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CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION.

Storms between capital and labor generally have their rise in what labor considers unfair distribution of profits. Under present plans labor gets its wages, and capital the balance.

Labor has other claims beside those based on a mere money return. Every observer knows that the factory work of the great city is carried on amid surroundings of dirt, monotony, depression and unhealthful conditions.

The most recent and promising effort to redress all these evils, without exception, is set forth in the papers describing the aims of the co-operative Christian Federation, which for two days past have been commented on in the papers of this city.

It seems to have been taken Mr. H. S. Wallace eight years of continuous effort to frame to modify and to secure recognition for his ideas, which in their present shape are endorsed by many leading authorities in the labor world.

The essence of the plan lies in elimination of the stockholding and profit-grabbing capitalist. The machinery is three-fold in function. It is the man with money, who invests it in bonds secured on the entire property of the enterprise and receives a fixed, moderate return (say 5 per cent), and, possibly, in addition, a small share in the ultimate profits.

POSITIONS OF CONTROL, AND DISASTER HAS FOLLOWED TOO QUICKLY.

By constitution of this Federation and by contract with each member, a trustee (the Federation trust), is vested with title and control of all the properties of the Federation.

The homes of the workers will be in factory and residence towns in Western and Eastern Oregon, where beauty and healthfulness of location and nearness to factory and store, garden, field and orchard will remove from factory life the huge drawbacks so common now.

The homes will be the property of the trust, so long as membership lasts—paid for as long as membership lasts—paid for as long as membership lasts.

The sums invested are to be returned by the Federation to the worker whenever his membership may be determined. There is no system of paternal government provided. The people are to be free and equal, and fraternity is to be the motto.

Why, then, was Oregon chosen for this grand and far-reaching experiment? Because whoever meditates on this plan will detect that on the inherent worth of the possessions and property of the Federation rests its success.

When, then, is it to be hoped will be the last to be selected, abundant capital, and capable management. Development leagues and railroad literature are publishing invitations far and wide.

The Fair is one great invitation. Let us not then throw cold water on this Federation, because we are taken at its aims and our invitations accepted.

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OWNERS OF A SINGLE LINE OF PROFITABLE IN PORTLAND CAN SAVE THEMSELVES SIX MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN A SHORT TIME OUT OF THE FRANCHISE, INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF MONOPOLY THAT INHERES IN IT, THEN CERTAINLY THE DEDUCTION IS NECESSARY THAT SOMETHING IS DUE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THIS EXTRAORDINARY CONCESSION.

INJURIOUS CROP REPORTS. The Government figures on the wheat crop of 1904 in Oregon, Washington and Idaho were in excess of the actual amount produced.

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IS CREDITED WITH A POSSIBLE YIELD OF 34,000,000 bushels of wheat, which is a very large estimate.

SLANT OR VERTICAL? DUTY OR SLANT? Vertical writing was not in the beginning very kindly received by public school teachers, and was seldom fully adopted by them.

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OREGON OZONE.

By Degrees. No need to go to college. To gather goals of knowledge. And win a mere A. B.

Frederic Remington's oil painting, entitled "On the Trail," is reported as mysterious missing from St. Louis, where it was on exhibition at the World's Fair.

A Seattle paper claims that Seattle has increased 50 per cent in population during the past five years, and now has 30,000 people.

THE GREAT HARSHNESS OF THE CHINESE EXCLUSION LAW is that it places the burden of proof on the applicant for admission to the United States.

Little Joseph Riggs, whose life was crushed out by a car of the Consolidated Railway Company on Monday, might, as the coroner believes, have been saved if the car had been equipped with a proper fender.

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WHAT A CALIFORNIAN SAW.

Interview with Hugh R. McNoble, Past President of California Native Sons, a Great State much greater than we expected to find it.

At all functions given in the state building his wife is the hostess, and is making a splendid success of it.

Oregon has some remarkable resources. One country—Columbia County—produces in 1905, 1 per cent of the wheat of the entire United States.

The Fair itself has these special features. It is the most compact in the matter of the arrangements of buildings and grounds.

Second—It is the most beautiful in the world on account of the natural water and land setting.

Third—The Forestry building erected by the State of Oregon is pronounced a masterpiece of architecture.

Fourth—The buildings and general arrangements of the Exposition are complete at this time than any other exposition has been at the same date from the time of the opening.

Fifth—The most notable exhibit is that conducted by the Federal Government. The Federal Government in the first place gave \$425,000 outright to the Exposition.

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PROGRESS OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

How a Conservative Journal Regards the Movement. Our sympathies go out to those editorial writers of the trust-owned daily press who write articles on the public ownership of public utilities.

Because it is entirely within the range of possibility for the editorial writers to know that the arguments which they have made use of in predicting municipal disaster if the subways of New York City should be owned and operated by the city.

Mayor Duane has declared that Chicago can do the most with the least in the matter of public utilities. An intelligent man knows that the arguments which they have made use of in predicting municipal disaster if the subways of New York City should be owned and operated by the city.

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Canada's Northwest Police.

The Royal Northwest Mounted Police what they are, the trusted guardians of life and property in the West.

Our main surprises were: That Portland was so large and beautiful a city; that the population of Oregon varied so many; that the population of Oregon was so small considering its size and position.

Our trip to the Northwest, in my opinion, resulted in bringing more attention to the Northwest than any other trip.

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