Corvallis Times.

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WHY NOT?

The steel trust has advanced 10 per cent the wages of 100,000 of its employes. Why not? There is criticism of the trust throughout the country, and a congressional campaign is on in the East. Nothing so much disarms trust criticism as an advance of wages. Nothing so appeals to the workmen about to vote as increased pay. Nothing so equips and accoutres a bellowing statesmen on the stump with trust argument as a 10 per cent advance of wages, and a voluntary advance at that.

Besides, the advance costs the trust but $4,000,000 per year. True the sum is great to the ordinary man. but it is only a bauble, a trifle to this stupendous steel colossus. The sworn statement made recently by Manager Schwab in a legal proceeding in which the trust was defendant, declares that the net profits of the trust during its first year, was $98,766,452. What is a beggarly $4,000,000 extra paid to employes, compared to that great sum?

Mr Schwab further declared that the corporations net profits for the second year ending in April 1903, would probably exceed $140,000,000. Also that its earnings for the first year equalled 13 per cent on common stock, and would equal 14 per cent on the same the second year after paying seven per cent on preferred stock, Further, that orders now on hand would keep all plants busy until January, 1903, and would aggregate $150,000,000 on which the net profit would be more than $60,000,000. In the face of figures like these, figures that stagger even the imagination, what does the trust care for the tiny $4,000,000 extra per year divided among 100,000 of its employes, especially when the division will be such a power for good for the trust in the coming campaign?

Besides, the trust has a way to get this $4,000,000 back. It sells its products in Europe at one price and in this country at another. It sells to the foreigner for what it can get. and, aided by high tariffs exacts in this country about what it pleases. Figures below taken from a long list secured from New York exporters, show how and from whom the extra $4,000,000 advance and vastly more will be taken whenever the trust sees fit:

Article	American price	Foreign price.
Wire nails keg	$ 2 25	$1 30
Wire rope coil	12 00	5 00
Lead 100 lbs	00	2 00
Shovels doz	50	3 50
Axle Grease lb	08	04
Washboards dozen	00	1 70
Meat choppers	2 70	1 50
Barbed wire 100 lbs	3 00	2 20
Clocks alarm	00	30
LaWn mowers	4 25	2 75
Fruit jars Masons dozen	80	55
Typewriters	100 00	35 00
Sewing machines	40 00	17 00
Bradbury pianos "	375 00	225 00
" "	325 00	275 00
Tin plate 100 lbs.	4 10	3 10

MANY WANT IT

The Penitentiary—Corvallisite Glad he Did'nt—Divinity and Petroleum.

There is a big crop of candidates for the superintendency of the penitentiary under the administration -elect. Events around the prison of late would seem to make jobs there undesirable. Certain it is, that a Corvallis man who was offered a position as shop guard by Governor Geer is now glad that he did not accept. He is a wiser and weller man, since at the critical moment he was out of range of the Tracy-Merrill rifles.

It is no small comfort to read thas the University of Chicago has got one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to put into another building for its divinity school.

Owing to the modification of social and business customs, the Christian ministry is vastly more technical than it was when the Savior sent his apostles out to teach the nations. In order to provide apparatus of instrnction at all adequate to modern necessities, a divinity school need have the withal.

It used to be thought that God's best gift to man was reason, but the discovery of petroleum has opened people's eyes some.—Life.

EXAMINED BRIDGES

And Roads in Southern Benton—New Bridge Wanted There.

County Judge Watters and Commissioners Jolly and Irwin made a trip through Southern Benton the latter part of last week, examining bridges and roads in that section. They went to Monroe and thence south almost to the Lane county line, returning via the river road. All bridges of importance on the route were examined with the assistance of R M Gilbert, superintendent of the Marys river and Kings Valley bridges, who accompanied the party on the trip. Incidentally, the draw bridge over the Long Tom was inspected and note taken of its condition.

A new bridge is wanted over the slough that separates Ingram Island from the mainland of Benton county. It is the same bridge for which the people of the island have petitioned for years. There are something like a dozen families there. They maintain a school with an attendance of 25 or more. The residents of the island reach the mainland by crossing a slough of the Willamette at a ford. The ford is of a treacherous character, and within the past few years two persons have been drowned there. A man crossing the place recently, narrowly escaped drowning. On this account the people ofthe neighborhood, as well as sympathizers with them on the mainland believe that a bridge should be built across the slough.

