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To one who reflects, there is something very shocking in these decorations of war. If men must fight, let them wear the badges which become their cranes. It would shock us to see a hangerman dressed out in scarf and epaulettes, and marching with merry music to the place of punishment. The soldier has a sadder work than that of the hangman. His office is not to dispatch occasionally a single criminal; he goes to the slaughter of thousands as free from crime as himself. The sword is worn as an ornament, and yet its use is to pierce the heart of a fellow creature. As well might the butcher parade before his knife, or the executioner his ax or halberd.—Channing.

The Northwest states are well supplied with conventions this fall. The Trans-Mississippi congress in Seattle, the International Mining congress in Deadwood City, South Dakota, the O. R. & N. encampment now in session in San Francisco, and the Irrigation congress at Ogden, September 15-18, will furnish showers of oratory and enthusiasm for the next two months.

In spite of the murderous feudists, the courts of Kentucky have done their duty toward Jett and White, and some semblance of justice has been meted out to them, in a life sentence to each. If the money that has been spent prosecuting feudists in this grand old state, had been spent in public improvements, we would be twenty years in advance of her present condition.

The wheat yield of the Athena district is so satisfactory that it is not in order to mention this as an "off" year. The reports from the harvest field, showing returns of from 35 to 55 bushels per acre, are not to be classed with short crop reports. Other portions of the county may show a slight shortage in the yield, but in the true wheat belt, where the bulk of the Umatilla county crop always grows, there is no serious decrease in the usual yield. And what adds to the good condition this year is the fact that the price is 20 cents higher than usual.

The announcement that the Sumpter Valley road will be bought by the O. R. & N., was evidently made by some person not familiar with the business instincts of the average Mormon. The Sumpter Valley road has the record of being the best paying line of railroad operated in the Pacific coast region, and no Mormon is going to sell a proposition of that kind. The O. R. & N. would doubtless buy it, if it were possible. It would buy twenty dollar gold pieces, if it could, as would any other wide-awake business institution, but the Sumpter Valley is not making any reduction on the price just now.

It is said by the members of the Associated Press that this corporation is simply a private news gathering institution, without any inclination to discuss public questions in the daily news. That this claim is untrue, and that the Associated Press does inject public opinion into news, it is only necessary to follow the press account of General Miles' trip from Washington to San Francisco, as every opportunity there, the Associated Press dispatches refer to Miles' attitude toward the president, and the dishonor which Miles' exposure of the best scandals and the Philippine cruelties, has brought upon his uniform. The institution is the mouthpiece of the money power and the administration, and seeks to mould public opinion, through sources of authentic news reports at every opportunity.

The county seat fight in Union county brings to mind the fact that the pioneer aspect of the West is passing away, and the permanency of well organized and well regulated government, suited to the convenience and needs of the people, is succeeding the first efforts at state building made by the pioneers. As the country settles up, and the centers of population change from one locality to another, it becomes necessary to change the boundaries of counties and states to meet the advancing needs of civilized society. Portions of different Eastern Oregon counties have been annexed, added to and taken from the original boundaries, until the entire face of the map has been changed. As new towns and new settlements spring up and new roads and conveniences are established, it becomes a part of progress to change the seats of county government to suit the greatest number of people. It is not all jealousy and selfish interest that actuates these changes—it is fate, progress, or whatever you may call that silent process which transforms the face of the earth, always for the best.

TO FIGHT THE COMBINE.

The woolgrowers of Oregon are going "to fight the devil with fire" at the coming annual meeting in Baker City on September 11-15.

The National Livestock Association has begun a crusade against the beef trust, and all the kindred organizations will gladly join the ranks. In order to successfully free the stockman from the octopus of the trust, the association has determined to establish a system of rival packing plants from San Francisco to Chicago, at such points as offer the greatest advantages, these plants to be operated by the association, and all the Western stock to be bought and used by them, instead of being sold at a sacrifice to the trust.

The scheme is a gigantic one and is intended to rid the country of the beef trust, or bring it to terms of trade which will permit the stockman to live and follow his occupation.

It should have the sanction of every stock association in the entire country, as well as the retail dealers and the public. The trust is a curse to all of them. It deals unjustly, alike with the man who raises beef and the man who eats it. It forces down the price of the grower's product and forces up the price of the consumer's meat, until the entire population of the country is in its grasp. It pays what it wills for the live animals in the great market centers, and fixes, arbitrarily, the price of meat to the retail trader in Delaware, 10 times the price of the live animal in the Chicago and Omaha markets today than was paid one year ago, while the price of meat to the consumer has been advanced two cents a pound in that time.

