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HOT AIR RAILROADS.

At one time in their history every railroad now in existence in this country was a nice line of "hot air."

Promoters went over the proposed right of way and told beautiful stories of the benefit the road was to be to this or that town or section of country. They also gave the exact date of throwing the "first shovel of dirt," and told when the "last spike" would be driven.

Those beautiful stories would come true, he said, if the people showed they appreciated what a good thing was going to be done for them by Wall Street philanthropists. The best way to show such appreciation was to vote bonds or subscribe bonuses—in fact that was the only language of appreciation the W. S. philanthropists understood.

In some instances the railroads were built; in more instances they were not. But never were they built on the dates mentioned by the promoter.

However, the United States has the greatest system of railroads in the world, and every part of it was preceded and attended by "hot air."

The papers of Oregon are just now filled with "hot air" stories of new railroads or extensions of present lines. These stories are light and airy reading for hot summer days. They do no harm and sometimes do good. They have been known to inspire faith in the future of a town that worked its salvation. Faith works wonders. It will move mountains. It has before now transformed an inert, content community into a hustling, "live town" that brooked no limit to its ambition.

So hurrah for the boomers, even those who deal exclusively in "hot air." May they multiply in Oregon City, and may their dreams inspire practical men to greater achievements.

MONEY TALKS.

A good illustration of the pithy challenge, "Money talks," is the Thaw case. Money is talking for him through the columns of New York newspapers and press dispatches from the metropolis.

If Thaw had been without money or moneyed friends, the world famous architect whom he killed would have been almost deified by the metropolitan writers who sell their brains to the highest bidder, and the assassin would have been deputed a murderous degenerate for whom the death penalty would be less than his deserts.

See what change a judicious distribution of money has wrought. Thaw, of whom but one good thing is really true, he never was a toady—Thaw is made out a wronged husband protecting his home, while White is called a "moral leper," and columns are printed about the class of "human wolves" that prey upon stage girls in the cities, the inference being there should be no closed season for shooting them.

Great is money when put in circulation.

THE LIMIT.

Governor Jeff Davis of Arkansas refuses to take any official action to save the life of a negro condemned to death on the charge of assaulting a white woman, but whose innocence has since been attested by the prosecuting witness. Some of the judges and citizens of that state are moving to save their state from the disgrace of allowing the execution to take place.

If that isn't about the limit in race prejudice and race hatred you can Russanize us.

The infamous Davis is trying to break into the United States senate. A primary will be held in September, and Davis is doubtless pandering to the race prejudices of the benighted denizens of Arkansas backwoods districts.

Those backwoods districts spread over most of the state, and make possible the power of such dirty whelps as is Davis. And it is the ignorant whites of Arkansas that makes Arkansas the blackest spot on the map of "Darkest America."

A RENOWNED WOODMAN.

Dee Wright, of Molalla, Clackamas

county, is in the city, looking after sheep for the Portland market, said the Salem Journal lately. Mr. Wright besides being a prominent stockman, is the most renowned woodman in the state. He is acquainted with every deer path in the Cascades, is on friendly terms with the Indians on several reservations and speaks six Indian dialects. He learned to speak the language of the Molalla tribe before he could speak English.

Russell Sage was a queer fish. His ruling passion was to make money by gambling, matching his greedy instincts against the avaricious lusts of others. If he had any other marked characteristic it was his preference for home and probably love of his wife to whom he left practically all of his immense fortune. She is very charitable and it is presumed she will give away the bulk of the millions her old skinflint of a husband accumulated.

The predictions on the wheat crop of 1906 range from 700,000,000 to 740,000,000 bushels. These are based on acreage and on condition at the present time, when a large part of the crop is harvested. In 1901 the crop was 748,000,000 bushels. This is the only time that wheat has passed the 700,000,000 mark. The yield for 1906 is certain to be next to the largest ever gathered.

Over \$22,000 was spent in making a steel coffin for Russell Sage, that nothing will break. The relatives wanted to be sure he would never come back. They are like the man who received a telegram, "Your mother-in-law is dead. Shall we embalm, cremate or bury?" He answered, "Embalm, cremate and bury."

The same organization is back of the Molalla electric road project that succeeded in making the street sprinkler sprinkle. While there is quite a difference in the undertakings, it is only a matter of degree. The same kind of push, only more of it, will string the wires and lay the rails to Molalla.

French thrift is proverbial, but the Chinamen who work in foreign countries send home \$50,000,000 a year. John beats Poor Richard in understanding the value of a penny saved.

Young Mr. Thaw's brigade of lawyers may not be able to save him from paying the penalty of his crime, but they will undoubtedly relieve him of the odium of dying rich.

It is said "You can't indict a whole people." But they can be relieved of a good deal of money by monopolistic methods that are indictable under the laws.