To make the matter easier for the county, the residents of the neighborhood are willing to assist in the construction. They offer to build the bridge if the county will furnish the material. It is estimated that the material for the bridge will cost $450.

The road leading from Dolph Farley's place to Monroe was examined by the members of the court. The overflow of the Long Tom has almost destroyed the roadway. In winter time when the Long Tom is out of its banks the whole road is under water. The narrow roadway cannot at such times be seen, and passing vehicles are in danger of plunging into water far beyond their depth, with consequent menace to human life. Members of the court are unanimous in a purpose of changing the road hereafter, thoegh no attempt will be made to do so until next year, on account of lack of time for legal preliminaries. For the temporary safety of travelers, the present roadway will be marked and repaired for use the coming winter.

Teacher's Examination.

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Benton county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at Corvallis, as follows—

FOR STATE PAPERS,

Commencing Wednesday, August 13, at nine o'clock a m, and continuing until Saturday, August 16, at 4 o'clock.

Wednesday— Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading, school law.

Thursday—Written Aritumetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography'

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology',

FOR COUNTY PAPERS

Commencing Wednesday, August 13' at nine a m, and continuing until Friday, August 15, at four o'clock.

1st, 2nd and 3rd grade Certificates

Wednesday— Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching,grammar, school law.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, physiology, civil government.

Primary Certificates.

Wednesday Penmanship, orthography reading and arithmetic.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, methods, physiology.

Dated this 30th dayof July, 1902.

G. W. DENMAN,
County School Supt,

SECOND GRAND ANNUAL

Excursion on the C. & E. R. R.

The Corvallis & Eastern will run their second Grand Annual excursion from Albany, Corvallis, Philomath and all points west to Newport and return on Sunday, August 3rd, 1902. Trains leave Albany at 7 a m, Corvallis, 7:30, Philomath at 7:45, returning leave Newport at 5:20, giving nearly six hours at the beach.

Grand exhibition drill by the U S Life Saving crew, surf bathing and other attractions will make the event one long to be remembered,

Fare for the round trip from Albany, Corvallis and Philomath, $1.50; points west proportionately.

EDWIN STONE,
Manager,

ANOTHER ADVANCE

In the Local Price of Lumber—Rough is now Nine Dollars per Thousand.

All kinds of lumber advanced in the local market Monday, The advance is 50 cents to a dollar per thousand. It is on account of advances abroad. The Benton County Lumber Company which, when the demand was duller early in the season made contracts for shipment abroad, realize from these contracts the prices to which the advance is made-

To sell lumber in the local market at less than the net price realized by shipping would be at a direct loss, and it is on this account that the compauy has ordered the advance.

Under the new schedule, the following are some of the figures: rough, $9 per thousand: ' flooring, number 1, verticie grain, $22; number 2, $16; sized lumber,$10: rustic, number 1, $20; number2, $16; finishing, $16 to $25. ship lap $11.

The demand for lumber continues far in excess of the supply. The completion of many buildings is delayed by inability to secure lumber, and in a few instances the commencement of construction is actually waiting for the mills to get around to orders. The Benton County Lumber Company recently refused an order for a million feet of lumber ordered by a big mill at Mills City, in the Cascades, which has far more orders than it can turn out. The lumber that the Benton County Company is shipping goes to California.

The movement of lumber from Portland over the westside and thence via the Corvallis & Eastern to the eastside and then through to California, seems greater than ever. A special trainload has been passing over the line every day, including one last Sunday, all in addition to a full quota ofcars brought in by each regular freight over the westside.

NAMED MRS. HAYWARD

As Matron of Alpha Hall for Ensuing Year—Other Local News.

Mrs C A Wolf, nee Quivey, is out from Alsea on a visit to Corvallis friends.

The Gillespie family left yesterday for Alsea on a camping trip.

Mrs Addie Job, arrived Monday from Cottage Grove and left yesterday with Mrs Waggoner for the seaside.

L W Oren has gone to Portland to enter upon his duties in the railway mail service to which he was recently appointed as a result of competitive examination. The family remains for the present in Corvallis.

President Gatch and President Weatherford held a meeting in Albany yesterday for consideration of the appointments left for them to fill at the recent meeting of the board of regents. The matter of the musical department was left open for the present. In the matter of a matron for Alpha Hall Mrs C E Hayward was named for the place.

Over at Barnharts are several paintings in water colors, drawn by a former Corvallis woman, now in Chicago. The latter is Miss Sarah J Evans, who was at one time a teacher in the Corvallis public schools. She is now studying art in Chicago. The scenes are mostly from nature, and are very good.