The plan proposed by the National Association is a feasible one. It has all the features of a plain business deal, and can be carried to successful termination if all the stock associations give their assistance to it. If money can be raised and the system of packing plants once established, the doom of the beef trust would be forever sealed. The stockgrower would be the autocrat of the meat country, both on the range and on the retail trade.

The trust is paying \$12 per head less for fat cattle in the Chicago and Omaha markets today than was paid one year ago, while the price of meat to the consumer has been advanced two cents a pound in that time.

The plan proposed is to make each individual stockman a shareholder in the giant concern. It would be cooperative from the ground up, and whatever profits might accrue from its operation would be distributed back to the grower, instead of going to foreign stockholders not interested in the development of the range country.

The proceeds of the business would form a continuous chain of development, for as the business increased it would become necessary for the stockmen owning the concern to improve herds, produce more livestock, and furnish more finished product to the plants, which in view of the reasonable prices made to the public, would be taxed to their utmost capacity, to keep pace with a growing trade.

The money invested in the stock business would pay double dividend—one on the production of live animals on the range and one on the business transacted by the plant handling the animals, in the retail market. It would do away with the necessity of middle men, who now handle the output of the range, between the grower and the buyer.

It would settle the question of exorbitant commission and terminal yards charges. It would place the stockgrower in direct touch with his market and would place the public in direct touch with the producer of the livestock. The enormous dividends now enriching the trust, would remain in circulation among the producers of the range.

The Oregon Woolgrowers' Association should make this subject the chief topic of discussion, after the strictly local issues are disposed of. It is the only salvation for the stockman. Co-operation is the only possible relief for any trust-cursed industry, and the establishment of the system of packing plants would be a forerunner of others, which would in time settle all the vexed questions now holding the Westerner's nose on the monopolistic grindstone, transportation included.

Tolstol's book, "Thou Shalt Not Kill," has been ordered suppressed by the emperor of Germany, and the plates in a German publishing house destroyed. The reason for this suppression, is an alleged attack by Tolstol, on Emperor William, which, in that august ruler's mind, constitutes high treason. The short-sighted William could not have advertised the book in a more highly successful manner, and now every German who has never read the book will buy a copy clandestinely, and burn midnight oil, if a person wishes to secure a successful run for a publication, all the advertising necessary, is to have it suppressed by some high authority. Its fame is then complete.

The Spokane Chronicle bids farewell to the gambling fraternity which has been put out of business in the State of Washington, in the following manner, which applies to every city in the West: "Take it all in all, Spokane can well afford to say a long farewell to the gambling dens. There's plenty of honest use for the laborer's wages, the farm hand's earnings and the clerk's salary—plenty of good things for sale in the stores, plenty of lots waiting for little homes to be built upon them, plenty of room in the banks for more deposits, plenty of chances for safe investments that will help to lift the fellow at the foot of the ladder up to the level of the successful business man."

It is stated by a magazine writer, that Edward VII. has all at once become the most affectionate husband in England. He spends all his time in the company of his wife, and has just realized what a wonderful woman she is. Probably the reason for this change in his manner is that he is slow to keep up with the race

COLLEGE BOYS AT WORK.

The harvest leveled all social barriers, and at the same time raised the standard of living in the country. The sturdy college man whose mighty muscles won him glory on the football field worked with the country lad whose distinction lay in the fact that he had shocked 20 acres of wheat in a day, and rubbed elbows with the Mississippi levee hand temporarily turned harvester, slept at night in the cool of the open beside some laborer, with only a wagon overhead as shelter from the dew, and felt better for it.

And all of these, the college man, the levee hand, the country lad, and the Mississippi hand, had their employer set a table that would stand in abundance and quality, the fare of many a house that attracts the summer boarder.

Harvest hands in companies of 100 and 200, were sent out from employment agencies in the states adjacent to Kansas to various points in the wheat belt. Just before the harvest some farmers found themselves needing more help. Then the farmer used all the gulls and promises at his command to induce men to stop with him instead of journeying to the point to which they were ticketed. Harvest hands who ventured on to the platform of some railway station while the engine took water, were there kidnapped by the farmers, who used force to hold them until the train had gone.

The farmer who raises hundreds of acres of wheat always secures his full quota of harvest hands from colleges. He prefers the collegians, and says that they are more intelligent and trustworthy help, and he selects them in preference to some other classes of men able to do more work each day. "When I was a boy," says the farmer, "I used to get my wheat Harvest in Kansas," by Philip Eastman, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for August.

