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## A Plain Duty

Some 13,000 persons we are told responded to the call of Governor West that they write to persons in the East and Middle West on Colonist day (February 22) advising them to come out and locate in Oregon. All of this is well, provided the letter writers had some definite suggestions to make to their friends in regard to location, the price of land, opportunity to engage in business, etc., with some knowledge of the capabilities, resources and inclination of the people whom they urged to come hither.

A general appeal to home-seekers in the name of Oregon's gracious climate, generous soil and exceptional advantages is one thing. Personal appeal to one's friends to break up home and family ties and come hither to make a new start, without specifying in the matter of opportunity and location is quite another. The man who writes a personal appeal on this basis takes upon himself a grave responsibility and one that, if his appeal is answered favorably he is in duty bound to follow to the end, at least of meeting his friend, upon arrival, making him welcome and supplying him with all the information that a stranger who comes seeking a new home and occupation amid unfamiliar surroundings requires, and to which he is entitled.

It is relatively easy to get additions to our population by advertisement of our climate, opportunities and resources, but to retain them by friendly overtures, advice and direction is quite another matter. These things are not subject to passing fancy or even generous impulse. They represent a duty voluntarily assumed that as a point of honor, or in the interest of the friendship that is presumed to have dictated the letter of invitation, should be faithfully discharged.

The object of our effort to increase our population is not alone to get people to come to the state. It should be supplemented by an honest, conscientious effort so to direct and advise those who come that they will be satisfied to remain and make the most of opportunities as they present themselves. The first year will usually tell the story for the incoming colonist. If by that time they have become located in their various vocations the prospect that they will become dissatisfied and return to "old Missouri" or any other section of the country where the climate is savage and the winters long, is remote. It is therefore plainly the duty of those who induce friends or acquaintances to "come to Oregon," to see to it that those who accept the invitation are given a proper welcome upon arrival and such direction, as to localities or business opportunities as the case may be, as will land them at once upon their feet and pointed the way to contentment, and ultimate prosperity.—Oregonian.

## A Word of Warning

The best way to learn the faults of our section of the country in such manner as to be able to correct them, is to learn of them directly from those who come in to this section, and then leave. If these parties can be induced to tell frankly what features are attractive to them, and what features unattractive, then if they leave without involving themselves in any deals, to find out if possible, what reasons they give for their failure.

Mr Charles B. Starina, of Pittsburg, Kansas, who has spent a week here looking over the country with an idea of locating, points out several advantages of this part of Crook County over other interior points, and even the Willamette Valley, namely the fertility and depth of soil, the good roads which he has seen, the mildness of the winters, and not the least important, the healthful climate. But he points out also the lack of school facilities outside the corporate cities, which would almost prohibit a man of family, interested in the education, and general welfare of his children, from bringing his family here to live. The school districts are large, and it is hard for the children, especially the smaller ones, to attend regularly when the weather is bad.

We are offering no suggestions as to the best manner of changing this condition, but commend it to the careful consideration, not alone of the county officers who have jurisdiction over this matter, but to the residents and business men, as a warning that unless they use their influence, and means when necessary, to improve this condition, it will hardly be probable that they will be able to note any great change or development in the near future or an increase in the volume of their business, which must depend directly on the number of families in the community.

If you wish to know whether those cakes you buy are made of rots and spots or not just heat them. When cold the rots and spots have the normal egg smell, but when hot they aren't a sweet forgetment.

A Pennsylvania incubator manufacturer claims that his machine hatches 1,200 chicks for less than 21 cents a hatch. Now, if that's a lie it's a whopper.

India Runner ducks originated in a red hot climate and should especially fit the Pacific slope and the southern states. In the last Australian laying contest their average was over 200 eggs per year.

It is now law in New York that food products may be kept in cold storage only six months unless the state superintendent of health extends the time, and he has the power to make it six months longer.

If you happen to be sold a setting of rots, don't flare up and send a rotten letter to the editor. He is not a "trustee of providence," nor does he keep his fingers on all the keys of the universe. Spurious advertisements occasionally slip into papers, religious and secular, for editors are not acquainted with all the rascals of the rogues' gallery any more than you are.

The fellow who is too stingy to buy good eggs from a fancier and buys his eggs for hatching at a grocery reminds one of the fellow who married a miasma because she didn't need to buy a hat to save her from sunburn.

At the late New Orleans show the first prize White Wyandotte hen, valued at \$1,000, was swiped by a hungry negro, who was captured just as he was about to cut off her cackler. Her owner fainted for joy when she was restored to his fond embrace.

Winter eggs are not laid by scrubs any more than by scrub brushes. You are hatching this season to get pullets to lay winter eggs that sell at 9¢ per dozen, but you'll not get them from stock that looks like 3 cents.

**L. M. Barnett.**

**Mock Cherry Pie.**  
Take two cups of cranberries, cut in halves and soak one-half hour in cold water to remove seeds. Stir one tablespoon cornstarch in a little cold water, mix it with one cup of boiling water and boil until thick. Remove from the fire and add the cranberries, a cup of seeded raisins, a tablespoon of butter, a pinch of salt, a cup of sugar and two teaspoons of vanilla. Line a pie tin with pastry, pour in the filling, cover with crust and bake.

**To Clean Baby's Bottle.**  
Mothers of bottle babies will find a great trouble and time-saver in cleaning baby's bottle by the use of the tea leaves left over from teamaking. Simply put the leaves into the bottle with the water and wash as usual. You will find this method superior to anything in cleaning the bottles after the milk has been allowed to stand overnight in them.