On the Yaquina train, bound for the seaside, there were 70 passengers Monday, and 80 yesterday.

The world owed John W Mackey much and as he did not know himself within $20,000,000 of how much he was worth it was not a niggardly paymaster.

Joe Hirshberg of Independence was in town Monday, en route from a trip to Newport. He has acres and acres of hops near Independence, and with the prospective high prices of this season, is in the swim.

Horses for Sale.

I will be in Corvallis from Wednesday the 23rd to Saturday 26th. The horses weigh from 1100 to 1600 pounds.

F, A. Hackleman

Don't Fail to Try This.

Whenever an honest trial is given to Electric Bitters for any troubles it is recommended for, a permanent cure will surely be affected. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver, invigorate the nerves and purify the blood. It's a wonderful tonic for run-down systems. Electric Bitters positively cures Kidney and Liver troubles, Stomach Disorders, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, and expels Malaria. Satisfaction guaranteed by Graham & Wortham. Only 50 cents.

LUCKY CORVALLISITES

Got Three out of Seven Jobs Allotted all Oregon—Good pay and Light Duties,

Brady Burnett, Henry Allen and Harry Holgate are three of the 780 clerks who are to comprise the permanent census bureau. They are what is left of the 3,200 clerks who were engaged in the late census work. Their positions are under the civil service, and are permanent. The appointment of Mr Allen was secured by Senator Simon, and the other two by Congressman Tongue. About one-half the permanent bureau clerks are young women.

The hours of work are from nine a m to 4 p m, with half an hourfor lunch. The pay of the Corvallis men is $1, 200 per year. The job is what the ordinary toiler would call a snap.

There are 27,000 government clerks in the city of Washington. At an average o. $1,000 per year, their annual pay aggregates $27,000,000 per year. A large population of the city of Washington maintain themselves by feeding, lodging or by barter with this army of government clerks. A goodly portion of the $27,000,000 that is their aggregate estimated salary, is thus absorbed, for the living of the clerks consumss most of their salaries.

The Corvallis men have been in Washington over two years. They went there in May, 1900. They habit chiefly with Oregonians, of whom there is in Washington a considerable number. They were unusually fortunate in getting places in the permanent census. The whole state of Oregon got but seven. Of the seven, three are from Corvallis. The selection was largely a matter of pull. Each senstor was allotted two selections and each congressman one. Congressman Tongne, however, managed to secure places for two.

"IT'S TRACY."

Humble Lines Typical of the Outlaw's Achievements, Past and Prospective.

Along the forest paths he went
With air alert and eye intent
His rifle and his manners meant
"I'm Tracy."

When'er he wanted bite to eat
Or cushioned chair to rest his feet
He simply states in accents neat
"I'm Tracy."

In case the whiskers on his face
Grew thick enough to slow his pace
He got shaved in any place
"Did Tracy."

If governor Tracy tried to be
He'd get one vote quick out of me
If I were near enough to see
"Twas Tracy."

When Tracy dies and goes to—well
St Peter ought to give him h—l;
But he'd back up if Tracy'd yell,
It's me."

—Baker City Herald.

Posts

Shingles and all kinds of dimension lumber on hand at the Benton County lumber yard.

S. L. Kline

Agent for Osborne farm machinery. sample mowers and binders at factory prices for 15 days.

Photographs Wanted.

The Lewis & Clark Exposition company will have need for a large number of photographs to illustrate publication on the Pacific Northwest which will be issued to advertise the 1905 fair. Donations of views of landscapes, cities, mountains, farms, growing crops, forests mines, fisheries, river scenery, seaside resorts, etc, suitable for the half tone process will be appreciated by the company Photographer, professional and amateur; who desire to make donations, should address their pictures to Henry E Reed, Secretary of the 1905 fair, 246 Washington street, Portland, Oregon. The subject of the view should be indorsed on the back of the photograph, also the name of the photographer so that no mistake will be made. Credit will be given to the photographer in all cases where use is made of his pictures, Photographs are desired from every section of Oregon, None except those that will make good reproductions are wanted.

Wanted.

Parties having a good stock farm to let can find a desirable renter by applying to H W Kaupisch at the Creamery.

It will pay you to investigate goods and prices at J H Harris You can save money.

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Sash, doors, moldings, furniture and eneral finished lumber.
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