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OPEN RIVER LINE FINALLY ABANDONED

At a meeting held at Portland the last of the week the Open River Transportation Company passed a resolution empowering the board of directors to lease or dispose of the company's properties, consisting principally of the four river steamers, J. N. Teal, Twin Cities, Inland Empire and Relief. This will mean the withdrawal from the transportation field of the company, after several years of excellent work in the interest of lower rates on the Upper Columbia River.

A. H. Devers, vice president of the company, presided at the meeting which was attended by more than a majority of the stock and it was explained that the stockholders felt that they were unwilling to longer carry the risk of the operation of the boats unless the public took a deeper interest.

The company was organized when the upper river country was served by only one railroad. The effect was the granting of reduced freight rates to which the inland empire was entitled by reason of its favorable position. The North Bank line is operating a line of steamers between Portland and The Dalles, and with this line and the two railroads as direct competitors, the Open River Company had an abundance of opposition.

The steamers Teal, Twin Cities and Inland Empire were built within the past six years and are practically as good as new. The Teal is of 456 tons net register and has been operated between Portland and Celilo, where she connected with the Inland Empire. The Inland Empire and Twin Cities are sister boats of 375 tons net register, equipped with very powerful machinery. These boats were constructed in 1908, at Celilo, a year after the launching of the Teal at Portland. The Relief is of 299 ton net register and was built at Bialock in 1906.

OVER THE COUNTER

On a business trip to the city a farmer decided to take home to his wife a Christmas present of a shirt waist. Going into a store and being directed to the waist department, he asked the lady clerk to show him some.

"What bust?" asked she. The farmer looked around quickly and answered: "I don't know; I didn't hear anything."—Ladies Home Journal.

A GRUNT OF APPRECIATION

Watermelons are getting so plenty around Obar that farmers are feeding them to the hogs. We had several this week.—Obar (N. M.) Progress.

A motor-driven dredge is reclaiming two miles of new shore line for East St. Louis, Ill.

KANSAS FIGHTING SCALE INFESTATION

The effect of the new law in Kansas which compels fruit growers to spray for the control of San Jose scale is being felt more than ever in some parts of the state. In the vicinity of Wathena and Elwood, where San Jose scale is known to be present, the Kansas state inspectors in charge of Assistant Entomologist J. H. Merrill, are helping growers in every possible way to get the scale under control, and are operating a sprayer for the purpose of spraying all orchards where the owners do not care to go to the trouble of treating their trees.

The scale was found in Kansas in the fall of 1909 by Prof. George A. Dean of the Kansas Agricultural College, and a careful investigation revealed the fact that along the Missouri River, both north and south of Wathena and Elwood, there was a general infestation of fruit trees and ornamental shrubs. During the past summer and fall a farm to farm inspection was made of the infested area, and a large territory in all directions around this district, to ascertain the exact limits of the pest. The condition of all orchards, whether infested or not, has been recorded, and all information regarding them is on file in the office of the state entomologist.

Experiments which have been conducted by the Kansas experiment station in the Wathena district, as well as in other scale infested regions, show that a single treatment with lime sulphur during the dormant season will easily and efficiently control the scale. The laws of Kansas make it obligatory on the state entomologist to see that the scale suppression work is enforced, and this is now being vigorously done in the vicinity of Wathena.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

At Hood River Oregon for Hood River county, Saturday, March 22, 1913, the United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a vacancy in the position of rural carrier, and other vacancies as they may occur on rural routes at post-offices in the above-named county, unless it is found to be in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion. The usual entrance salary for rural carriers is from \$600 to \$1,100 per annum.

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Elsie—After I wash my face I look in the mirror to see if it's clean. Don't you?

Bobby—Don't have to. I look at the towel.—Boston Transcript.

LINCOLN EXAMPLE OF GOD'S INFINITY

Abraham Lincoln, sprung from a family which would today be called hardly more than tramps, was an example of the infinite power of God working through men, according to Rev. Betram A. Warren of The Dalles who preached at St. Mark's church Thursday evening.

Mr. Warren spoke of Lincoln's parents and said that although they have been called "pioneers" the latter were often what we would today call tramps—people who were constantly moving from place to place and never amounting to much. "It is a noticeable fact that we have never heard of the Lincolns since the day of the family's one great man," said Rev. Mr. Warren. "It was one of God's wonderful acts—the creation of a man endowed with such supreme wisdom and springing from such humble stock. And, indeed, Lincoln himself lived among the most commonplace surroundings and in a depressing atmosphere until those later days in which he achieved almost to the sublime."

The illustration in which Abraham Lincoln was used was one of a number given by Mr. Warren to show the infinity of God, who knows and cares for the needs of the smallest flower of the field as well as controlling the movement of the stars in their spheres. He spoke particularly of the infinite possibilities among the human kind, how it often takes some crisis to open the shutters of a man's soul and show the infinite possibilities and God-like nature. It is the contact with God, he said, that acts like the contact of two electric poles, bringing forth the living current and the flash of the infinite.

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