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WHEAT SECRETARY FISHER FOUND.

Secretary Fisher has returned from Alaska with a mass of misconceptions about that territory brushed away and a true conception formed of the wealth of that territory and of what is needed to secure its development.

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Gleanings of the Day

From The Oregonian, Sept. 8, 1901.

The "down with the middleman" movement has been carried so far by the Pennsylvania farmers that they are arranging to rent 3,000,000 feet of floor space in the Bush stores, at Brooklyn, to which they will ship their garden truck, and to have it sent thence to 400 stores throughout New York City.

The movement is backed by the State Grange, the 6,000 members of which have each pledged \$100 to the scheme, making a working capital of \$600,000.

Patrick Egan, ex-minister to Chile, addressing a delegation of Pennsylvania farmers which is inaugurating the scheme, said that the potatoes for which consumers paid \$60,000,000 last year netted the farmers less than \$3,500,000.

Cabbages which sold in this city for \$5,525,000 brought the farmers but \$1,800,000. Milk, which sold to consumers for from \$48,000,000 to \$48,000,000, brought the farmers \$23,000,000.

Eggs that cost the consumers \$29,000,000 brought to the farmers but \$11,900,000, while onions sold for \$31,000,000 while onions sold for \$3,000,000.

The difference went to the railroads and the middlemen.

A law has just taken effect in New York State which permits the destruction of any commercial sign in a highway of the state.

The Asquith government has promised to give ample time at the next session of Parliament to the conciliation bill, which will allow about 1,000,000 out of the 12,000,000 British women to vote.

A great danger to the bill comes from the members who would amend it by providing that all adults of both sexes be allowed to vote.

As the women outnumber the men by about 1,000,000, this would give women control of the government.

The well-to-do women and the married women almost entirely. It enfranchises two categories of women: (1) The householder, who will account for about 55 per cent of the whole of the new electorate, will get a vote if she inhabits any house, or a part of a house, even if it be a single room.

However low its value, provided she has full control over it. (2) The occupier of premises valued at \$50 a year. This will bring in the small shopkeeper or the typewriter who has an office of her own.

It also enables women living together in a house to rank as joint occupiers, provided the house is worth \$50 a year for each occupier.

The provision for married women says if the wife is registered as a householder, she will get a vote if she has full control over it.

Elaborate plans for organizing a "back to the farm" movement have been prepared by the National Association of State Immigration officials.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian, Sept. 8, 1901.

The Road to Lafayette—We can ascertain that we are approaching Portland, coming on this road, by its bad condition. It has numerous holes, which will be equal to Bunyan's "Slough of Despond" when the Fall and Winter rains set in.

These holes could easily be filled with earth and the road made good. Some of the bridges are in a very dangerous condition.

Common Council—A petition from sundry citizens, praying for the construction of a sewer in the south part of the city, to convey water, which flows from the public square over portions of the streets, into the river, was read and referred to committee.

There was a large gathering of citizens on Saturday evening to bear an address from Senator Nesmith, Mr. Nesmith, Mr. Logan, Mr. Farrar and Mr. Holman addressed the meeting, everything passed off satisfactorily.

We have a report of the proceedings, which we shall give tomorrow morning.

The alarm of fire on Saturday night was caused by the burning of an unoccupied log house on Third street, owned by J. E. Burk. It was not doubt the work of an incendiary.

Gov. Whitteaker arrived on Saturday evening.

COAL TRADE OF PACIFIC COAST

Government Figures Show That Present Consumption Is Not Large.

The fuel requirements of the Pacific Coast and the methods of meeting them are of especial interest at the present time because of the agitation in regard to the development or non-development of the coal resources of Alaska.

The report of the production of coal in 1910 by E. W. Parker, coal statistician of the United States Geological Survey, now in preparation, will contain some interesting statements on this subject.

The present consumption of coal on the Pacific Coast, says Mr. Parker, is not large and the successful operation of an coal mines in Alaska will depend on the price of coal.

California, Oregon and Washington average about 10,000,000 tons of coal in 1910. The total consumption of coal in California, Oregon and Washington in 1910 was 18,000,000 barrels.

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The principal source of coal supply for the Pacific Coast is the State of Washington, the output of both California and Oregon being at present small.

