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THURSDAY Aug. 3, 1905

Different parts of this section were visited by heavy rain storms Sunday and Tuesday. They will benefit the gardens very materially.

A few fellows without a clear insight into the peculiar fitness of things are agitating changing the nickname of Oregon from the "Webfoot" state to the "Rose" state. Of course Webfoot does not sound so poetic or sentimental as Rose, but it should be remembered that if it were not for the bounteous rains of Oregon there would be no roses, and we would have no right to the name of Webfoot. We fellows with webs 'tween our toes have a sort of affection for the old name which nothing new could occasion.

Hon. W. W. Cotton, of Portland, who was named by President Roosevelt for the vacancy in the federal judgeship in Oregon, created by the death of Judge Bellinger, has declined the appointment. Mr. Cotton has for a number of years been chief counsel for the Harriman lines in the Northwest, and it is probable Mr. Harriman has offered him sufficient inducements to remain in the railroad's service. The position of chief counsel for the O. R. & N. is one of considerable prominence and importance, and Mr. Cotton doubtless did not feel justified in resigning it to accept a place on the federal bench.

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS.

Oregonian: A company has been incorporated in Seattle with a capital of \$500,000 to develop some valuable mining property in Southern Oregon. Within a few miles of Grants Pass alone, there are a dozen fine dividend paying mining properties owned by Seattle, Spokane, Denver and California mining men. Portland capital is a little too busy with 5 and 6 per cent mortgages ever to pay any attention to this great mining industry which is making so many outsiders rich, but it occasionally finds a dumping ground in wild cat schemes in faraway lands, from which no dividends have yet returned.

Yes. Why does not Portland build a railroad into Central Oregon and get the vast traffic and trade of this section? A railroad from deep water at Portland through Central Oregon would be one of the safest investments that could be made. But it will likely be the old "parable of the talents" repeated: Seattle and California capitalists are using their talents by making investments in this state which are securing the trade, while Portland capitalists are griping their talent tight, and all the while pleading for some one else to build their railroads for them.

HEAT IS NOT SEVERE.

East Oregonian.
"If we should experience 110 degrees in the shade in Pittsburg as you have in Pendleton today, there would be no one alive in Pittsburg tomorrow to tell the tale," said a Pennsylvania tourist who spent Sunday in Pendleton.

But the heat on the hottest days in Umatilla county has not hindered men from running combined harvesters, headers, threshers and hay-stacking outfits. Even the heat in 114 de-

grees of Thursday, Friday and Saturday was not oppressive and no one stopped work for a moment for it.

Such heat, even in Portland, would put the city out of business and in the East would kill off entire cities like rats.

So 114 in the shade in Eastern Oregon need not horrify any one. It is not an oppressive, weakening heat. The high altitude and light, dry, clear air permits people to breathe and labor without difficulty. Not a solitary prostration has been reported. Sunstroke is unknown. Deaths from heat have never been entered upon the mortality lists of any Eastern Oregon county, and tornadoes, cyclones, and thunder storms of awful severity which accompany such heat in the East, are unknown in Oregon.

THE CHINESE PERIL.

East Oregonian.

If, under the pressure of an alleged boycott of American goods in China, the President is brought to advocate a modification of the Chinese exclusion act, he will make the greatest mistake of his administration and will inflict a blight upon the country which it will be almost impossible to again remove.

The trusts and big manufacturers of the East are urging the modification of the exclusion act, on the grounds that it is an unjust law and is detrimental to American interests.

The President is inclined to listen to their pleading and it is possible that the limit of the act will be extended to admit certain alleged "better" classes into this country.

The Pacific Coast knows by actual touch with the Chinese his utter unfitness for citizenship in this country. The protest against the extension of the exclusion act should be so strong and emphatic that there would be no misunderstanding of its meaning.

The boycott amount to nothing. China will be forced to buy American goods. She can get the same supplies nowhere else. It is a bluff, but will be expanded into grave danger by Chinese sympathizers. But it is not as dangerous to the United States as the extension of the exclusion act would be.

Some Wholesome Truths.

Bend Bulletin.

Do you know a town where the citizens are consumed with petty jealousies and won't trust each other or pull together for their town? If so, know a weak community, no matter what its resources and advantages may be. Do you know a town where the people stand together as a unit, have faith in themselves and their neighbors and pull all the time for the welfare of the community and take pride in it? If so, you know a town that is strong and will succeed, no matter what its resources and advantages may be. Booms do not abide, prosperity may not always be equal, but when a community stands together it can accomplish surprising results. When all interests stand together a town is like a cube, square—no matter on which side it rests it is right side up.

Prineville Review: J. W. Bledsoe has a work of art that will cause a deal of comment when it is placed upon exhibition at the Lewis & Clark Fair. It is a photo, and a good one, of the Deschutes valley taken from Powell Buttes. The picture is 12x40 inches in size made from three separate plates accurately joined, and the view covers a scope of at least 25 miles, or from Smith rock on the north to Pilot Butte on the south. A better view of the now unproductive valley was never taken, its desert character being plainly shown in the photo. Mr. Bledsoe is proud of his work. Well he may be. In a few days the picture will be sent to Portland.

If you have a farm or town property for sale, list it with the Madras Realty Company, Madras, Oregon. Office in Townsite Building.

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