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The Child Labor Law.

In its present form the child labor law in this state prohibits the employment of children 14 years of age and under at any time during the year. The intent of the author of this law was no doubt largely to compel the attendance of such children in the public schools.

Since the above paragraph was written the Child Labor Commission has placed a broad construction on the statute regulating the employing of child labor. The commissioners concede the right of minors of the age specified in the law to work at honorable occupations during the vacation season.

Defeat of Child Labor Bill in Georgia.

The vote on the child labor bill in the general assembly of Georgia shows the narrow margin by which commercial greed won over the forces which have joined in the movement to rescue the children of the South from industrial slavery.

For a decade or more the cotton mill industry has been moving from New England to the cotton states of the South. It is claimed that the industry has been driven from New England by trades unionism and child labor laws.

The selling of children into industrial bondage in the South, however, has finally aroused the sympathies and quickened the conscience of southerners as well as northerners. In Georgia and other states movements have been inaugurated to secure child legislation similar to that in force in Illinois and Massachusetts.

The reverse in Georgia is only temporary. The narrow margin of victory for the cotton mill interests will stimulate the advocates of child labor legislation to greater and more determined efforts.

A Federation of Denominations.

The movement for the formation of a close federation between the Congregational, United Brethren and Methodist Protestant churches will be watched with close attention by the entire religious world. If federation is achieved, as now seems likely, and if it proves a practical success, a great stimulus will undoubtedly be given to similar movements among other denominations that are desirous of closer relations with one another.

It is proposed that the federation shall act through a general council in which each denomination shall have one representative for every 5000 members. Foremost among the purposes of this council as they are outlined in the favorable report of the joint committee to which the preliminary plans have been intrusted is "some realization of that unity of believers

which, in accordance with the prayer of our Lord, seems so desirable among Christian churches."

Special aims include the unification of kindred church societies, the co-ordination of the various annual and district conferences, and the union of weak churches in each neighborhood. Looking further into the future the federation hopes "to unite and encourage the affiliation with this council of the Christian bodies cherishing a kindred faith and purpose."

The present strength of the three denominations according to The Christian Advocate's 1902 statistics is as follows: Congregational, 5,680 churches and 635,000 members; United Brethren, 4,187 churches and 240,000 members; Methodist Protestant, 2,451 churches and 184,000 members. Their united strength is 12,218 churches and 1,059,000 members.

This total is slightly larger than the membership of the Baptist church, North, and it is exceeded only by the membership of the Catholic, Methodist Episcopal, Baptist South, Baptist Colored, Methodist South and Disciples churches, which rank in the order given.

The average membership to a church in the three denominations proposing federation is: Congregational, 112; United Brethren, 57; Methodist Protestant, 73. The average membership to each church for all three is 88.

The economy of expenditure, and still more the increased effectiveness of religious endeavor, if the federation proves successful, can easily be appreciated.

United States Senator Dooliver, in his lecture at Chautauqua Tuesday night truly said that money is not the gauge by which a man's success is measured in this world. Equally true was the assertion that there never was a time in the history of the human race when a man taken by himself stood for so much and a dollar taken by itself stood for so little as now.

MUSIC-LOVERS of Oregon City, and in fact the entire Willamette valley, should bear in mind the treat that is offered at the Chautauqua Assembly Saturday evening of this week. The occasion will be the giving of the Oratorio, "The Holy City" by a chorus of 65 voices under the direction of Mrs. Walter Reed, Portland's gifted soloist. It will be one of the features of the thirteen days' program and will be well worth attending. Among the soloists who will take part are Miss Edna Gates, contralto; Miss Agnes Watt, soprano; Dom J. Zan, baritone; W. J. Belcher, tenor. Miss Helen Calbreath, of Salem, an instrumentalist of ability, will be the accompanist.

LOCAL baseball enthusiasts witnessed a demonstration last Sunday afternoon on the part of the home team that showed what a carefully selected battery, supported by a strong aggregation of players, can accomplish. The Schillers, one of Portland's crack teams, were shut out by the score of 19 to 0. While it is true the visitors played a farcial game, the home boys did brilliant work. Manager Shark is to be congratulated on finally assembling such a formidable organization. With the proper kind of support from the community, he could have gathered, earlier in the season, the same kind of a team, that would have made a record of which the city might feel proud.

Now that the Southern Pacific Company has withdrawn all opposition to the building of the South End road and has assured the committee in charge of its hearty support in the improvement, it is up to the citizens of Oregon City to join hands and proceed with the work without any further delay. Under the direction of the joint committees appointed to attend to the building of the road, construction work is being pushed forward at a good rate. Grading of the side of the bluff will be completed first and then steps will be made to provide for the underground crossing of the Southern Pacific Company's tracks and in this part of the improvement, the railroad company has assured the committees of its material assistance. Let the work progress to an early completion.

The annual educational feast offered by the Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association is in progress at Gladstone Park. To hundreds the Chautauqua affords a season of profitable recreation that is more beneficial than an outing at the seaside or in the mountains. With such distinguished men of national reputation as Senator Dooliver, Congressman Clark and Robert J. Burdette, not to mention the large number of other interesting lecturers and entertainers, the assembly this year offers a program of unequalled excellence. The attendance for the opening days was gratifying and promises well for the remainder of the fortnight. May the Chautauqua, under the energetic direction of Secretary Cross, live long and increase in interest and educational value with each succeeding year.

