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Justification

The almost unprecedented spending of \$90,000 a mile to build the railroads up the Deschutes canyon will surely be justified in the course of a few years if the great events, the shadows of which we have seen this spring, materialize as they should. Six weeks ago, Mr. L. C. Nichols took a carload of Central Oregon, alfalfa-fed hogs to the Portland stockyards, where they sold for the topnotch price of the year in the open market. Last week Mr. Leslie Friday shipped fifteen carloads of Central Oregon cattle to the same stockyards, and sold them for \$7.25 per hundred, the highest price ever paid in the open market for such a shipment west of the Rocky Mountains.

Unfortunately shipments of this nature have been exceedingly few up to date, but the record has been established, the opportunity has been set forth, and it will not be many years before such shipments will occur with more frequency. The Portland market, on the other hand, will become more and more dependent on Central Oregon for the high grade of cattle, hogs and sheep. When this state of affairs becomes recognized, as it surely must in a few years at most, Central Oregon will have come into its rightful position as an important part of the commercial activities of the state.

The quantity and quality of the sheep and wool and potatoes and grain that are shipped from this section have long been known by those who deal in these commodities. Oregon wheat, grown on the dry lands of Central and Eastern Oregon, has stood the tests of every market, and brought prices second to none. With the experiment farms established, for the sole purpose of assisting the farmers to solve their problems and bring their ranches to the highest state of cultivation, with the railroads spending thousands of dollars to present the possibilities of this vast inland empire to the attention of middle western farmers, and bring them into Central Oregon, with prospects of record crops in every part of the state east of the Cascade Mountains, there is surely sufficient reason to justify the railroads in preparing even further to handle a vast freight business from this section of the country in the next few years over the two new roads up the Deschutes canyon.

That the officials who made the first investigations, and recommended the roads must have seen these possibilities, there can be no doubt, else they would not have built roads such as they have builded. Let us hope that they will not be disappointed in this land, for the settlement and development of which they have already done so much. Let us also hope that other residents of Central Oregon seeing the returns secured by these first shippers for their stock will be encouraged thereby to strive to duplicate the shipments, thus completely justifying the faith and judgment of the railroad officials.

Why The Exception?

The recent marriage in Denver of a boy 16 years old, and a girl 12 years of age, is but the more pitiful because of the consent of the parents having been first obtained. Unfortunate indeed

DELEGATES PLEDGED TO TAFT.

On Friday, April 12, 1912, the delegates to the Republican national convention pledged to President Taft were as follows:

Alabama	22
Alaska	2
Colorado	2
District of Columbia	2
Florida	12
Georgia	26
Illinois	2
Indiana	20
Iowa	8
Kentucky	23
Louisiana	6
Michigan	18
Mississippi	20
Missouri	14
New Mexico	7
New York	63
Oklahoma	4
Philippines	2
South Carolina	16
Tennessee	16
Vermont	6
Virginia	24
Total	341

Pledged to Roosevelt, 113.
Pledged to La Follette, 36.
Pledged to Cummins, 4.
Necessary for choice, 539.

are the parents whose authority and discipline have been so imposed upon, or neglected, that it is practically a negligible quantity. Such it must have been when they passively consented to the marriage of these children, after objecting to the marriage for more than a year.

In the present age of hasty marriage and hasty divorce, society seems to have lost sight of the fact that it is vitally interested in every marriage. But there is an interest to society, which interest is recognized by the law-makers, as evidenced by the statute books of every state. The state takes a hand in every divorce in this state, and when there is failure on the part of husband or wife to appear against the other in an action for divorce, the state has the right to appear as a party to the action and fight the proceedings, in an effort to maintain and protect the legality of the home. In all states the legislatures have established minimum ages, below which no party can enter into the marriage contract. In Colorado there is a law protecting minor's who enter into other kinds of civil contracts, yet they have made an exception, apparently, in regards the marriage contract, leaving it to foolish children, and more foolish parents, as in this case, permitting children of such ages to be married at their own pleasure. Why this exception in regard to the marriage contract?

It seems as though Judge Ben Lindsay, who has done so much to protect the children, has a splendid opportunity in his own city and state, to protect the home in this most important of all civil contracts.

Editor Journal:

Accompanying the reports of the sinking of the great Titanic there has appeared in the newspapers reports of other great losses of life of modern times upon the water. This list, and all previously published lists I have seen have failed to mention one of the most horrible affairs of the kind. On the morning of April 27, 1865, before daylight, about ten miles above Memphis, the boiler of the Mississippi river steamboat Sultana, flew up. On board were 2,100 persons, mostly prisoners of war, who had been confined in Andersonville and Cahaba prisons. The "boys" were on their way north to homes and loved ones they had not seen in years. Weakened by prison fare and sickness they were little prepared to battle for their lives in the muddy water and out of 2,100 on board, only 786 were saved.

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FRIDAY, MAY 3

SANFORD'S HALL

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**Report of the condition of the
Madras State Bank**

— NO. 38 —

at Madras, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, April 18th, 1912.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$30860.23
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	918.62
Bonds and warrants	127.26
Banking House	457.00
Furniture, fixtures	227.33
Due from approved reserve banks	2961.46
Checks and other cash items	986.05
Cash on hand	3628.90
Total	55767.95
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	15000.00
Surplus fund	1300.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	715.61
Dividends unpaid	100.00
Individual deposits subject to check	34632.87
Demand certificates of deposit	2070.00
Certified Checks	110.98
Cashier's checks outstanding	1778.49
Total	55767.95

STATE OF OREGON)
County of Crook) ss
I, O. A. Pearce, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Correct—Attest: O. A. Pearce, Cashier.
C. E. Roush, Directors
A. W. Boyce, Directors
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of April, 1912.
J. L. Dehoff, Notary Public

WADSWORTH NAMED TO SUCCEED COVEY

Special Agent has Arrived to take Charge of Warm Springs Reservation

T. B. Wadsworth, of Washington D. C., special agent of the Indian Department, has been appointed as temporary successor to C. C. Covey, as superintendent of the Warm Springs reservation. Mr. Wadsworth arrived at the reservation this week, and immediately took up his new duties, it requiring several weeks however, to transfer all of the property from the accounts of the old superintendent to the new.

Mr. Wadsworth is an experienced man in the Indian service, having recently been connected with a reservation in New Mexico, and comes to the Warm Springs reservation well qualified for the position.

FRATERNAL MEN ATTENTION!

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE TAKES TO THE SOIL, TURN DOWN IN THE HOOSIER STATE



Hoosier farmers' wives standing in front of the Oregon-Montana exhibition car which brought a message of better things for mankind in the land where home life is real, not rented



Rigs of the flying squadron of Indiana farmers whoes pilgrimage to the Great Northern Exhibition moved their husbands to investigate Montana and Oregon products the very next day

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