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The Labor Problem

We are asked to say something editorially about the labor problem. Or in other words, to use our efforts to keep Hood River, as one of our enterprising residents with whom we often disagree, puts it, "A white man's country." To the latter we say "Amen" with all sincerity. The mooted question according to this gentleman, and there are others, is the employment in the valley of Japanese labor. In short, they want Japanese labor eliminated and no more employed. This sounds good, but as the Englishman remarked, "You can't do it, you know," without retarding development and causing loss and damage to crops. It is true that when it can be obtained native labor is preferable to foreign, whether it be Japanese or others, for many reasons. Still the Japanese are not an undesirable laboring class nor undesirable citizens. Compared to the turbulent hordes of southern Europe who are swarming into the east and middle west they are far superior. What is more to the point, they are necessary and are performing a work in this great northwest that would go undone if they were not obtainable.

The News has had applications from a dozen fruit growers in the past two days for help that it could not supply.

Let the native workman come first, but until the labor problem can be solved it will be well to stick to the little brown men and say thank you for getting them. We would suggest an employment office for white help. Our knowledge of the situation leads us to believe that it has become a necessity that should prove mutually profitable to employer and employe.

The Oregonian

The Oregonian is a great newspaper. We have never said so publicly before, but we have often thought it, and believe that after an experience of twenty-five years in the newspaper business, with an opportunity to judge the merits of the leading papers of this and foreign countries we ought to know something about newspapers. Perhaps we don't, but then to repeat, we ought to. Also, to reiterate again, the Oregonian is a great newspaper. Not from the standpoint of a padded circulation, the number of editions it issues or the questionable sensations it springs on its readers, but because it is one of the few newspapers whose policies are not controlled through commercialism, and whose news and editorial columns combine the spirit of modern journalism with progressive conservatism. The Oregonian is one of a few, yes, one of two or three newspapers in the United States whose editor still dominates the editorial page—yet the Oregonian is not always right. Seldom is anybody else or anything for that matter, or if they are, they are very disagreeable.

This brings us to what we want to say in regard to an editorial in Sunday's Oregonian anent Hood River's curfew in which this esteemed journal is fearful that because the curfew ordinance has been repealed the children here will go to the eternal bow wows. It gravely remarks that since the night policeman is so busy dispatching hobos he has no time to attend to errant children. "Hence" it somberly concludes, "the little ones will hereafter parade the streets until midnight, if they are so disposed, and sleep in the apple houses or even in the orchards."

To be candid, it was some time before it dawned on us that these sadly prophetic words were written seriously. But being convinced we are moved to a lachrymose con-

dition and to exclaim, My, oh my! and likewise, Oh, slush!

It is clear that the writer of this little editorial essay on "Hood River's Curfew" knows not his or her subject and knows not Hood River, and therein lies the excuse for its appearance. A curfew at Hood River is as unnecessary as the obsolete vermiform appendix. Its inauguration was prompted by the same spirit that forced men to restrain from kissing their wives on Sunday in puritanical days. The appearance of a child or other human being on the streets here after 9 o'clock at night would indeed be a welcome sight. Your apple grower, friend Oregonian, retires early, as do also his children, to dream of big crops and high prices for land. It is only the hobos, the policeman and the benighted newspaperman who are out o' nights.

PORTLAND GOSSIP

Portland, Ore., April 12, (Special)—The extraordinary importance of the modern Young Men's Christian Association in the twentieth century city is emphasized by statistics obtainable at the Portland Institution. The great 8-story building at Sixth and Taylor streets was opened six months ago and considered ample for twenty years. Within 90 days from the opening every available inch of room was being utilized. Today it is the permanent residence of 267 men and 700 take their meals there daily. An average of 75 classes, meetings and gatherings are held in the building every night, Sunday excepted. Three physical directors are regularly employed and more than

by festival officials that no less than 100,000,000 people will see the attractions of Oregon roses in this way.

NORTHWEST NOTES

Seattle, April 12—Will travel to the Pacific Northwest from eastern states during the coming summer break the record made during the exposition year, 1909, is the question which railroad men and commercial organizations are asking this spring? The railroads are preparing to spend more money in advertising this year than last, and believe they will get a bigger traffic.

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce, by adopting the report of Judge Thomas Burke, chairman of its committee on national affairs, has gone on record as strongly recommending the passage by Congress of the bill providing for a thirty million dollar bond issue to complete the Reclamation projects now under way in the West.

Madame Schumann-Heink, the operatic star who recently came west on a concert tour, has written to the Northern Pacific Railway asking for some of the fancy potatoes served on the dining cars of the company, for use as seed on her farm at Little Falls, New Jersey. A barrel of the big Washington grown spuds were sent to the New Jersey farm, but the railroad company declined to guarantee that potatoes of such size and flavor could be produced in New Jersey.

An effort to make the University of Washington such a repository for material works on the history of the Pacific Northwest as Wisconsin is for books, documents and other sources of Mississippi Valley history, was inaugurated last week in a gift from Judge C. E. Rensberg and his wife to Librarian Henry of the state university. Judge Rensberg gave \$250 cash and promised \$100 for each year of the coming decade, the money to be applied in purchasing source books and rare volumes on Northwest history.

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Blooded cattle and horses will be put on sale April 26-30 at Portland. Registered Shorthorns go on sale Tuesday, April 26, and the two following days will be taken up by sales of harness and draft horses from the northwest and a few from the east. There will be one carload of registered Shetlands. On Friday, April 29, the Holstein herd of the Gearheart Park Farm will be sold. There will be 50 head of these cattle.

Bids have been asked for grading on the Oregon Trunk south from Madras to the north line of the Klamath Falls Indian Reservation, a distance of 111 miles. It is expected to have the work started May 1 and to have the grading completed by next January. The line will cross Opal Prairie, Juniper Butte, the Redmond and Rosland irrigated districts and will probably soon be extended to Klamath Falls as the indicated terminus is not a desirable one.

Officials of the Portland Rose Festival have been advised that the moving picture trust will send ten operators, with five moving picture cameras, from the headquarters of the trust in Europe to Portland to take complete pictures of the coming festival parades and exercises. These films, when manufactured, will be distributed very widely and shown all over the world. It is estimated

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Butler Banking Company, of Hood River, Ore. At the Close of Business, March 29, 1910.

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Loans and Discounts	\$449,949.09
Bonds and Warrants	17,713.57
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Cash on Hand and in Other Banks	181,445.33
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