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GRANGERS NOT ALL POOLED.

The endorsement of the Canadian reciprocity measure by Pomona shows that it is impossible to fool all of the time. The grange politicians who look after the interests of our highly protected trusts, in their fight against reciprocity, have received some valuable assistance from the grangers who have been led to believe that farming interests would gain by the change.

The members of Pomona Grange must have been reading trade statistics instead of standard literature on the reciprocity matter. These statistics, compiled by the Government, show that Canada instead of threatening to flood this country with agricultural products finds a good market for them in exactly the same countries where the American surplus is marketed.

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In the year ending 1910, Canada bought from the United States \$1,717,747 worth of hams and \$1,118,000 worth of hams from Canada, and England bought \$413,654 worth. The Canadian bacon and hams will hardly ruin the business in the United States.

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These figures show conclusively that it was the foreign market that fixed prices both in this country and Canada and that the only effect possible, had Canada marketed the flour in the United States, would have been the sale of an additional \$2,000,000 worth of American flour in Europe.

The quality and price of the \$12,995,000 worth of flour which Europe took from the two countries was the same, the freight rates from producer to consumer were the same, so that absolutely no advantages would have been suffered by the Americans had they marketed the entire \$12,000,000 in flour, and in turn taken the \$3,000,000 worth which Canada sent to Europe.

As The Oregonian prophesied, the victory of the harems skirt is likely to be sweeping. Mrs. Belle Armstrong Whitney, a great luminary of money and fashion who shines upon New York with a dominant radiance, says that the Paris dressmakers are fabricating no other garments. We mean the truly elegant ones of course, the high waisted, long bodiced, old-fashioned gowns which enshroud the wearer like a tent.

The United States is making the present demonstration along the Mexican border for the same reason that it made repeated demonstrations on a smaller scale in the unfortunate republic of Nicaragua. This high official, Zelaya, plundered and disgraced until the limit of endurance by the people was reached. The United States, recognized and respected by all European powers for nearly 50 years, has been in a degree, master of the Western Hemisphere.

Americans, with the iniquities of Spain still fresh in their minds were overjoyed at the "interference" of the United States. After the dissolution of the Central American Federation, it became, in the interest of humanity and justice, fully as necessary for the United States to make use of the Monroe doctrine in protecting the different republics from each other, as it was to protect them collectively from the rapacity of the European powers.

This "intervention," which has never been in evidence except for the purpose of restoring peace, has always been welcomed by the better element in the various republics in which it has been applied. But the United States has no inclination or desire to absorb any of the territory lying south of us. We have had too many practical demonstrations of the kind of people with whom we would have to deal.

Ex-President Roosevelt denounces Governor Haskell as "unfit" and the Oklahoma Governor makes the reply that Roosevelt is a combination ass and jackass.

Yet we have something more than a vague impression that the special interests and the bribe-givers are flourishing in Oklahoma, despite its radical laws and its demagogue Governor. It was an Oklahoma Senator who made the sensational disclosure within the year, about the offer of a large bribe to promote certain legislation in the interest of certain Indian land legislation; and the resulting investigation showed that the Indians had made conditional contracts with a thirty gang of lawyers and lobbyists by which the latter were to get many million dollars if Congress acted favorably on the Indian claims.

Colonel Roosevelt at Chicago said in effect that the Oregon system would be judged by its results in wise measures and in public men, and it must rise or fall by that standard. Doubtless he had the same thought in mind when he denounced Haskell as the product of one system and Lorimer as the fruit of another.

This is Oregon weather, as they can testify who memorize the back and take in February and March days of half a century and more ago in the Willamette Valley.

Intending settlers, homebuilders and investors who are now reaching the Pacific Northwest by the thousands could not have had a more fortunate introduction to the abundant and active winter wheat than the one which they are given both the quantity and the energy of it were something portentous. He was a spiritual dynamo of great power.

St. Patrick lived in exciting times. Conversion depends upon at least two things, repenting of one's sins and forgetting them. A good man, whose the Saint deid had taken the first step, but not the second, which is often practically the more important. They still indulged themselves in the delights of piracy and in one of their raids the boy with all his belongings, the people among whom the Saint deid had taken the first step, but not the second, which is often practically the more important.

