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SOUTHERN PACIFIC SHOULD ACT.

In his address to the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. S. B. Cobb showed that the principal industry of Oregon is suffering paralysis through failure of the Southern Pacific company.

When President Sproule appeared before the Public Utilities Commission last October he promised more cars. Since then the supply of cars has been increased 3 per cent. It will only half as great as the lumber industry demands.

In explanation it is said that the reason for the shortage of cars in the Middle West has caused the Eastern roads to commandeer the cars of the Southern Pacific and other Western roads.

It is made unlawful by the bill to keep open any place of business in Oregon on Sunday. Exceptions are made, among them drug stores, hotels, restaurants and places for the sale and delivery of milk or cream.

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against the tendency of food to decay quickly in the presence of heat. Man lives to great ages under extraordinary variations of climate and also in the temperate zone—but they are mostly men who, according to their environment, live simple lives.

INTERESTING, QUITE INTERESTING. The revelations at the Congressional hearing into the leak, which sundry statements and their own friends have said did not exist and which therefore no one in his senses ought to try and uncover, for fear it might be found, may be fairly described as interesting.

The stock brokerage firm, of which Brother-in-Law Bolling is a member, sent to its New York correspondent a confidential message accurately forecasting the favor of the tariff.

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the execution of the trust under which congress holds these lands rests with congress alone. It is apparent, however, that if the state asserted sovereignty the Supreme Court would be compelled to give a more detailed consideration to the question. The proposal that Oregon assert its sovereign right to tax the so-called Government lands which formerly constituted the railroad grant seems to give Government authorities more concern than would be expected there were nothing to the issue except the provisions of the enabling act providing that Oregon should never tax Government land.

During the reconstruction period, Europe will spend billions of dollars in the United States, but will use its purchases to make itself economically independent of us and to put itself in the best position to compete with us, not only in foreign markets but in our own domestic market.

Why Tipping Persists. The non-tipping habit of certain New York restaurateurs and hotel proprietors indicates that the public is far from blameless for the continued existence of the tipping evil.

No Regrets. The lawyers of New York the other night gave a banquet in welcome of Charles Evans Hughes back to the practice of the law. It was a distinguished occasion, and the tribute to the ex-Governor, ex-justice and ex-candidate was obviously sincere and unqualified.

Another Blue Law. Representative Gore, who is nominally the author of the newest proposal at Salem for a Sunday-closing law, takes care to inform the world at large that the measure was introduced by the idea of certain highly respectable grocers as to how Sunday should be observed by all—grocers and non-grocers.

Europe's Need for Reconstruction. The nature of American export trade after the war will be determined largely by the needs of the belligerents. Those whose territory has been the scene of hostilities and has been occupied by an enemy will need to reconstruct almost everything and to renew supplies of raw materials, livestock, seeds.

Major H. W. Patton assumes control today of the Hoquiam Washington as lessee and manager. Honorable Albert Johnson remains as president of the corporation.

Coal Oil Not Dandruff Cure. Scalp Diseases Seldom Alike and Specialist Should Be Consulted. VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 30.—(To the Editor.)—Will the application of coal oil to the scalp determine whether or not the scalp is dandruff?

Questions in Civil Government. THOMAS, Or., Jan. 29.—(To the Editor.)—Please print the names of the following: (1) Present speakers of both houses at Salem. (2) German Ambassador to the United States. (3) Speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington. (4) United States Senator from Oregon. (5) United States Representatives from Oregon. (6) Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Year When Cold Killed Wheat. Mr. Geer Recalls Willamette Valley's Experience in 1833. PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—(To the Editor.)—Although the month of February may have forgotten the year, they will all remember the time when a very severe "spell" of weather in the Willamette Valley the year was 1832.

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in each of the rival alliances will work in co-operation and against the interests of the public. If the plans of economic alliance should be followed, each alliance will practice tariff discrimination in favor of its members as against the opposing alliance and, in a less degree, against neutrals.

Stars and Starmakers. By Leone Cass Baker. WALTER DUGGAN was in Portland last week, leaving Monday night for Seattle. He is ahead of a corking show—"Hit the Trail Holiday"—one of the Cohen-Harris successes of last season.

