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BACK TO THE FARMS.

There is nothing strange in Secretary Wilson's discovery that the trend of population is at this time from the city to the country. In fact he is merely stating or rather applying the principle recognized by all students of National development; namely that a country's population, like the ebb and flow of the tide, presses its stream of humanity upon its congested cities until, at regular recurring intervals, on its wave as it sweeps outward into distant and remote places it recedes, scattering a people nurtured and reared in the city.

The cities of our country do not afford an environment such as will bring forth men of great individuality and strength and steadfastness of purpose. In a majority of cases the man who achieves success can point to their country birth or the country boyhood of their fathers. Country life seems to renew the degenerating functions of a race. As in the human system the impure blood seeks the purifying organs only to be renewed in vigor and strength and then to be again sent on its ceaseless course, so a country's population continues its pulsation from city impurity to the country's fragrance and healthful atmosphere, where, rejuvenated and made fresh and strong, it flows back into the city to repeat the process over and over again. Thus the never ceasing ebb and flow goes on. If the tide is now running toward the country, at the appointed time it will turn its course and flow back upon the cities. This interesting law of development may be served in the growth of every nation. The Chicago Chronicle says:

"Secretary Wilson conveys to the merican people the more than welcome information that the desertion of the farms for city life, which has been going on at an alarming rate for the last 20 years, seems to have come to an end, and that something like a reaction has set in.

"After a while it was observed that all the cities, not only of this country, but of all the countries, were growing in the same way. Finally it dawned on our understanding that the farms were being deserted and that what we had been priding ourselves on as nothing more or less than a deplorable National disease. What we had hailed as solid municipal muscle and fat was seen to be dropsical wind and water.

"This wild flight of the country people to the cities is something of a mystery, because it has taken place simultaneously with an immense amelioration of the loneliness and hardships of farm life. In our day the trolley car darts by the farmer's gate, the letter-carrier hands him his mail, and 'bus calls to take his children to school. Farm work is now beginning to be done by storage batteries. The farmer is no longer compelled to manufacture everything he needs, but can buy it for a trifle at the nearest town. On his table are the finest periodicals and books in the world; he reads them by electric light; he telephones his orders around the farm or his gossip to his neighbors, and rides to the depot in an automobile.

"How is it that men so pleasantly situated, with the sweet privilege of looking Nature in the face, breathing unpolluted air, drinking pure water and eating pure food, can give it up for the grime and filth, the smoke and stench, the close quarters and adulterated food, the starvation wages and incessant strikes, lockouts and mobs of the city, will always be regarded as an insoluble problem.

"Not only do the farmers wrong themselves when they flock to the city, but they inflict a terrible injury on society. Agriculture is paralyzed and the cities are glutted, impoverished and corrupted. When they come to the city and made themselves and everybody less miserable they then proposed as a remedy not a return to the farm, but—socialism.

"Back to the farm" should be the watchword of Americans. It is to be feared that Secretary Wilson is far too sanguine, but if his prognostication is correct, it is the best news this country has heard since the surrender at Appomattox."

PROFESSIONAL POLITICS.

As is always the case preceeding a session of the Legislature, this Winter has been the occasion of a number of senatorial gatherings for the purpose of lining up a majority for this or that aspirant to the presidency of the Senate. It has probably never occurred to the gentlemen that such gatherings might be of some substantial benefit to those who foot the bills, if the meetings were devoted to the consideration of subjects that require further legislation. But who ever heard of a bunch of Oregon's senators getting together to consider anything but petty politics. As for laws, these are supposed to be fixed through in any old shape. It will take twenty years to rectify the bungling mistakes of the last Legislature.

Most of these men have some ability. Our government would be placed on an immeasurably higher plane, however, if the people would only realize that no real public benefit ever has been or ever will be realized from men who make politics their profession and means of livelihood. May this light some day fall upon the people.

WISDOM OF OUR FATHERS.

Again the wonderful foresight of the makers of the Oregon constitution is revealed. Surely they saw in the dim future the leaders of State politics broiling in the cauldron of Government land fraud prosecution. No doubt they had misgivings as to whether enough members of the legislature would remain outside the pot to transact legislative business. So the wise constitution makers bestowed upon legislators immunity from arrest for the period covered by the session of the legislature and fifteen days prior thereto. It looked for a time as though this provision was all that would insure a quorum in the upper House unless its sittings could be held behind prison bars.

Sure Cure For Piles.

Itching Piles produce m mixture and cause itching, this form, as well as blind, bleeding or protruding piles are cured by Dr. Bo-san-ko's Pile Remedy. Stops itching and bleeding. Absorbs tumors. 50c a jar at druggists, or sent by mail. Treatise free. Write me about your case. Dr. Bo-sanko, Phila. Pa. Charman & Co., druggists.

Winter Rates to Yaquina Bay.

In order to accomodate the many people who wish to make a winter trip to Yaquina Bay, the Southern Pacific Company will sell, on Wednesdays, and Saturdays of each week, until March 31, 1905, round trip tickets at low rates, to Yaquina and return, limited to 60 days from date of sale. Those who desire to take advantage of this rate should apply to nearest Southern Pacific agents for tickets.

