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the transcontinental railroads, but the New England road, with main line and branches of 2000 miles, for the first six months of the current fiscal year showed gross earnings of \$31,981,664, compared with \$34,939,064 for the year Northern with more than 7000 miles of road.

ment Saturday was \$1,242,278,000, which compares with \$1,229,945,000 for the same period last year. The heavy balance of trade now running against us, in the way of imports greatly in excess of exports, is to a certain extent an unfavorable factor for the same reason.

then altogether too frequently embrace. The Alldredge episode in the Legislature of New York was this: Conger wished to prevent further honor or place or power from coming to Alldredge in a party caucus.

LIFE IN THE OREGON COUNTRY. There's No Lap Like Mother's. Condon Globe. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hess narrowly escaped serious injury the first of the week when he slipped from the lap of a little girl and fell to the floor.

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP BEST FOR PECULIAR CONDITIONS OF PORTLAND TRAFFIC. WOODSTOCK, Or., April 9.—(To the Editor)—The present agitation for public ownership of the waterfront is destined to be on in full force, but I have no fear that when the Panama Canal is an accomplished fact we shall have no adequate facilities to handle the enormous traffic entering our port, and that the charges levied by private dock owners in Oregon, these fears are groundless.

CONGRESS TALKS ON HORSESHOES. Debate Where Statesmen Show Learning on Farm Matters. Debate upon an appropriation of \$5000 for the stable of the State Department.

PORTLAND, MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1910.

GOLD, CREDIT AND PRICES. The Independent (New York) has been publishing a series of articles on "The Cost of Living," each article by a separate author, the articles in its entirety covering a very wide range of inquiry, suggestion and argument.

TAFT'S TALK. President Taft in his speech-making shows great good humor. His courtesy and suavity do him credit. "We are reading nobody out of the party," he said in his talk at Washington City on Saturday night.

GO-AS-YOU-PLEASE ORIENTAL LINE. Fifty carloads of Oriental merchandise were received in Portland last week from the Pacific Northwest line. This is somewhat above the average weekly business diverted from the line of steamers running to this port, but it is probable that at least one full shipload per month is received at Portland by the Pacific Northwest line.

John Halley, well known throughout the Pacific Northwest since 1863, has published a "History of Idaho." Since 1862 he has been a resident of that territory and state. He was Idaho's delegate in Congress from 1873 to 1876. John Halley was an active pioneer and has been a notable figure wherever he has resided.

Now, Why Did John Get Huffy? Mitchell Sentinel. John E. Wynn, delegate in Congress last Sunday, his hobby is now (John says) a hobby the killing of all the sage rats. His plan is to stink them to death with some kind of gas.

Portland, by reason of its privately owned wharves and warehouses, is enabled to undersell either San Francisco, Tacoma or Seattle. For no other reason than that the wharves and warehouses tend themselves to the unique system in use here, but our conditions cannot be adopted by the above-named ports.

Mr. Gillett (Mass.)—As to the criticism on horse shoeing, it strikes me, as it does the gentleman, that it is extremely large, although he has very much exaggerated the excess, because work that he and his helpers do, a horse shoe here at one time, and I remember you have to put pads on a horse here in Washington on these hard asphalt streets, and if they do not pad, they pull his shoes off him, and if they do, they shod at all, so as to give his hoofs a chance to get back into prime condition, and I understand that they buy a new set of carriage horses and a new set of wagon horses every year. I understand that appropriation ought to be cut down to \$4000, and I will move.

Conserving Jackass Mountain. Near Burns, in Harney County, is a Jasper-covered, Government-owned hill, called Jackass Mountain. It is a swamp. Both the mountain and the juniper trees and the swamp are counted worthless in their present condition, and indeed are of rational benefit neither to man nor beast, nor even to the birds and animals that frequent it.

Strong Medicine Needed. The hysterical captains of industry who buy and sell wheat, corn and the like on the Chicago Board of Trade are in a state of mind which is a departure from the true honor and practice of rigging the market with whisky rumors.

Our Luck of Humor. New York Post. Artemus Ward said that a comic paper was no more for having a joke in it than a man is for having a nose. Ever since then, and his words have ever since been quoted as embodying the gospel of wit and humor.

Hogs and Breakfast Food. Providence Journal. Hogs are high because "feed" is high. Feed is high because of the large consumption of breakfast foods. Breakfast foods are high, too, because of the fancy price which goes into the packages.

When We Fight Japan. Boston Advertiser. Admiral Coghlan, commander of the French Mediterranean fleet, follows the old-fashioned and blundering method of reasoning in terms of war when he urges that the United States should reduce its naval strength for France and an associated greater military strength for England.

Psychology in "Ad" Writing. Philadelphia Record. Psychology has been a word to many uses in its day, but seemingly has no limitations. Professor Charles Sherwood Ricker, chief assistant to Professor E. L. Thorndike, says that psychology can teach a business man to write an advertisement so as to produce the best results.

True Enough—But Then What? New York Tribune. There is a coterie of Republicans who have served under or were closely affiliated with the late President Taft, and who have grossly exaggerated their importance in the order of nature and politics.

MAKING LOCAL TRAFFIC.

It was many years after the Harriman house-flag waved over practically all of the rail lines in the state of Oregon that Mr. James J. Hill entered the field as a competitor of the late chief period that has elapsed since the first North Bank train rumbled into Portland.

HURT KIND OF FOURTH.

Mayor Gaynor, of New York, has taken time by the forenoon for the promotion of measures that will induce a safe, sane and quiet Fourth of July in the great city. He announced on the first of this month that the city would issue permits to issue permits for the sale of fireworks and firecrackers for use on that day.

STEADY MONEY MARKET.

The New York bank statement, printed in The Oregonian yesterday, shows the surplus reserves of the clearing-house banks to be at pretty low ebb. The fact that there was also a heavy decrease in loans and that, despite the heavy exports of gold, the reserve fell below \$5,000,000, above the requirements of the 25 per cent rule, to a great extent removes cause for apprehension.

A Case in Point.

Philadelphia Record. Cynicus—It is impossible for a woman to keep a secret. Henpecker—I don't know about that; my wife and I were engaged for several weeks before she said anything to me about it.

Do Like Wise.

Salt Lake Tribune. Stephen Samuel Wise was a Jewish rabbi who did great things for humanity. In view of his good works, it will be appropriate to urge, "Go thou and do like wise."

Correct Answer.

Manchester Guardian. The class was being questioned on the correct use of the compass. "If I turn to the east and look at the rising sun, what is behind me?" Boy—Yer shadder.

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