The plan of saving the Irish from their sins was no hasty concoction between Patrick and the Pope. He had long dreamed of it. No doubt during his years of slavery he had perceived a certain deficiency of the religious graces among the inhabitants of the Emerald Isle.

It would be immensely unpleasant to see Portland women sticking to the old, discredited tent style when all the rest of the world has adopted bloomers. The name "bloomers" for the up-to-date gown fits our taste better than the name "harem skirt."

Do women in the depths of their hearts love to be slaves? Is it for that reason that they retain the tent gown, symbolic of servitude, after essential liberty has been conquered for them? The memory of their fetters is dear after the chains themselves have been stricken off.

that reason that they retain the tent gown, symbolic of servitude, after essential liberty has been conquered for them? The memory of their fetters is dear after the chains themselves have been stricken off. So much for theory. As to practice we do hope that when women systematically adopt the bloomer style they will learn how to walk. Immersed in a tent a woman may swim, waddle or teeter without disgrace, but when once she exhibits her rather prolongations to the light of heaven she would learn to walk or bring upon herself the jeers of the heartless mob.

An unthinkable crime. The suggestion of the railroad representatives that some effort be made to extend the "gila" band to the thousands of colonists now reaching the city is a good one and should be promptly acted on.

What the qualities were which made St. Patrick a great missionary preacher it is difficult to ascertain. The materials for his biography are very scanty. His celebrated Confession throws some light upon his career, but in the main, like the Confessions of Augustine, it is occupied with his spiritual rather than with his temporal adventures.

There is no doubt that St. Patrick once walked the earth in considerable majesty of person and great power, but few would venture to say just when he was in Oregon. In the great German "Conversations-Lexikon" fixes his birth in the latter half of the fourth century. The Encyclopedia Britannica puts it half a century later, say about 411. We do not know just when he favored the work by his friends and his countrymen.

A Legislature which would not dare to repeal a law openly should not be construed to have done so "by implication." The Legislature has simply enough to answer for what having the judges look it up with fanciful ones it never intended to commit. When will our courts begin to decide lawsuits and leave legislation to the proper bodies?

When all is said and done the employees at the penitentiary know better than anybody else how things go on there. If they have anything to disclose the public ought to know it. They may not be impartial witnesses exactly, but who ever saw an impartial witness?

The fate of Barbara Holtzman reminds us of what may happen almost in broad daylight in a great city. A good check may be provided by the postal system by which voters who oppose laws passed by the Legislature may file a protest in the form of a simple postal card.

There may be nothing to the discredit of the ten grandsons of an aged woman at Forest Grove that they let her split her wood. Perhaps she needs the exercise.

Negroes who become strikebreakers in the trouble of the locomotive firemen in Tennessee may be taking a violent way of committing suicide.

Perhaps Spokane has been sufficiently enlightened and ruled by a clergyman Mayor, but the likelihood is he will be "worked" and not know it.

Leaving the tax collector's office is much like departing from the dentist's. The feeling of relief is great that the agony is over.

People with a hazy idea of the size of Klamath Falls can get a pointer from the fact that the city is about to get free mail delivery.

ALMOND TREES PROMISE PROFIT. Nut Expert Says Some Varieties Grow Well in Willamette Valley. HILLSBORO, Or., March 15.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian of today contains the following editorial: "It is a pity that some adventurous experimenter does not plant a few almond trees somewhere between Portland and Salem."

Responsive thereto, kindly permit me to say that when I first began experimenting in nut culture, some 22 years ago, I included all varieties of nuts, including butternuts, pecans, hickory nuts, filberts, chestnuts and almonds. It took me 15 years of preaching, writing and talking horticulture to get some adventurous spirits to plant walnuts.

It cannot be for want of knowledge as to the proper varieties, as in an article before it, published in The Oregonian some 16 years ago, and again in the fifth and sixth reports of the State Board of Horticulture, but it may take another decade before some one will plant almonds in the Willamette Valley on a commercial scale.

Farm work is reported well underway in the wheat belt. Conditions have been so favorable for Spring seeding that a large acreage will be added to the big area now in Winter wheat. As the Oregonian has said, the check bug never interferes with wheat in the Pacific Northwest, the bulls and the bears are as yet unable to get up any crop damage reports.

