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THE RUSSIAN WAGEWORKER

If there be truth in the St. Petersburg gossip regarding the likelihood of the appointment of De Witte, former finance minister and present figurehead under the title of president of the council of ministers, as temporary dictator, all those who are familiar with the politico-economic history of the empire for the last twelve or fifteen years will perceive the congruity of this move with the fitness and logic of things.

Modern manufacturing industry is a recent development in Russia. When De Witte was minister of finance in the early nineties he was impressed with the poverty of the country, the danger of exclusive dependence on agriculture, then, as now, in a terrible backward state, and the necessity of diversification of industry.

For the supply of ordinary or partly skilled labor it was necessary to depend on the peasant class. Official statistics show that the rural laborer earns on the average during the summer 28 kopecks—14 cents—per day. The "day" in the village means from fifteen to seventeen hours of hard toil.

Russian writers of authority state that the average annual expenditure of a peasant family amounts to 63 rubles (about \$34)—a figure indicating a standard of life below that of any other European country, not excepting the Balkans.

It is from the peasants and the neglected class of cottage workmen that the city proletariat has been recruited. Most of the factory employes are illiterate—even in St. Petersburg 43 per cent of the population cannot read—and while they earn more than they could in the villages, the living expenses are much higher in the centers.

De Witte has studied the questions of factory labor, inspection, strikes, accidents and regulation. At present, however, he is "nothing in the administration," in his own words as quoted in a dispatch.

ADVANTAGES OF FIRE-PROOF CONSTRUCTION.

A saving for the people of many millions will be made when they come to realize the advantages of fire-proof construction. Not many people realize that the ash-heap of 1904 means an actual dead loss of \$230,000,000, which is nearly \$60,000,000 more than the highest previous record.

Some may remark that insurance largely covers this terrific loss, but the insurance premiums also come from the people, and for every dollar paid out by the companies something like three dollars have been taken in.

Where they have not sense enough to do so voluntarily, building laws generally compel them. It is in the construction of houses where people do more or less what they please, that wood is still used more than far-sighted judgment would justify.

FORGOT THEIR DECENCY.

No woman, possessing the slightest fragment of decency or respectability, will frequent a court room and unblushingly remain throughout the trial of a sensational divorce or other suit when common sense alone suggests that the testimony at the hearing of the case will be of a personal and defamatory character.

But such was the case at the Seaman divorce suit trial last week. To other than their credit it is to be remarked that fully one-third of the spectators at the trial were either young girls or women. When it is known that the accommodations of the court room were taxed, it remains that there were in attendance fully forty women.

The effect following the introduction of the first installment of dirty testimony that characterized the entire proceeding instead of suggesting the retreat of these women from the court room, appeared only to whet their appetites for the more startling accusations that followed.

If women are not possessed of sufficient sense and common decency to absent themselves from such places, trials of the character of the Seaman scandal should be conducted behind closed doors.

EGGS.

We can't remember whether there has been an editorial on eggs before or not. It is a subject that is constantly in mind, as we always eat two for breakfast and sometimes three, and this without fear of Horace and Pope, who call boiled eggs vulgar. The news point, however, which gives occasion to this lubrication, is that eggs entirely above reproach now sell in some localities as high as fifty-five cents a dozen.

Great Room Making CLEAN-UP SALE

AT ADAMS BROTHERS

Oregon City's Big Cash Store

Our fifth anniversary sale during the month of January far exceeded our expectations, but we still have considerable stock which must be moved out by March 1st, when our immense spring stock will commence to arrive and we must have room to display it.

We were sorry to disappoint so many of our customers who felt sure they would be fortunate enough to secure one of the four Singer Sewing Machines we gave away during the month of January.

February being usually a dull month we intend making it one of the busiest of the year, by cleaning up—getting rid of every odd lot and short lengths of goods, so every day this month will be a Bargain Day.

TICKET NO. 2047

First machine presented to Mrs. G. W. Tyacke, Oregon City.