Maple Lane Installation.

Maple Lane Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, will install its newly elected officers on Saturday, January 7, 1905. J. Vorhees, of Woodburn, a member of the State legislative committee of the State Grange, will conduct the installation which will take place in the afternoon. The morning session will be devoted to routine business of the Grange and dinner will be served by the ladies, as usual. The meeting will be called at 10 o'clock.

A Grim Tragedy.

is daily enacted, in thousands of homes, as Death claims, in each one, another victim of Consumption or pneumonia. But when coughs and colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley, of Oakland, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, and three doctors gave her up. Finally she took Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, which cured her, and today she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One dose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1 by Howell & Jones, druggists. Trial bottle free.

"The Huskin' Bee."

The Women of Woodcraft have secured Clara Louise Thompson to give her musical comedy "The Huskin' Bee." She has given it in Tacoma, Spokane, and the towns of Eastern Oregon, to the capacity of the houses. New music, new songs, original dances. 70 people are required to give "The Huskin' Bee." Many original specialties will be introduced—there will be record breakers and warranted to create a laugh at any distance. The cast includes the cleverest local talent of the city. The society young people will give a plantation walk around that will create great excitement. The play itself is, "one long laugh." This will be the amateur event of the season. Two hours of solid fun. Come and have a good laugh.

Dr. C. S. Seaman, physician and surgeon, office over Harding's drug store, Oregon City, Oregon. Calls attended promptly day or night.

County Court.

(Continued from last week.)

John Roberts, witness	6 00
J Koenig, "	5 00
H S Bergman, "	6 00
John Zeek, "	3 80
Dagmon Jones, "	2 20
F M Wilson, "	2 20
W E Wilson, "	2 20
Charles Wright, "	2 20
J S Dick, "	3 80
J Evans, "	3 80
C Matlocks, "	4 80
T Stahlmaker, "	4 80
E C Case, "	4 00
Mary A Cox, "	3 80
Dyvie Knotts, "	3 80
Lola Knotts, "	3 80
Harvey K notts, "	3 80
H W Trembath, "	2 20
G W Bingham, "	2 20
J Lorch, "	4 60
G Smalley, "	2 20
C Wright, "	2 20
G W Bingham, "	2 20
L Moore, "	2 20
Lizzie Moore, "	2 20
H W Trembath, "	2 20
W E Carl, "	4 40
F M Wilson, "	2 20
Rose Lally, "	6 40
Mary Martine, "	2 00
H W Trembath, "	2 20
Eddie Wellman, "	20 20
H A Frazer, "	9 40
J B Lorch, "	2 60
Chas Cornell, "	6 40
J B Lorch, "	4 60
E Cornell, "	9 40
B F Payton, "	4 10
E Cornell, "	9 40
Mrs Cornell, "	9 40
J Cornell, "	9 40
Oregon City Enterprise, printing	85 00
Oregon City Courier, printing	7 50
Bert Jonsrud, insane	11 00
J H Revenue, "	14 75
Hugh Mount, "	5 00
E A Sommer, "	5 00
J W Norris, "	5 00
R L Holman, coroner	6 00
G W Bentley, "	1 60
Peter Brown, "	1 70
E Pitman, "	1 20
A V Davis, "	1 70
Dr. Leavitt, "	11 20
Mrs. Lottie Miller, coroner	1 80
J W Loder, "	9 70
R L Holman, "	19 75
Livy Stipp, justice peace	4 25
H W Trembath, "	6 70
Livy Stipp, "	5 45
Ed Shaw, "	3 10
A E Alsbaugh, "	4 15
L G Carpenter, "	2 40
A Gerhardt, "	3 90
B C Loney, "	4 60
W H Haulen, "	4 60
P T Mekes, "	4 60
W J Hamilton, "	5 40
W H Moody, "	1 00
C N Greenman, election	1 00
School dist 27, "	4 00
W Welch, "	7 00
C E Smith, "	6 00
W H Smith, "	3 00
John Kent, "	3 00
A D Hill, "	3 00
J Huertli, "	3 00
John Page, "	3 00
Ed Nachand, "	3 00
C W Parrish, "	3 00
H O Salisbury, "	3 00
J E Smith, "	3 00
I D Taylor, "	3 00
G Olds, "	3 00
O A Nash, "	3 00
Mrs. E. Rivers, "	3 00
H T Melvin, "	6 50
F H Mulloy, "	4 50
D E Yoder, "	5 50
Chris Hoehner, "	4 50
G P Gilbertson, "	4 50
W S Tull, "	4 50
J Sandness, "	4 50
M W Sheppard, "	4 50
James Shannon, "	3 00
W Moehnk, "	3 00
F Steiner, "	3 00
C E Spence, "	3 00
J R Lewis, "	3 00
D LeFever, "	3 00
W Grisenthwait, "	4 20
F Kamrath, "	3 00
Gus Schuebel, "	3 00
Frank Shannon, "	3 00
H O Inskeep, "	3 00
Geo Inskeep, "	3 00
M E London, "	3 00
Beaver Creek Hall, "	6 00
S E Card, "	4 50
Edgar Richey, "	4 50
Geo. Epperson, "	7 50
E Amisseguer, "	4 50
H W Lang, "	4 50
O W Boring, "	4 50
T D Phelps, "	4 50
Henry McGugin, "	4 50
James Fegles, "	9 50
A C Thomas, "	4 50
Harry E Bramhall, "	4 50
Otto Aschoff, "	4 50
E F Ander, "	4 50
Joe Carlson, "	4 50
J H Wright, "	4 50
D Robeson, "	4 50
B C Palmer, "	4 50
W E Bonney, "	8 50
John Gerber, "	4 50
Mrs. P. E. Bonney, "	2 00
C E Corbett, "	4 50
J H Wewer, "	8 90
S Coalmn, "	4 50
Paul Dun, "	4 50
I R Dodge, "	4 50
A Meinig, "	4 50
Herman Bruns, "	4 50
Gilbert Jonsrud, "	4 50
Meinig Bros, "	2 00
H A Leo, "	3 00
Wm Vorpahl, "	3 00
J S Dick, "	3 00
James Evans, "	4 80
C R Boroughs, "	3 00
L P Burns, "	3 00
N W Wait, "	3 00
A Phelps, "	3 00
W H Bair, "	3 00
L E Grazer, "	3 00
A H Knight, "	3 00
Geo Koehler, "	3 00
J A Graham, "	6 35
E C Chapman, "	3 00
J C Paddock, "	3 00
M E Gaffney, "	3 00
R B Holcomb, "	3 00
Frank Talbert, "	3 00
E P Dedman, "	3 00
Thos Mooney, "	3 00
W Imel, "	3 00
W T Johnston, "	3 00
A Marther, "	3 00
O F Zinner, "	3 00
J W Bennet, "	3 00
Wm. Welch, "	4 50
Thos Brown, "	4 50
O W Kern, "	4 50
J T McIntyre, "	4 50
Edward Kopper Jr, "	4 50
Chas Harris, "	4 50
Geo Lazelle, "	3 50