FACTS ABOUT GIANTS.

That very few of the giants who have ever lived have been healthy or formed researches beyond a doubt. All we know about Goliath is that he was very tall, but in the second Book of Kings we read about another giant, who had more fingers than an ordinary human being, and, according to modern scientists, this is invariably a token of degeneracy. M. Denzell saw at Milan, a giant who was so tall that his body filled two beds at night, but whose legs were so weak that he could hardly stand upright. William Evans, the gigantic porter of Chelsea, has little strength, and Cromwell's porter, another giant, ended his days in a lunatic asylum. Finally O'Brien, the Irish giant, has been described as "an enormous sick child who grew up too fast."

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GENERAL NEWS.

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The Union Veterans national encampment at Rochester, N. Y., yesterday passed resolutions strongly endorsing General Miles and commending his acts of administration.

It is claimed that all the dissensions in Tammany Hall have been patched up in readiness for the next presidential campaign, and that the order will then present an unbroken front.

Investigation discloses that F. J. Kohler, the missing treasurer of the City Trust & Banking Company, of Baltimore, loaned to himself \$154,000 of the company's funds. The firm was wrecked.

To curtail expenses the syndicate owning and controlling the cotton manufacturing business in Fall River, Mass., will next week shut down several mills, throwing 5,000 people out of employment.

To keep the 100 or so ships of the International Mercantile Marine Company painted in first-class shape, requires the painting of 2,250 acres of surface every year, at a cost of between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

Marie Buchanan, of Cheyenne, a 16-year-old girl, is said to have absorbed all the learning she can get from American instructors on the violin, and will pursue her studies in Bohemia. She is said to be a musical genius.

Frauds and carelessness in the water department have cost New York City \$1,000,000. Officials sold for nominal fees (which they pocketed) almost unlimited water privileges to those who had a "stand in" with them.

Allen & Lord, of Monmouth, N. J., brought suit against a tenant who moved out of one of their dwellings before contract time had expired. The tenant won the suit on the grounds that he was chased out of the house by bedbugs.

Russia still proposes to "evacuate" Manchuria. In the field of interna-

NORTHWEST NEWS.

A 10-ton ice plant and cold storage warehouse will be built at Oregon City this season.

Howard Kresley, a bank clerk of Spokane, was arrested for forgery at Great Falls, Mont., Friday.

E. A. McPherson, who has been first warden at the Salem penitentiary for a number of years, has resigned the position.

Edward Swanson, a car repairer of Livingston, Mont., was instantly killed Friday, by being cut in twain by a moving train.

The fruit crop of Medford is the greatest in the history of the district. The first shipment of Bartlett pears will be made next Monday.

William D. English, one of the foremost democrats of California, died Friday at Oakland, as the result of an operation for appendicitis.

Although diligent search has been made, no trace of Mrs. Parkhurst and ex-convict Riley, who eloped from Portland, has yet been found.

Solomon Baker, an inmate of St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, tried to commit suicide Friday by slashing his throat with a penknife on the street.

The African Methodist church, of the Pacific Coast, which will hold an annual conference in Spokane, on August 19, will pass strong resolutions against mob law.

Harry Twooms, a Tumwater Indian, was killed at The Dalles, Sunday morning, by an O. R. & N. train. He was sitting on the track and refused to move until too late to escape.

The Lewiston city council passed an ordinance, Saturday night, granting a franchise to a street car company. James Trainer and Fred DeBole are the promoters of the scheme.

The members of the Oregon O. A. R. attending the national encampment at San Francisco, are in favor of General John C. Black, ex-commissioner of pensions, for commander.

All gambling houses have been closed in Ontario, Ore. The town had become infested with toughs, to such an extent that the city authorities had to make some effort to get rid of them.

The Portland police prevented Diavoli, the "loop the loop" artist, from carrying a young lady on his shoulders around the city, Saturday. Fully 20,000 people had collected to see the performance.

Robert Howard, engineer on the steamer Arrow, was murderously assaulted by Ed Rogers, head cook on the vessel, at the Seattle dock Thursday morning. Rogers cut Howard on the head with a heavy cleaver.

The strongest castle could be reduced by siege if the strongest body has to give up the fight against starvation than the world dreams of. When the stomach is diseased and the food eaten is not digested and assimilated, then the strength of the body begins to fall because of lack of nutrition, and the weak body falls an easy victim to the microbes of disease.

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