In 1909 the total production of coal in Washington was 4,500,000 tons and in 1910 the production of coal in Washington was 6,270,000 tons.

The imports of bituminous coal amounted to 72,045 tons, and of anthracite to 2,115 tons.

Country Town Sayings by Ed Howe

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Willingness to work is only the beginning of the struggle, keeping at it is where most of us fail.

One man willing to do things is worth a million willing to suggest things.

A man who isn't living properly with his wife is always an object of suspicion.

If I were a schoolteacher, I wouldn't stand being called a pedagogue for \$50 a month.

Tastes are about evenly divided. Half the people want their pickles sour; and the other half want them sweet.

A letter is all right in a way, but a telegram is the real thing.

If you give a man an unnecessary kick, he will "lay for you," and get even. Do him a real kindness, and he will pay that back, too.

What has become of the old-fashioned stingy man of whom it was said he would skin a flea for its hide and tail?

A man is entitled to what he can get, as a fighter enters the prize ring, and gets the decision by "fighting according to Marquis of Queensberry rules." But strictly obey the rules, or you may land in jail.

I wish people would quit expanding expansion and pay more attention to the reduction of county, city and township taxes. Taxes will multiply and become greater than our prosperity, unless something is done.

Brad's Bit 'o' Verse

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When people trample on his rights, the full-grown guy stands up and fights; he uses gun or club or boot on any militant galoot who dares to monkey with his plan or intimate he's not a man; he swells up with offended pride if you his wildest views deride; and should you give advice to him, he'd swear your face and douse your gim.

But how about the little kids? Their lives are hemmed by endless lids; they're hedged about with ancient rules invented by some wise old fools who never took the time to train a child, except by grief and pain. Some parents have the nagging bug, and some use saplings, like a thug; were I a child and had to choose, I'd take the sapling and the brute, I'd rather live in stone lone and rest my head upon a gonest—'d rather go about in rags than be the butt of acids and nags.

You ranting folk, let's have a word—out out that habit so absurd; get next to that small, trustful heart and give your child a decent start. The great wide world of strife and brawl will soon allure him with its call; his life with you shows he's joy, with love and hope without alloy, and home should be a pleasant spot whose memory will have no blot.

Reel Mixed Metaphor From France. Fall Mail Gazette. The latest mixed metaphor comes from France. It is worthy of being placed on record. The occasion of it was a dock strike at Rochefort, the dockers being filled with indignation because the authorities refused them a fortnight's holiday on full pay, and this is how their spokesman rendered the ancient sentiment that worms will turn. "Ever since the strike," he exclaimed, "when the fierce blasts of indignation makes its fleece bristle up on end, feels that it must thrust out its talons and scratch."

Where Newport Beats Chicago. Louisville Courier-Journal. In Chicago women get alimony. In Newport they get the cash in advance of the wedding in a lump sum and live luxuriously ever afterward.

Fables in Slang and Sherlock Holmes

IN THE— SUNDAY OREGONIAN

The Second Fable in George Ade's new series will appear tomorrow. It is the 1911 fable of the hair and the hearse and the heir-to-be. "Better than his first fables," is the verdict of those who have read the first of the noted humorist's latest work.

The Adventure of the Crooked Man—In this Sherlock Holmes memoir the brilliant detective character has a mystery worthy of his steel with which to deal. Complete, with illustrations.

Public Men as Hunters—Some of our leading men take to the woods at this season in any way interested about hunting will enjoy their hunting experiences.

Are Women Becoming More Beautiful?—This subtle topic is taken up in a masterly half-page article that covers the subject of beautiful women from the dawn of history to the present.

Bogus Decorations—How wily French grafters dispose of counterfeit orders to covetous and gullible Americans. Half page, illustrated.

Music—Another song hit, "The Song of the Foam Is Home, Sweet Home." Baritone and bass solo. Chasing Chinese Pirates—A thrilling account of an American correspondent's adventure with real live pirates, up-river from Canton.

The Desert's Gold—A short story by Robert Roberts; a tale of fortune-seekers and tragedy.

Spread of the Boy Scout Movement—A half page, illustrated, on the vital scout movement that is coming to mean big things to Young America.

Widow Wise—The fashionable and susceptible widow has a new adventure with envious rivals in Paris.

MANY OTHER FEATURES