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40 Acres in Julia Ann Lewis Claim, 2 miles from Oregon City, all good, level land, at \$50 per acre.

128 Acres, level, living water, on Molalla, 60 acres in cultivation, rich soil, on main road, \$40 per acre.

344 Acres on O. W. P. & Ry. line, 160 acres in A 1 cultivation, small house, large barn, orchard, living springs, two million feet timber, \$30 per acre.

100 Acres, level, 60 in cultivation, good buildings, 1 1/2 miles from terminus of O. W. P. & Ry. line, at Springwater, \$40 per acre.

160-Acre Stock Ranch in Sec. 17, T. 4 S., R. 5 E., two acres cultivated, small house and barn, two million feet fir and cedar, land mostly good, range immense, \$5 per acre.

225 Acres at Logan, 100 acres in cultivation, 50 more nearly ready to break, house, barn, fruit, good neighborhood, \$30 per acre.

120 Acres on Milk Creek, 40 acres in cultivation, new house, 7 rooms, cost \$650, good out buildings, fruit, 6 cows, bull, span horses wagon, harness, 10 ton hay, all farming implements, \$2600.

145 Acres, 100 fenced, rolling land, 35 in cultivation, 40 acres heavy timber, living water, orchard, fair buildings, 1 1/2 miles to school, 13 head cattle, 2 horses, all farming implements—binder, plows, etc.; \$3000 cash.

45 Acres 4 miles from Oregon City, 1200 cords wood, over-half good land, improved farms on three sides; wood will pay for the place; \$20 per acre. Will trade.

349 Acres, 220 in A 1 cultivation, orchard, buildings, 7 acres hops, 6 miles from Hubbard, \$35 per acre.

90 Acres on main plank road, 45 acres in good cultivation, large frame barn, no house; land rich; \$3000.

30 Acres, 2 1/2 miles from Oregon City, 16 in cultivation, orchard, all varieties of fruit, splendid little place, on main road; \$2800; terms.

313 Acre stock farm at Colton, 300 acres level good soil, 20 acres in cultivation, living creeks, 3 acres orchard, large 5-room house, good out buildings—good stock farm; \$2700, cash.

160 Acres on Mill Creek, 30 acres nice cultivation, black loam, 80 acres level land, 130 acres fenced and cross fenced, acre fruit, 7-room new dwelling cost \$1000, barn 52x53 mower, rake, wagon and all implements and crop. Price very low, \$3000.

160 Acres, between Barton and Eagle Creek, on O. W. P. Railway line, level, rich soil, 6000 cords wood, will pay for place. Speculation at \$20 per acre.

80 Acres at Highland, level, good soil, 30 acres nice cultivation, fair buildings, fruit, water, a fine little farm at \$1250.

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