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AGAINST CHILD LABOR LAW.

The new child labor law went into effect on July 1, and on the following day an issue of The Canner and Dried Fruit Packer appeared with an outline of a scheme for its nullification. Packers were urged to appoint a committee of good men to call upon the state factory inspector, and if possible to secure from him a favorable ruling which should permit the employment of children despite the prohibitions of the law. Of course the favorable ruling was not construed as nullification, but it is clear from the reading of the statute that if the inspector should do what is asked of him he would set his authority above that of the legislature and practically invalidate its acts.

While this issue is not squarely met, the plea that is made for the canners attempts to subordinate the legal question to the so-called reasonable demands of business. The law, it is said, "will, unless something be done, virtually deprive packers of a class of help upon which they are absolutely dependent. And the article proceeds as follows:

Persons under the age of sixteen and over the age of fourteen are employed by canners during school vacation time to do such work as husking corn, peeling tomatoes and other work for which they are specially fitted, and which is in no respect detrimental to their health or their mental or physical development. It would be a mistake to say that labor of this kind would by any possibility be injurious to a healthy girl or boy of even ten years of age.

However plausible this may sound, it is merely reopening the debate that was closed by the legislature. The law is absolutely prohibitive as to the employment of children under fourteen years of age in any manufacturing establishment at any time of the year. It also contains restrictions upon the employment of children under sixteen years of age and over fourteen years of age which relate to the hours of employment and to schooling requirements. Nothing is left to the discretion of the inspector, who may not license evasions whether they are "reasonable" or not.

The plea in reality is simply the old plea which exalts commercialism above humanity, and the editor is woefully wanting in a proper understanding of his subject when he ascribes the law solely to the agitation of labor leaders. It had the very earnest support of all our philanthropic associations, whose members will probably be amused, however, and the labor leaders also, by his suggestion that the committee move quickly so as to accomplish their purpose without drawing the fire of the latter. This reflection on the publicity that is gained by announcements in his own columns has a richness that is denied to any package of canned goods that was ever put upon the market. And it is only fair to say that the secret has been well kept up to date.—Exchange.

The city council has under consideration a plan for installing a fire alarm system. Such an improvement would be a great convenience, but would cost the city at least \$1500. The city not having a regular paid fire department, with established headquarters, the feasibility of an alarm system of the kind proposed seems doubtful. But this is a matter to be determined by the property owners and taxpayers who will have the bill to pay.

With a yield of fifty bushels per acre for oats and a correspondingly large yield of other cereals, as predicted by County Treasurer Cahill, who is a conservative observer, together with the prospect for a good crop of hops and a large yield of all kinds of fruit, the Clackamas county farmer should this fall find himself on easy street. When conditions are prosperous with the farmer, improved conditions follow in all lines of business.

Visitors to the Oregon state fair this fall will witness the greatest racing ever seen in the state. Salem business men have raised a purse of \$2000 for 2:17 pacers to be raced for on Salem Day, which has 30 horses entered. These horses are from the best stables in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and Montana, and it is expected at least twenty of them will start, furnishing the largest field of high class horses ever seen on a track on the Pacific coast. Portland, too, has contributed a purse of \$2000 for 2:20 trotters to be raced for on Portland Day. This race has 27

horses entered, of which most of them will start, making two of the greatest racing events ever held this side the Rocky mountains. If you are fond of high-class racing, don't miss seeing these two events.

The way in which Sam Morris, the Chemawa Indian twirler, passed the ball to the Sacramento players in Portland, was great entertainment for the local fans who witnessed the game. Morris, who is only 21 years old, saved the game for the Portland Browns, and if he refrains from dissipation will make a brilliant pitcher.

Of all liars, that Josephine county man should have the medal. He claims that a fir tree on his timber claim has a petrified top while the lower part of the tree is alive and green.—Eugene Guard. That's nothing. An instance was this week reported in Clackamas county of a tree that burned for eleven consecutive months before it fell to the ground.

The reported discovery of gold in immensely paying quantities on the upper forks of the Molalla river, Clackamas county, are not to be discredited. Belief has been general for years, as far back as the '50's, that this county contained mineral wealth that only awaited discovery, and this theory is not unreasonable. Earth formations and the general topography of the country indicate mineral deposits, and in the interest of the fortunate discoverers and the country at large it is to be hoped that the revelations of the past fortnight are genuine.

In intelligent organization lies the secret of successfully marketing crops in these days of vigorous competition, and it is quite natural that prune growers of the Willamette valley should enter the market on this co-operative basis. Co-operation alone is not enough. Attention must be given that the article produced is of faultless quality, properly cured and prepared. There is every indication that the quality of this fruit this year will be the best, and by taking the necessary pains to properly prepare his product for the market, the grower will receive returns commensurate with his efforts.

In commuting to life sentenced in the penitentiary the death penalty imposed on Peacock, the Polk county murderer, Governor Chamberlain says:

"I have not much patience with the plea of insanity as a defense to crime, and ordinarily would not be disposed to interfere with the verdict of the jury or the sentence of a court where the defense had been presented and disposed of adversely to the defendant, but in the present case I feel that I would be a party to a judicial murder if I refused to interfere with the imposition of the death penalty.

"The defendant is a physical and mental degenerate, as is evidenced not only by the opinion of the physicians but by the appearance of the man himself. A more horrible, misshapen and deformed specimen of humanity my eyes have never beheld. Not only is he a hunchback, his shoulders being elevated almost as high as his head, but he has what is termed a 'pigeon breast' which protrudes in front of him out beyond his chin, so that his head sets virtually between his shoulders and his breast—hardly resembling when stripped a human being—whilst the distance between the point of his breast and the highest point on the hump of his back is almost as great as the distance from the point of the shoulder to his hip joint. In height he is only about four feet, whilst his weight does not exceed 110 pounds. I question if he is heavy enough to dislocate his neck if he were dropped from a scaffold unless a weight were tied to his feet."

The evidence submitted to the county civil service commissioners in their investigation of charges preferred against one of the attendants at Dunning at least emphasizes the need of better training for those who are intrusted with the care of the unfortunate wards of the county, says the Chicago Record-Herald.

There is no need of splitting hairs over the difference between a "kick" and a "push" in accelerating the movements of a lagging patient. The attendant under investigation was charged by the head nurse with kicking a patient who walked too slowly to suit him in the line that was moving toward the dining room. The accused attendant denies that he kicked the patient, declaring that he merely pushed him with his foot. Whether it was a kick or a push, it was evidently performed with the attendant's foot and could not be properly termed humane treatment. It very plainly demonstrated, in fact, the unfitness of the attendant for his position.

Recurring instances of this sort of cruelty to patients in the county institutions, as well as in the state hospitals for the insane, show the urgent need of training schools for attendants where persons who have some natural aptitude for the care of the defective classes may be especially fitted for the work. Superintendent Podstata, of the Dunning asylum, expresses the belief that they should be trained as nurses are trained in other institutions.

It was thought that under pressure of the state board of charities a system of training of some sort had been inaugurated at Dunning, but recent disclosures indicate a relapse into former conditions. To place insane patients and other defectives at the mercy of untrained roustabouts or day laborers, who apply for such positions because they can find nothing else to do, is a reproach to our humanity and our intelligence.

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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 is 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.

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Come and have a good time at Wilhoit Springs on Saturday, August 15. The new dancing pavilion will be dedicated by the Aurora Brass and String Band. Free dancing and fireworks in the evening. Admission to the grounds, 25 cents as usual giving the privilege of the grounds Saturday night and Sunday. F. W. McLEBAN, Proprietor.



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