"Governor West," we hear from a friendly quarter, ought to have had more opponents and he would have vetoed more legislative bills. The Governor is doing so well in the way of increasing the opposition to him that very likely at the next legislative session he will have no opportunity to discriminate between the bills of his friends and his enemies by signing the one and vetoing the other.

THE DALLAS, Or., March 15.—(To the Editor.)—It is my opinion that the "Oregon system" was devised by some of our leading politicians for purposes of political capital, and has been followed by others because it was the easiest way to get into office.

THE DIRECT PRIMARY LAW would require every man to be personally acquainted with every other man in the state, and the initiative and referendum laws would require every man to be acquainted with every law that is passed and every crank may propose. If this could be so, it would no doubt be a fine thing, but it is not within the limits of human ability. You cannot compare a man by law to think.

I believe in letting the Legislature pass our laws, as it is hired to do, but not with unlimited authority. A check may be provided by the postal system by which voters who oppose laws passed by the Legislature may file a protest in the form of a simple postal card.

Name of Waldo Panning in Oregon. PORTLAND, March 16.—(To the Editor.)—In your editorial paragraph Wednesday morning relative to the death of Mrs. Mary Porter Logan at Salem a few days ago, it is stated that she was born in 1847, then a child of 3 years. This date is probably a misprint, since Daniel Waldo, her father, came here in 1843 and she was born in the hills.

The Holy Rollers have at last settled on an island in Puget Sound. All needed now is a convulsion of Nature.

Poor old Ben Tillman is getting into the shadow of the Valley of Death. That is a foe he cannot fight.

Production Cost Also High Says Teller of Long Experience. CLATSOP, March 15.—(To the Editor.)—I notice in The Sunday Oregonian an article under the heading "Portland Market for Produce High" with a table prepared by Mr. Beckwith, president of the Commercial Club comparing the prices of farm produce in 1907, 1908 and 1910 with the conclusion that the market price of potatoes, onions, mutton, veal, ham, turkeys, butter, eggs, cheese and poultry had advanced 31.4 per cent in eight years. The conclusion is that all these farm products have gone "ballooning" except turkeys, seem to be the correct.

Mr. Beckwith tells us it should be noted that these prices are wholesale. He calls particular attention to eggs and poultry. He asserts a "hen will rear ten chickens during the Summer and lay 12 dozen eggs during the rest of the year." He says that the minimum price of 25 cents a dozen. I note parenthetically that The Oregonian of Saturday, March 11, 1911, gave the price of eggs at 12 cents a dozen.

Mr. Beckwith quotes mutton in 1910 at 12 cents. I am credibly informed the Union Meat Company is selling mutton at the present price. It is not presumable that they are doing business for their health.

THE COST OF PRODUCTION of most of the articles in Mr. Beckwith's table has increased more than 31.4 per cent in eight years. Farm lands in the Cascades have advanced fully 50 per cent; horses suitable for profitable farming are 50 per cent higher; the cost of a cow, with the average fully estimated, it is something like the morning mist; it disappears with sunshine. Eight years ago the ordinary cow cost \$10, with board and now it is \$14, nominal, but \$10 a month does not represent the difference. Eight hours is a day's work for a cow, but a public meeting also for the State of Oregon for which we may thank the labor agitators and the politicians.

ARMY AND NAVY STRENGTH. PORTLAND, Or., March 14.—(To the Editor.)—The Government would be grateful for the following information: What is the size of our standing Army and Navy. EMMA B. FARMER.

DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE. PORTLAND, March 14.—(To the Editor.)—When is a resident of Oregon and has been deserted for a year, how long must he live in Oregon before applying for a divorce? Would he be required to reside in Oregon after? How long must one wait, or may divorced persons remarry at once in another state and return to Oregon for the purpose of remarrying in another state and live there? A SUBSCRIBER.

PROPERTY DEEDED JOINTLY. PORTLAND, March 16.—(To the Editor.)—Please answer in The Oregonian this question in controversy: A sells a piece of property to the wife of Mr. B. and Mrs. B. the wife has to go to any expense in the settlement of the estate, or is it hers to have at the death of the husband? A SUBSCRIBER.

REAL PROPERTY DEEDED TO HUSBAND AND WIFE becomes the property of the surviving spouse on the death of the other. The wife's rights are identical with the husband's. A SUBSCRIBER.

PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION. BRIDAL VELL OR, March 14.—(To the Editor.)—Can you tell me through the columns of The Oregonian who the superintendent and manager of the San Francisco Exposition is? For information write to Homer Bonshy, Merchants Exchange, San Francisco.

Timely Tales of the Day

"Have you any spare ribs?" was the question asked by a Portland business man recently, when he took down the telephone receiver to answer a call. For a moment the business man thought he was the subject of some joke, but the sweet voice that asked the question reassured him and he realized that there was some mistake, he had no spare ribs.

"No, madame, I am not Adam, and I am not willing to give up one of my ribs for any purpose." "Oh, I beg your pardon," was the prompt reply. "I thought I had Blanky meat market."

This incident brought forth a story about the Chief of Police of Oakland, Cal., some years ago, when asked over the telephone if he had any brains, grew furious and said some very impolite things to the lady who asked the question, before he discovered that she wanted a butcher shop and not the Chief of Police.

"Every time I read of my boyhood friend Senator Thomas H. Carter of Montana," said Harvey Beckwith, manager of the Wells-Fargo Company and thought he was the subject of some joke, but the sweet voice that asked the question reassured him and he realized that there was some mistake, he had no spare ribs.

"You see Tom and I came of the same blood," said Harvey Beckwith, manager of the Wells-Fargo Company and thought he was the subject of some joke, but the sweet voice that asked the question reassured him and he realized that there was some mistake, he had no spare ribs.

"Well, I'll tell you, Tom; I am a little bit of a task and clean are the-for-a-dollar and drinks two bits apiece, I've got to have something to do to keep from dying from thirst."

"Freemasonry among tobacco-users is a remarkable thing," says Representative Seneca Pouty. "One who chews or smokes will always find accommodation of his needs among utter strangers. In the Second Oregon regiment we had an Englishman who was not aware of this fact and made the best possible use of it. He was by way of being tight-fisted, and deposited all his wages with an Englishman, depending on the charity of his comrades for his supply of tobacco through the month. He had used the expression Gimme a chew so often that it became second nature with him."

"One stormy night when we were on the line outside of Manila, I was in command of an outpost, and the enemy was the enemy on post. A party of bushwhackers crept down upon him and when he fired his rifle to alarm the outpost and called him back amid a storm of bullets sent after him by the main body. One day I felt Connelly vaulted over the low trench in which we lay, and panted: "Sergeant, they're coming for Heaven's sake gimme a chew!"

Joseph Anderson is a master printer and he hails from Sacramento. In Portland the other day he wrote the envy of a number of fellow printers. "I have the best foreman to be found in any printing office in the world," he said. "He believes in the office and to him it is the only spot on the earth. Once a year I give him a bunch of money to go off and brush the cobwebs off-got new ideas in the printing business. Every time he comes back he turns back part of the money given him."

"That is a wonderful trait for a printer," said the writer. "On my part, so good about his work and his faithfulness that I said: "Tom, I'm going to raise your wages," he said. "I'll give you a raise of \$100. He said: 'Joe, don't you think you had better buy new type with the money?'"

FEATURES OF THE MAGAZINE SECTION OF THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN. "Revivified Battleship Oregon Will Be Stationed at Home." Illustrated.

"The Little Lady From Servia" by E. Phillips Oppenheim. "The Adventures of Mr. Peter Ruff" series. Illustrated. "Successful Americans Who Have Bucked Hard Luck." Illustrated.

"Centenary of the Eagle's Birth Recalls Sad Tale." Illustrated. "The Country Boy," by Homer Davenport. Illustrated by the author. "Cap Anson's Forty Years in Baseball." Illustrated. "Normal Living and Hard Work Reforming Hundreds." Illustrated. "Trousers Skirt Creates Furor in Paris." Illustrated. "Heir to Russia's Throne Shows Autocratic Spirit." Illustrated. "Dashing Fire Heroes Give Way to Auto Fire Engines." "Woman Must Now Be Gymnast to Follow Fashion Hints," by Mrs. F. S. Myers. Two children's pages. "Widow Wise," "Sambo" and "Mr. Twee Deedle," in the comic section. Women's pages and an illustrated page of the latest Paris styles.