Though Mr. Cleveland is occasionally suggested for a third term, no Democrat has proposed that Mr. Parker make another reach for a first term.

A story comes from India about a tree that produces cotton. Probably it will cut as much figure as the breadfruit tree in the bakery business.

If Oregon City had gone "dry" at the last election, the water wagon would have been needed just the same.

Small potatoes are looking up. They are as good as big ones in the manufacture of denatured alcohol.

It is a wise forecaster who can tell where lightning will strike two years in advance.

FARMERS' TELEPHONE LINES.

Representatives of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph company have started a house to house canvass among the farmers of this county, offering an extremely low rental rate for instruments to be used in connection with the central offices of the company throughout the county.

For 1-3 cents a month the subscriber is given free switching with all other subscribers connecting with his central exchange. Under this rate it would appear that no rural resident need be without a telephone and its attendant advantages especially as every assurance is given of prompt and efficient service.

Mr. G. J. Hall is in charge of the canvass in this county and he states that he may be seen at the central office of the company in Oregon City, Oregon, or will visit any community or organization of farmers interested in telephone matters.

Eastern Oregon's Wheat King.

The assessment rolls show that A. B. Conley is easily the largest individual owner of farming land in Union county. He is assessed on 19,113 acres, and practically every foot of it is first-class, tillable land. On straight market value, Mr. Conley's land is worth more than \$50 per acre—he would probably not accept that price, with additional pay for improvements. The land is all title clear, and with his other possessions, Mr. Conley is a millionaire. A little over a quarter of a century ago his principal stock in trade was a freighting outfit, about as poorly equipped as any on the road. Mr. Conley's rise is due primarily to wheat raising, but the advancing value of farming land in the past few years has had a good deal to do with it. He is known as "Eastern Oregon's wheat king."

FARM, DAIRY AND ORCHARD

A Test of Cream.

A gallon of cream weighs eight pounds. Then a gallon of cream testing 20 per cent will contain 1.6 pounds of butter fat; adding one-fifth of this gives 1.92 pounds of butter. A gallon of cream testing 45 per cent will contain 3.6 pounds butter fat; and adding one-fifth to this makes 4.32 pounds butter. Hence, in a gallon of cream testing 20 per cent fat the amount of butter that may be obtained is 1.92 pounds, and from cream testing 45 per cent the weight of butter is 4.32 pounds. These are approximate figures and show what may be obtained under average conditions.

Grading Cream.

The establishment of creameries has done much to put the dairy business on a stable and profitable basis as well as to provide consumers with a uniform quality of good butter. The introduction of the hand separator, by enabling the farmer to feed skim-milk in prime condition and minimizing transportation expense has also done much for the business. This has not been without a drawback, however, in that the separated cream is not always kept under proper conditions, and that delivered to the creameries differs greatly in quality. When all are paid the same rate for butter fat there is no incentive to careful preservation of the cream. At the experiment station, Manhattan, Kan., a system of grading cream was adopted about two years ago, the price paid varying with the quality of the cream. This has resulted in great improvement in the cream delivered and enables the butter maker to do his part better. Bulletin No. 135, "Grading Cream," treats of this subject and can be obtained by addressing the station as above.

Testing Wheat.

At one of the experiment stations wheat was tested in plots, under various modes of cultivation, and it was found that when the seeds were carefully selected, planted in rows and cultivated with hand implements, the yield was 60 bushels per acre, a case is on record in England where a farmer planted wheat in rows 1 foot apart, the grain 6 inches apart in the rows, cultivating between the rows and using hoes between the plants, securing 100 bushels of wheat per acre, which case, however, is an exception. The English field was covered 6 inches with manure, which was well worked into the soil, the season also being favorable. In Belgium it is not unusual

A Mystery Solved.

"How to keep off periodic attacks of biliousness and habitual constipation was a mystery that Dr. King's New Life Pills solved for me," writes John N. Pleasant, of Magnolia, Ind. The only pills that are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction to everybody or money refunded. Only 25 cents at Howell & Jones' drug store.

Needed a New Liver.

"Old Hunker" McLaughlin was a well-known character in Chelsea some twenty-five years ago, says the Boston Herald. At one time Hunker was ailing and called on the city physician, who told him to wear a liver pad, to be had at any drug store. On inquiring the price, and finding it high, he got his wife to make one for him.

In about a week he said: "Bridget, the b'yes all keep away from me. What the devil is the matter? Am I dying?"

"Sure you're not dying," she said. "It's getting better every minute ye arde. Take off that liver pad and let me put a fresh liver into it for yer."

Children in Pain

never cry as do children who are suffering from hunger. Such is the cause of all baby's who cry and are treated for sickness, when they really are suffering from hunger. This is caused from their food not being assimilated, but devoured by worms. A few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge will cause them to cease crying and begin to thrive at once. Give it a trial. Sold by Huntley Bros. Drug Co.