TICKET NO. 2734

Second machine presented to Mrs. Thos. Armstrong, West Oregon City

TICKET NO. 15,519

Third machine presented to Miss Rose Chipman, Corvallis, Oregon

TICKET NO. 12,167

Fourth machine Uncalled for

The Latest Novelty in Valentines

were laid last summer and are kept sound all winter by the mysteries of modern science. The usual egg crop according to the Secretary of Agriculture, is 1,666,000,000, of which a large part goes to storage stock.



GOOD MORNING

Have you consulted A. Mihalatin about that plumbing you need done? Main Street, near Eighth Oregon City Oregon

Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Co.

Table with columns: Leaves, UNION DEPOT, Arrives. Includes routes like For Mayers Rainier, Clatskanie, Westport, Clifton, Astoria, Warrenton, Flavel, Hammond, Fort Stevens, Gearhart Park, Beavertide, Astoria and Seaside, Express Daily.

God's Art Gallery of the Rockies. Edith Dorer Weatherhead says, in a recent number of "The Exposition": "My first trip has recently been made over the world renowned Denver & Rio Grande Railroad."

Mahara's Minstrels. Some of the principal features with Mahara's minstrels this season are Damon, the musical wonder-wizard of the bow, Louise Loston, the nightingale prima donna soprano, Bessie LeBelle, a revelation, phenomenal contralto, Gordon C. Collins, eccentric comedian and champion soft shoe dancer, John A. English, the marvelous hoop controller, Mr. Morgan Prince, singing comedian and funny fellow, the four Dudley sisters, queens of song and dance, the great Bland, a revelation, phenomenal contralto, and masterly, Edwin M. Winn, descriptive vocalist and organ artist.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite. The soothing and healing properties of this remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt permanent cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere.

Ayer's

For coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma, weak throats, weak lungs, consumption, take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Cherry Pectoral

Always keep a bottle of it in the house. We have been saying this for 60 years, and so have the doctors.

The Lungs

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ROUTE Regulator Line Steamers

"BAILEY GATZERT" "DALLES CITY" "REGULATOR" "METLAKO" "SADIE B."

Str. "Bailey Gatzert" leaves Portland 7 A. M. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; leaves The Dalles 7 A. M. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

C. R. & N. train leaves Goidendale on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30 A. M., making connection with steamer "Regulator" for Portland and way points.

C. R. & N. train leaves Goidendale on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8:30 A. M., connecting at Ylie with steamer "Sadie B." for The Dalles, connecting there with O. R. & N. trains East and West.

Str. "Sadie B." leaves Cascade Locks daily (except Sunday) at 7 A. M. for The Dalles and way points; arrives at 11 A. M.; leaves The Dalles 2 P. M., arrives Cascade Locks 6 P. M.

Gen. Office, Portland, Oregon. H. C. CAMPBELL, Manager

Daily River Schedule

Oregon City Boats—Daily Schedule: Steamers Astoria and Pomona for Salem and way points, leave Portland daily (except Sunday) at 6:45 a. m.; leave Oregon City, 8:15 a. m.; returning, leave Salem, 7 a. m.; leave Oregon City, 4:30 p. m. Oregon City Transportation Co.

O. R. & N. OREGON SHORT LINE

AND UNION PACIFIC

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Through Pullman standard and Tourist sleeping cars daily to Omaha, Chicago, Spokane; tourist sleeping cars daily to Kansas City; through Pullman tourist sleeping cars (personally conducted) weekly to Chicago, Kansas City, reaching chairs (seats free to the seat daily).

70 HOURS Portland to Chicago No Change of Cars. 70

Table with columns: Depart, Time Schedules, Arrive. Includes routes like Chicago-Portland Special, Atlantic Express, St. Paul Fast Mail.

Ocean and River Schedule For San Francisco—Every five days at 8 p. m. For Astoria, way points and General Passenger Agent, service (water permitting) on Williams Bros. Transfer Co. A. L. CRAIG, Portland Oregon.

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