## ACTIVE AGAINST TRUSTS

Present Administration Has Waged Constant Warfare.

People generally have never given President Taft credit for the remarkable activity of his administration against the trusts. Unlike his predecessor in office, he did not hunt the trusts with brass bands, trumpets and flying banners. He did not advertise to the far corners of the country what he intended doing before he started in campaigning against the big combinations of capital.

But the fact is, that President Taft has done more in fighting the trusts than any other president in the history of the country. A number of the biggest monopolies have been dissolved by prosecutions at the direction of President Taft, notably the Standard Oil and Tobacco Trusts.

During the three years in office, there have been instituted under the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, thirty-seven prosecutions of illegal combinations of capital. A number of these have already been successful and the people may look for the favorable conclusion of many others. This is a record that throws in the shade the performances of any other president, although it covers but three years. President Roosevelt was quite active in fighting the trusts, yet in his seven years in office, from 1901 to 1908, he caused but forty-four suits to be brought against the trusts.

## TO PROBE LIVING COST

President Taft Wants to Know Cause of High Prices.

One subject in which the average householder has a vital interest is the high cost of living. Much has been written and spoken about the ever growing expense of the American household, but the blame for the condition which seems to prevail all over the country has not yet been fixed.

President Taft proposes to do this, and one of the most timely subjects he has discussed recently is this same problem. President Taft proposes to appoint a commission, consisting of experts, to carry on an investigation as to why food prices are steadily going skyward. The middleman is being freely blamed because it seems to cost more each year to live and many believe the charges well founded. President Taft's proposed commission would ascertain this fact accurately, and the causes once learned, it is thought the problem could be solved.

President Taft himself says of the plan: "One legitimate advantage of such an official investigation and report, is the enlightened and informed public opinion, which of itself, will often induce or compel the reform of unjust conditions or the abatement of unreasonable demands."

## COMES OF GOOD STOCK

President Taft's Family Just Plain People for Generations.

President Taft's family hails originally from Massachusetts, the town of Uxbridge. Tafts are said to be so thick there that even a woman cannot throw a stone without hitting one.

The Tafts held a re-union at Uxbridge in 1874 and descendants of the original Robert Taft flocked there from all parts of the country. Alphonso Taft, the father of the President, delivered an historical address at this re-union in which he made a somewhat remarkable prophecy, all without being conscious of it. This is what he said, the account being taken from the report of the re-union published at the time:

"Our family has not embarked much upon national politics, except that they have shared in the battles of the country when National Independence was to be won and also when the Union was at stake. But brilliant political careers have not been characteristic of the Tafts of the past. It is not safe to say what may be in store for them. There is a tide in the affairs of men and also of families."

Alphonso Taft himself started the turn of the tide which he then predicted. His son William, who was later to have a brilliant career as Secretary of War, and still later as President, was that year entering Yale.

The Taft ancestors have been of mighty good stock. Peter Taft (1715) is reported to have been "a large, good looking man with a magnanimous disposition."

Aaron Taft, another ancestor, was also magnanimous, so much so, that he lost money by endorsing a friend's notes. Despite this fact he is reported to have been a man of great intelligence, as well as integrity. Going still further back, there was Captain William Taft who captured Blarney Castle in the 16th century.

## Party Rich in Traditions.

The Republican party is not only rich in men, but rich in practical and beneficial principles. It is rich, too, in its record of promises performed and pledges fulfilled, and so we are for party and party principles first and acquiescence in the choice of the majority, rallying around the standard bearer, who will carry us again to victory.—Hon. Wm. B. Sherman.

## OREGON GETS CHOICE OF EXPOSITION SITES

Large Delegation Leaves Next Week To Make Selection For State

Portland, Ore., March 5 (Special)—Response to the call of the Oregon Development League for a large representation from Oregon, on the occasion of choosing the site for its building at the Panama Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915, has been so great that it will probably be necessary for more than one special train to carry the delegation.

The day set is March 14, and trains will leave Portland on the afternoon of March 12. Word has been received from such extreme points as Lakeview, Burns, Klamath Falls, Baker and Astoria that will be represented by a delegation. Eugene is planning to send a banner delegation of fifty or more; this will be the largest outside of Portland. Two hundred members of the Portland Commercial Club will make the trip. As the most of the delegates will be accompanied by their ladies, the occasion will be of considerable social significance. The fare from Portland will be \$25 for the round trip.

Oregon has been conceded the unusual honor, even over California itself, of the first choice of site. The invitation that has been extended by the Fair Officials and the Commercial bodies of San Francisco indicates that the entertainment they will provide will be of a most elaborate nature.

## NEW POSTAL RULING.

In compliance with orders issued by the postmaster general under date of February 21, 1912, all postmasters in the United States at postal savings depositories may now receive deposits from anyone over 10 years of age although they may be patrons of another postoffice. Under the old ruling postoffice savings banks could only receive deposits from patrons of their own office. By official order No. 601 the post master general has amended the law by recinding the former order.

J. A. Coulter has traded his Agency Plains ranch for Oregon City property, and will leave Central Oregon about the 5th, or 20th, of the month to make his home in the Valley. Eugene Cummins, a brother-in-law of A. J. Ringo, is the man on the other end of the deal, and will move on the Coulter place sometime this month.

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