

If the state owes the children a public education, it must deliver the goods, and leave their health in a condition for them to enjoy it.

The twenty minutes which the presidential party will probably spend in Pendleton, should be so crowded with hearty Western welcome that even Roosevelt will wonder how it was done.

The railroad corporations are now directing national legislation on the canal bill. It is very accommodating in the trusts to step aside for a moment and let the oppressed railroads have a few words to say.

Will R. King has sold the Ontario Democrat, one of the live exchanges of Eastern Oregon, to J. R. Gregory, who has been in Mr. King's employ for some time.

Oregon now begins to feel the result of past corruption. If the school lands of this state had not been originally exploited by politicians and grafters, the irreducible school fund would now be so great that interest from it would meet all school requirements and a school tax levy would now be unknown.

Oregon rejoices in the beginning of active operations on the great national irrigation sites in Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, Arizona and Utah.

The referendum petitions sent out by the Baker county mining men, asking for the submission of the portage road bill and the corporation tax bill to a popular vote, have all been recalled, on account of mistakes in their construction.

Office holdings, under a government which changes its chief executive and heads of departments every four years, is an unsatisfactory occupation.

It is an unjust comparison to make in the question of school expenses in Pendleton district, to say: "Why, the levy was only four mills, six or seven years ago; now it is ten."

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RANGE AND FARM CONFLICT.

One of the most alarming brief letters ever written on the subject of civilization, has just been sent by "Buffalo Bill" to President Roosevelt.

The letter is short, but the solution of questions involved in it, is destined to rearrange the entire industrial life of the Pacific Coast states.

The letter is as follows: "London, March 3.—The Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, Washington, D. C. For the benefit of future generations, the timber, and especially the underbrush, must be protected now before it is too late.

What is President Roosevelt going to do about it? What are the American people going to do about it? The land and the stock are resources of the world.

The problem is one that staggers the legislators now seeking its solution. Both pursuits are legitimate.

What is Mr. Roosevelt going to do? An answer to the perplexing question would relieve the Pacific Coast of a burden of anxiety that becomes more acute each year.

Few homesteads are being located on the Echo irrigation reservation. The risk that was anticipated has failed to come to pass.

Notwithstanding the fact that five tons of alfalfa hay can be raised each year on every acre of that reservation, which can be irrigated, settlers are slow to exercise the land privilege they possess.

The reason for this hesitancy is apparent. The Echo irrigation reservation lands can be taken only by homestead entry.

To make a home upon it, and keep a family there for two or three years while waiting for the slow process of government irrigation to come to fruition, is out of the question.

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THE PANAMA ROUTE.

The United States government pays the Panama Canal Company \$40,000,000 for the work already done on the canal.

It will cost \$140,000,000 to complete the work. Colombia gets \$25,000,000 for the right of way, and in addition an annual payment of \$100,000 for a period of 100 years.

The total cost of the canal, according to estimates now made, is \$215,000,000, and the cost of maintaining it and policing it will reach \$2,000,000 a year, if the present plans are carried out.

The government could have secured a perpetual grant from Nicaragua. The cost of the canal over that route was estimated at \$60,000,000.

The United States will build a canal. There is no doubt on that point, but is the Panama route best for this government? Has not the French company of Panama assisted by the congress of the United States, unloaded a gold brick on the people?

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