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THE WILLOW CREEK VALLEY

Remarks on the Conditions and Development of the Country—Heppner and Its Neighboring Towns—Old Oregonians at Front.

HEPPNER, Or., Sept. 20.—It is the special hardship of Eastern Oregon that the general lines of railroad which serve it run around instead of through it. One who travels by any route to San Francisco cannot fail if he keeps his eyes open to see something of productive California. One who travels by any route, and especially from the East to the Puget Sound cities, is bound to see something of Washington. One who comes from the north or south into Portland always sees something of the country. But it is quite another thing with Eastern Oregon. The main line of travel runs along the bank of the Columbia River and one may ride through it in broad daylight and gain nothing more than a confused impression of sand fields, rimrock cliffs and majestic river and mountain views. Of productive country—of Eastern Oregon in its true character—he sees just nothing at all. Only by one approach from the east, that which passes across the northeastern corner of the state from Huntington to Umatilla, is there anywhere in sight anything that is suggestive of agricultural development or of agricultural possibilities.

This fact, unquestionably, has had much to do with retarding the growth of the eastern section of the state, for it has served to repel the stranger and even to keep the average Oregonian from knowing anything about the interior conditions of the eastern two-thirds of our territory. I venture to say that not one Oregonian out of 50 who reads this paragraph has, without reference to the map, any clear notion of where or what the Valley of the John Day River is. And yet, this valley is to Eastern Oregon all that the Valley of the Yakima is to Washington—and more. It is nature's own level route from the Columbia River at a point not far above The Dalles clean around the Blue Mountain range on its western and southern sides to Canyon City, in Grant County. It affords a way by which it would be possible to make a practically level railroad from Portland into the Baker City region, and at the same time cut off something like a hundred miles of distance as compared with Meacham's and La Grande, over the Blue Mountains. Furthermore, a railroad over this route would pass through one of the most productive valleys in this or any other country.

Eastern Oregon in general lies back from the through rail routes, and nine people out of ten who pass through the country gain no conception of its conditions. Neither its many points of beauty nor its great oportunities for enterprise make any appeal to them. Even valleys like that of Willow Creek, through which the Heppner branch line runs, attract little general attention because nobody sees them unless some special motive carries him that way. Until this week I have never been over this branch line, and I will confess my surprise at what I have found here. The valley is narrow, perhaps nowhere more than a third of a mile wide, but it is everywhere ertile and everywhere bears evidences of profitable cultivation. There is not enough of it for grain, and if there were, there is a more profitable use for it in alfalfa culture, to which it is almost wholly devoted. It belongs with much contiguous Winter range under fence to stockmen who run their flocks into the Blue Mountain pastures during the Summer, and bring them home for Winter. It is therefore divided into many so-called "home places," which, as viewed from a car window, appear for the most part to consist of sheep sheds and hay stacks.

But back from this narrow valley, and on both sides of it, there is a belt of higher country corresponding in its general conditions with the region of which the town of Wasco, in Sherman County, is the center, and devoted largely to the production of wheat. It is only a little while back when this elevated region was a sheep walk, and none the most valuable for that purpose, since it is poorly watered; this year I am told it will contribute approximately a million bushels to the exportable wheat surplus of the state. So much for a development which has been accomplished without noise within a few years, and which is branching out steadily upon the upland country, both east, west and south.

It is to this grain country that new population is mostly attracted, for, curiously enough, the range industry does not gain recruits through immigration. Somehow, it makes no appeal to the newcomer, possibly because under present conditions it calls for large capital, possibly because of its unlikeness to anything the newcomer has known in his former experience. But whatever the reason, it is almost exclusively in the hands of old-timers, men long in Eastern Oregon, and for the most part men who came originally from the Willamette country. Here, as elsewhere in Eastern Oregon, there is a surprising number of native Western Oregonians. For example, two of the three owners and exploiters of the Blue Mountain coal discoveries are Willamette Valley bred, Mr. Conser being a son of Jacob Conser, of Jefferson, and Mr. Herrin a son of the late Manager Herrin, of the Salem Flouring Mills. These gentlemen and others like them "from the Valley" form the old-time element in the local population, and very largely engross its wealth, for they began when Eastern Oregon was new—when the whole country was an open and virgin range, and when the price of wool was double the present prices. It was their fortune to reap the first rich harvest of this new and amazingly rich country, and even the casual visitor sees abundant evidences of their prosperity. The Heppner country literally abounds with rich men, not millionaires, to be sure, but men whose wealth is $50,000 and upwards—in nine cases out of 10 made through the sheep industry in one form or another.