Reply to V. G.—Elsie Ferguson is married to Thomas B. Clarke. Her wedding occurred last June. Yes, she was a divorcee when she was married to Mr. Clarke.

It may interest Portland people to know that Elsie Ferguson's company is Corinne Barker, Portland girl, noted for her beauty. An amusing story, all about Miss Barker's dog, Sen Tu, appears in Reunold Wolf's column in the New York Morning Telegraph.

Mr. Bryan's complaint that Army and Navy officers are lionized in Washington to the exclusion of civilian officials seems peevish. Does Mr. Bryan feel piqued by some slight which he suffered in Washington?

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Actor killed his wife and the Judge sentenced him to prison for a period "not longer than his natural life." Guess there must have been extenuating circumstances.

Didys read about that chap named Ora One, who, with his bride, got married all in black? Headline said he was a designer of ladies' hats.

On second consideration maybe she means a woman of other woman's hands. In any event any woman who wears such a thing is a disgrace to her country.

An interesting bit of gossip is that Francis Wilson, the comedian, is soon to marry Miss Bruns, a leading woman in "The Bachelor's Baby," to the woman whom he started on the road to stardom.

Edna E. Bruns owes her stage career now to Francis Wilson than to anybody else besides herself. It was he who gave her her first chance in New York, after she had given up singing in a St. Louis church choir.

Why not parade the Oregon boys on their return and make every spectator a yell leader this time? Any concession made to a shipbuilding plant is a help to Portland prosperity.

Alaska soon must be content with the sour dough, minus the sour mash. Portland people, like sinners, stand in slippery places. Mr. Groundhog will need an overcoat tomorrow.

RESERVES USURP STATE RIGHTS California Jurist Says Federal Government Exceeds Authority. Discussing the "enormous reserves which the United States Government is carrying out of lands within the territorial limits of the United States, and which, from the nature of the reserves, it is apparent the United States intends to hold in perpetuity," F. W. Henshaw, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California, in a letter to the San Francisco Examiner, has shed light on an important phase of the legal rights involved in the question.

"The question is of transcendent importance to all of the Western and intermontaine states. I was called upon to touch briefly on certain phases of it in an opinion of our court—Deseret, etc., Co. vs. State of California, 157 Cal. 447.

There are certain vital facts which are that each state retains all of its sovereignty, saving so much of it as has been expressly or by necessary implication been conferred upon the Government of the United States.

Another legal proposition of great significance is that, when a territory is admitted into the Union as a state, upon the instant it is vested with every right which belongs to the original States, and the question is not complicated by considerations of what the United States may or may not do naturally with the general reserve of the trust itself.

While it owns these lands as proprietor, its duty is in time, when population and other conditions permit to make a grant of the lands to the public, and before a state is erected, it may be conceded that it may set aside for the general public, various reserves for the benefit of the Indians, and for the purpose of small portions for military and naval purposes, of other insignificant portions as homes for the Indians, were actually taken from the general reserve of the trust itself.

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In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of February 1, 1892. Mentone, Eng., Jan. 31.—Dr. Charles H. Spurgeon, noted writer and preacher, died here at 11 o'clock tonight.

George U. Piper, one of the proprietors of the Seattle Free-Press, is in the city. "Senator" W. J. Morgan, who left here last August for New York to assist Professor T. W. Eck in managing the international bicycle tournament in Madison Square Garden, returned yesterday.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of February 1, 1867. London.—It is reported Prussia has asked Austria why troops are being concentrated in Galicia.

Governor Cummings, of Colorado, is in Washington opposing the admission of Colorado as a state. Washington—Senator Washburn has introduced a bill for the removal of the National Capital near the center of population.

E. M. Waite and Miss Louise Breyman, of Marion County, were married here last night at Salem by Right Rev. Bishop Scott.

Mr. A. Sprague appeared with the Tanner troupe for the first time last night at Oro Fino Hall and made a decided hit.

DISCIPLINARY VALUE OF STUDY Habits of Accuracy and Right Thinking Always Valuable. PORTLAND, Jan. 30.—(To the Editor.)—I have been reading a long article on the controversial subject of the disciplinary value of the various school subjects for the reason that I have been laboring through the works of Munsierburg, Hall, etc., in search of corroboration of the statements advanced by the teachers in the Albany City Council, but he would have relieved me greatly had he been more specific in his references.

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