The dairy business is destined to become the leading industry of the Willamette Valley and Clackamas county will be among the first counties in this department of diversified farming. Natural conditions make this county especially adapted to dairying, which has proven more profitable to the farmer than the raising of wheat and other cereals. The growth of the dairy business in this county in recent years has been astonishing and it is continually expanding. In these days the successful farmer does not devote his time and labor to the cultivation of any one crop but experience has taught him to follow a diversified plan of tilling the soil. No work brings the farmer better returns than the keeping of a herd of cows. There is a demand for good dairy butter the year round that the present demand does not meet and the price for the product justifies the tiller of the soil in turning his attention to an increased production of this "crop."

NEW ERA WOMAN DISAPPEARS.

Mrs. Martha Blanchard Drops Out of Sight in Portland.

George Blanchard, of New Era, is much concerned over the strange disappearance of his wife, Martha Blanchard, in Portland, about two weeks ago.

Mrs. Blanchard, in company with some neighbors, had been to Hood River, where they were all picking strawberries. When they reached Portland on the return trip, Mrs. Blanchard excused herself from the rest of the company at the steamboat dock, stating that she wished to go uptown and make a small purchase. She remarked that she would join her friends at Oregon City. Since that time, the woman's relatives have been unable to find the slightest trace of her.

Mrs. Blanchard's family relations were most pleasant and there is no reason to believe complete and unexplained disappearance. The distracted husband is conducting a thorough search for the wife, that has been now riddled with no satisfactory disclosures as to her whereabouts. Mrs. Blanchard is described as a woman of 35 years, medium height, rather stout, dark complexioned, dark hair and eyes.

The Columbia River Seen from a "Regulator Line Excursion Steamer."

It is a custom to apply fanciful titles to American rivers, mountains and lakes in simile to those of other countries. Thus we hear of "The American Rhine," "The Switzerland of America," "The American Alps," and so on, and here on the magnificent Columbia River, in all its wealth of scenery, we may find another Rhine. The towering snow-capped mountains, gorges, ravines, water falls and even cataracts duplicate and even excel the famous scenery of Switzerland, and for the desire of being able to say "When I was abroad" thousands of Americans are willing to be ignorant of their own country in not seeing some of the finest scenery of the world as it here on the Columbia.

In a tour of the West it is the thing to do, and the one thing not to be missed—the voyage on the Columbia river between Portland and The Dalles—that is made in one day's daylight on board of the splendid boats of the Regulator Line, and the people of Oregon and Washington should make it a point to remind their friends that are coming from the East not to miss making a trip on this beautiful river.

Your ardent admirer makes the trip up and down both ways, on the boats, as it gives opportunity to pay leisurely attention to both sides of the river and for the views ahead on the going and returning voyage. But the man in a hurry may go up on the boat, returning by rail, or vice versa, or the passengers west bound may leave the train at The Dalles and go down the Columbia river by boat to Portland.

The Regulator Line palatial excursion steamer "Bailey Gatzert" leaves Portland every morning (except Monday) at 8:30 to Cascade Locks and return, right in the heart of the Cascade Mountains, affording an excellent one day trip to view the magnificent scenery and also enjoy the exhilarating ride through the famous rapids of the Cascades, returning arrive in Portland about 7 P. M.

The round trip fare to Cascade Locks is \$1.50, round trip to The Dalles \$2.50, one way fare from Portland to The Dalles or vice versa \$1.50. The meals are excellent and served on all steamers of this line.

HOSPITAL SECRETS.

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PROVED A COSTLY EXPERIMENT. State Still Ows Over \$85,000 on Seal Bounty Claims. When the next legislature has appropriated \$35,805 to pay off deficiency claims, Oregon's experience with coyote seal bounty laws will be ended. That amount will be required to pay the claims that have occurred under the laws which were repealed by the last session of the legislature. When this deficiency is paid Oregon will have expended for bounties some \$222,000. The amount would be \$230,000 but for the fact that when the appropriation was exhausted early in 1902 a number of the counties ceased to allow bounty claims. This amount of \$222,000 includes only the expenditure from the state treasury and to this must be added the one-third paid by the several counties in the last two years, amounting to \$42,500, making the total paid for bounties by the taxpayers nearly \$265,000. The expenditure of this vast amount has covered a period of just four years, so that it is seen that the average cost of the bounty legislation was \$63,750 a year. It was the original estimate that the seal bounty law would consume \$25,000 a year and a biennial appropriation of \$50,000 was made. In the first two years following the session of 1899 the bounty claims amounted to \$125,000. The deficiency was paid and another appropriation of \$50,000 made in 1901. This was exhausted and a deficiency of \$35,805 created. The legislature of 1903 included in one of the appropriation bills \$34,908 for the payment of the claims, the amount not having been determined, but this bill was vetoed by the governor on the ground that too many matters unconnected in their purpose were thrown together in one bill. It now appears that the appropriation would not have been quite large enough.

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