Heppner, while not so large, has much in common with Pendleton and Baker City. There is the same active spirit, the same "go," the same manifestations of universal and abounding energy. The stores are well housed in brick and stone buildings, and a glance shows that times are good with them. The town is the center of a large trade. So far away as the Upper John Day country to the south trade drifts to Heppner, and in this way the town enjoys a very considerable and very profitable business which it would lose if the railroad were to be extended across the Western Spur toward the Sumpter country, an enterprise always more or less under discussion.

But there is more to Heppner than mere material prosperity. It was planted long ago, and has had time for development along social lines. I have talked with a little girl fast passing out of childhood who told me that her mother was born in the valley; the wife of a prominent banker is a native of Heppner. Socially, religiously and fraternally the town is on an organized basis; and I am told that there are those who, on the basis of more sheep than their neighbors, give themselves fashionable airs. But for the most part, Heppner has not outgrown that pleasant condition where life is on a purely neighborhood basis, where social distinctions stand related to the bathing habit on one hand and plain morality on the other, where friendliness is the rule of life.

A glance at the register of the leading hotel makes very plain the general trade dependence of Heppner upon Portland, for the commercial fashion in name-writing which betrays the traveling salesman is followed in nineteen cases out of 20 by the word "Portland." This does not mean that the whole trade of the Heppner merchant comes to us. Much of it goes direct to the Eastern manufacturer, since the Heppner houses are financially strong enough to hold their own independent connections and buy in the general markets. A goodly trade in California specialties goes direct to San Francisco; and even Seattle finds a small share in the local patronage. But the main business of the city is with Portland.

Heppner is not the only center of Willow Creek life. Lexington, a few miles to the north, is a thriving town of perhaps 700 or 800 people, and Ione, still farther north, is the trading town of the wheat belt. Neither rivals Heppner at the points of population or business importance, but both are wide-awake, enough so to hold Heppner in a conciliatory mood toward the country.

There is a season of each year when the conditions of climate in Eastern Oregon are not pleasant, when the air is full of dust and when everybody who can gets away for a time. Then, although the public school system is well established everywhere, there are many who like to give their children wider educational opportunities than they can get at home. These conditions carry many from Heppner and every other Eastern Oregon point to Portland; and in this general fact there is a suggestion of how Portland may at once serve the country and serve itself. We have not, I think—I am speaking particularly as a Portlander—estimated at their true value in a commercial sense the existence of schools like the Portland Academy, the Bishop Scott Grammar School, St. Helen's Hall, the Columbia University and other schools which, with our High School and the public school system in general, go to make up our educational equipment. They make, in truth, one of the strongest holds we have upon the country, and especially upon prosperous interior communities like that of Heppner. As time goes on they will mean even more to the country and to Portland than they do now, and from every point of view they merit all the encouragement that we can give them.

There are not many ways in which Portland can directly serve the interests of this Eastern country. The people have all the capital they need and would rather lend to us than borrow from us. But there is one thing the people here want, and they think we can help them get it if we would; and that is an open river. They want at The Dalles a work which will do for the barrier there what the Cascade Locks have done for that in the Columbia River gorge. Whenever I have asked a man what Portland ought to do for the country, the answer comes, "Help us get an open river." A. H.

The Pius Fund.

New York Evening Post.

