREGON, County of Crook, L. T. M. BALDWIN, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. T. M. BALDWIN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Sept. 1903. J. J. SMITH, County Clerk.

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