Angels and Beards.

The bishop of Alabama, who was noted for his piety and humor, was once asked why it was that the pictures and figures of men angels, as well as female angels, were represented without beards. He promptly replied that it seemed easy enough to make angels of women, but that men could only get into heaven by a "close shave."

His Nerve Won His Liberty.

A loss of 10 per cent of the prisoners is the record of the Oregon Penitentiary, thus far this season in working convicts on the public highways. About sixty men are kept at work on the roads and at the state fair grounds. Six have escaped and are still at large. Two prisoners took leave Saturday, Ed Morgan, who has served one year of a three-year sentence for larceny, in Josephine county, and Leon Herant, who has served all but six months of a 2 1/2 year sentence for burglary, in Multnomah county. Morgan escaped from the gang while working on the road at Sublimity. Herant was working at the state fair grounds, and quietly laid down his mattock, and calmly walked off across the fields as though he had a right to do so. The guards did not see him go, but he passed several farmers who noticed his striped clothes, but from his unconcerned manner supposed that he had been given permission to go.

al to grow sixty bushels of wheat per acre. The land is made rich, fertilizers are used liberally and close cultivation is given. While it is not often that our farmers exceed forty bushels per acre, yet the experiments made demonstrate what is possible to accomplish with fertile soils and better methods of cultivation.

Blackberries.

The blackberry is one of those peculiar fruits that requires the pruning to be done during the growing season the year previous, as it is the young growth, made last year, that produces the fruit this, and there is no amount of pruning that can be done this year that will be effectual. As the blackberry comes up very rank and succulent during the summer these large growths should be topped back in August and sometimes as early as July. This will cause them to branch out, give a tree form to each cane, and thus increases the bearing surface of the plant. If this is not done, any pruning that you do in the spring will only be cutting off the blossom producers, and you would lose the fruit crop for that year. The only pruning that you can do in the spring will be to go through the patch and cut off the canes that may show winter damage. The most essential pruning in the blackberry patch is the removing of the old dead canes.

Using Manure.

Not a pound of manure should go to waste on the present-day farm, if the cost of production of crops is to be reduced to a minimum, says Successful Farming. Manure spreaders come as a necessity for some improvement to lessen labor in handling manure and to secure from its application the greatest possible returns. No one can apply by hand manure to the roots of grain, grasses, fruits or vegetables in the pulverized or fine state by nature. Farmers both east and west more fully realizing the value of maintaining soil fertility, are using manure with greater economy, made possible by the spreader. Land to be made a source of continuous profit must be kept very fertile. The proper rotation of crops, combined with the raising of live stock, will contribute largely in the maintenance of soil fertility.

RATES.

Newport, Yaquina Bay, Breitenbush Hot Springs From All S. P. and C. & E. Points.

On and after June 1, 1906, the Southern Pacific in connection with the Corvallis & Eastern railroad will have on sale round trip tickets from points on their lines to Newport, Yaquina and Detroit at very low rates, good for return until October 10, 1906.

Three day tickets to Newport and Yaquina, good going Saturdays and returning Mondays, are also on sale from all East Side points, Portland to Eugene, inclusive, and from all West Side points, enabling people to visit their families and spend Sunday at the seaside.

Season tickets from all East Side and from all West Side points, are also on sale to Detroit at very low rates with stop-over privileges at Mill City or any point east, enabling tourists to visit the Santiam and Breitenbush Hot Springs in the Cascade mountains, which can be reached in one day.

Season tickets will be good for return from all points until October 10. Three-day tickets will be good going Saturdays and returning Mondays only. Tickets from Portland and vicinity will be good for return via the East or West side at option of passenger. Tickets from Eugene and vicinity will be good going via the Lebanon-Springfield branch if desired. Baggage on Newport tickets checked through to Newport, on Yaquina tickets to Yaquina only. Sunday excursions to Newport on the C. & E. will begin June 10th or 17th and run every Sunday thereafter, leaving Albany at 7:30 a. m.; leave Corvallis 8 a. m.

S. P. trains connect with the C. & E. at Albany and Corvallis for Yaquina and Newport. Trains on the C. & E. for Detroit leave Albany at 7:30 a. m., enabling tourists to the Hot Springs to reach there the same day. Trains from and to Corvallis connect with all East Side trains on the S. P.

Full information as to rates, time table, etc., can be obtained on application to J. C. Mayo, Gen. Pass. Agt. C. & E. R. Albany; A. L. Craig, G. P. A., S. P. Co., Portland, or to any S. P. or C. & E. agent.

Rates from Oregon City to Newport \$6.00. To Yaquina \$6.00. Three day Rate from Oregon City to Newport, \$3.00.

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