It is not so much the case itself as the fact that there is a case before The Hague tribunal that is significant. For a year and a half the International Arbitration Court has been duly constituted, but until recently has had no international dispute brought before it for adjudication. There was some danger that its very existence might be forgotten. We are glad that it has fallen to two American nations, Mexico and the United States, to make the first appeal to its jurisdiction. The case of the "Pius Fund" is a very pretty quarrel from every legal point of view, and it is not so important but that the decision may be accepted without any strain upon the loyalty of either nation. This promises that the first session will be of considerable interest, and that the judges will have the great advantage of proceeding imperturbably without regard to ulterior embarrassments. As for the Pius Fund, its story is a curious one. Originally a private benefaction, it was administered by the Jesuit missionaries of California from 1697 to 1767. After the expulsion of the Jesuits it was transferred to the Franciscans, from whom the new-born Mexican republic took it, guaranteeing, however, by way of indemnity, the payment in perpetuity of 6 per cent on the capital to the church authorities. "Perpetuity" and the payments stopped abruptly with the cession of California to the United States, and now the church in California sues the Mexican Government for arrears of interest amounting to about $1,000,000. Certainly, a case which involves three changes of custody and one of sovereignty should put the quidnuncs of The Hague Court on their mettle But these jurists are doing more than to settle a curiously complicated case in equity, they are passing upon the first case ever presented to a permanent international tribunal. They have a hand, we believe, in a historic event, the magnitude of which future generations will acknowledge more fairly than we, with our heritage of international mistrust, can hope to do.

Trees and Lightning.

Chicago News.

An ancient Swiss proverb advises people during thunder storms to avoid the oak tree, to fly from the fir and to seek the beech tree, which is safe. A little time ago a special inquiry was made in the canton of Lucerne to find if there were any truth in the proverb. Statistics showed that out of 80 trees struck by lightning in a forest district 56 were oaks, 24 firs and larches, but, though there were 17 beeches, not a single one suffered.

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"ELEGANT PATERSONESE."

Ingenious if Not Ingenuous Letter and a Fit Reply.

New York Sun.

One of the volunteer defenders of the English language and friends of that interesting variety known as "elegant Patersonese" aims at us a letter of so much force, beauty and originality, that we lend it to our readers. Trained scholarship, precision of thought and a manly or womanly scorn of conventional orthography speak in it with a clearness and an authority that overwhelm us:

To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: Replying to your editorial of even date entitled "Elegant Patersonese," I would like to enquire if it is not, at least, as well to be elegant as rough and uncouth; if it is not possible to be as effective and robustly so in the elegant use of English as the inelgant. Because McCaully used "elegant English," did his vehicle of thought become a "Miss Nancy"? Why is the Sun troubled so much by "defenders of the English language"? Can it be that reform is destreable among its trained writers? Not only for information do we look to the Sun; its educational influence is enormous and should be right. It is within our province to criticise it and we will do so regardless of all the "horned devils." "Constant Reader," who defends "elegant English," appears to live everywhere but in the Sun office. But the writer of the editorial need not, to please him I'll say don't need, to become historical; good eligant English is not the strutting, prancing figure he pictures it to be any more than a well-dressed man is a fop.

I cannot agree with him that "don't need" is an idiom of our language; it is simply a careless construction that has nothing to recommend it. "Need not" is correct, that should recommend its use, and in addition it sounds better; is no more veriacious and quite as strong.

Regarding the sentence "I want a drink," you need not specify that it must be alcoholic; that is a question of taste, carrying capacity and price. ELEGANT PATERSONESE.

New York, August 22.

Have we said anything against McCaully? Our erudite critic must be thinking of Matthew Arnold or Sir George Cornewall Lewis. But McCaully, Rushkin, Walter Peter, James Anthony Dowd, and the rest of the picturesque or "precious" writers never had the secret of that sublime style and speech, "Elegant Patersonese." A Jerseyman, acting on his own counsel, took out a writ of error in Trenton the other day. Therein appears a sentence which seems to us to contain the essentials of the noble tongue and manner beloved of our correspondent, Elegant, or shall we say Eligant, Patersonese?

The reasoning ganglia of the Chief Justice's brain, I am satisfied, has been poisoned by political murrain, which has rendered that organ a non-conductor to the psychic force of knowledge, and as he is now conducting his court under a quorum of one, ignoring the calm and profound judgment of eight-ninths of his court, and the mentality of the quorum being in an idiosyncratic condition—hence these errors.

We can't climb to those steeps. That large and aulic strain is beyond us. Come down, fair love, from yonder mountain height. The technical meaning of "Will you take a drink?" is fixed by custom. When you ask a man to "have a drink," he may reply in teetotal terms and take sarsaparilla, soda, ginger ale or lemonade; but your intention and expectation were alcoholic. But this is beside the question. In "Eligant Patersonese" the asker would say "May I have the honor and pleasure of inviting you to besprinkle and bedew your fauces and to titillate your esophagus with a potation either alcoholic or nonalcoholic according to your volition and psychological status?"

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