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HIGH PRICES.

WHATEVER else may be found in an investigation into high prices the people may as well settle down to the fact that a permanent change in price levels is going on.

There will never again be as low priced foods as we have had in the past. Butter will never again sell for twelve cents a pound nor eggs for eight cents a dozen.

The man who is caught is the man who has a fixed income of any sort. If he is getting wages they are the last thing to respond to higher prices. If he is selling something the cost of which is established he is in the same trap.

But in the end the readjustment will come. For money is cheaper than it used to be and measured in dollars property uniformly means more.

Of course in a period of rising prices there will be impositions. Imposition is being practiced now. But behind it all is a permanent and inevitable change. It is important that this be recognized.

TWO RAILROAD PROJECTS.

SOME Minnesota railroad builders, engineers and capitalists are interesting themselves, the Eugene Register says, in the project of building a railroad from that city to Coos Bay, via Sluslaw, and that paper says that "there is now greater confidence in the probable outcome of this undertaking than at any previous time, for the reason that the whole proposition has at last assumed tangible shape and is in a condition that an appeal to the public for support of the enterprise merits proper response"; and that "we may confidently expect the project to get well under way within the next few months."

This prognostication, if correct, is good news not only for all the people of and between Eugene and Coos Bay, but for all the people of Oregon, for such a great stride of development as this would be in one region would be beneficial in a greater or less degree to all parts of the state. If the men are reliable and responsible, and the project is well based, the people of Eugene, of Lane county, and of all the country to be traversed, have a great opportunity to aid development and increase values, and induce immigration, one that they cannot afford to neglect.

It was also announced this week from Roseburg that the prospect of a railroad between that city and Coos Bay had recently grown brighter, and had become a probability, if not a certainty. That is another piece of railroad that should certainly be built, and with well considered, united effort, its building can be positively assured and effected without a dollar of outside capital to begin with. With local resources easily available, it can be projected to a point where all the needed capital will be readily obtained, and it can always be maintained as a local road and operated under local control, if that is desirable.

These roads would serve to develop all southwestern Oregon immensely. That they would immediately become paying roads there can be no

question. The people living in that section of the state can build them, or make their building sure, with no risk, and with certain, large profit to themselves. To get what they need, the people of Oregon, now prosperous and with large bank accounts, must help themselves.—Portland Journal.

GOOD WORDS FOR THE DOCTOR.

THE Baltimore Sun has the following relating to the self-sacrificing work of the family physician:

The semi-annual meeting of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland at Bradlock heights recently directs attention anew to that able and self-sacrificing body of men who are doing so much for humanity. Next to the ministry, the profession of medicine calls for more real consecration than any other vocation. Though some doctors now and then do receive large fees, and many of them attain a competence, their compensation is nothing like so great as that of men of like ability and training in business life.

Only the doctor himself knows what a large amount of "charity practice" he does, how large a portion of his time and skill he gives to relieve suffering among those who are too poor to pay for it, and gives gladly "without money and without price."

The doctor is the friend of us all. He is the universal adviser and family counsel. From the time Johnnie begins to take his pasteurized milk out of a bottle until John, Esq., goes tottering to the grave from old age the doctor is his counselor and restorer. From the time Ann gives forth her first piercing scream until she goes to the hospital with the most fashionable disease of the day, she must call the doctor for everything from headache to tight shoes. As long as we feel hale and hearty and can eat corned beef and cabbage for dinner, some of us laugh at the healers and rebuke any member of the family who wants to call in the M. D. But the minute father gets the stomachache or the grip he is ready to turn in a fire alarm to bring the doctor in his hurry-up wagon.

Few communities ever realize how much they owe the doctors—and few people who do realize how much they owe ever pay up. If every doctor could collect his full fee for all the work he does, each could have his own automobile and town and country houses. But the doctor goes along his way and uncomplainingly bears the sorrows, burdens and distresses of a large part of the population. He knows that he is "a very present help in time of trouble;" he knows that he is performing a very real and practical service to humanity, and that is one of the greatest rewards of a profession that receives more honor and appreciation than it does material compensation.

THE POPE'S NEW AUTOMOBILE.

WHO KNOWS but what the automobile may be responsible for a notable ecclesiastical move?

The pope never leaves the Vatican gardens. His predecessor Leo XIII, made a vow never to do so until temporal power over the holy city of Rome, which was taken from him at the time of the unification of Italy into its present kingdom, was restored to him.

Upon the death of Leo there was some curiosity as to what would be the attitude of the new pope, said to be above all else a practical man, upon this matter. But whatever may be his private opinion upon the folly or wisdom of the position he has seen fit to continue the practice.

The Vatican gardens are not small and up to date a daily drive behind a properly dignified "pair" within these sacred precincts has satisfied his Holiness.

But just recently an American whose name is withheld has presented the pope with a fine new automobile and it is said that the pontiff when admiring its luxury and craftsmanship, remarked that unfortunately his drives, confined to the gardens, would be short.

If he said "unfortunately" before he had even tried the machine, is it not possible that he may later decide that the self-imposed imprisonment is useless and absurd and venture to "let out the automobile a little" upon the beautiful boulevards of the city of Rome?

Ecclesiastical ultimata of the past have not always had their source in more worthy or serious predilections.

The London Daily Mail predicts that spun glass will take the place of human hair in the manufacture of wigs. It will be funny to hear the bald man of the future remark that he intends to buy a skylight.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?—George Elliot.

NEPENTHE

The fire has died and the coals are dull; the sands from the glass have run;

The sunshine fades in the tear-dimmed dusk; the day of our love is done.

Our hearts still ache in their emptiness and cry for the days now fled
Our lips still quiver in tenderness for the dreams that are dear and dead.

We had our love in its sweet content, the hours, the days, the years; We laughed at life in our joy of it, with laughter akin to tears;

We knew the clasp of a tender hand, the glance of the eyes that told The things our lips could not hope to speak—a tale that was new yet old.

We lived our life in its fulsomeness, and what should the heart forget?

We loved and lost, and the fire has died; but why should the heart regret?

We dreamed our dreams in a paradise—and what if the night is gray?

We drank the cup of our perfect joy. Dear heart, we have lived our day!

—Exchange.

STORY OF THE DAY.

Jones. I say, Smith, you are a good hand at arithmetic?

Smith. Yes, I am considered very good. Why?

Jones. Well, here is a little problem for you. There was a man named Little, living in Portland, who had a daughter. Now, she was in love with a chap she knew her father did not approve of, so one day she eloped with him. When the old man found out he was very angry, and at once followed them. Now, then, what time was it?

Smith (angrily). What time was it? How on earth do you suppose I can tell you. I give it up.

Jones (triumphantly). Why, a Little after two, of course.

The more you pull a man's leg the shorter he gets.

Miss Love and Miss Friend are great admirers of Mr. Dollar.

Those who see the least in others are the ones who use their I's the most.

A centipede must have a terrible time keeping his feet from going astray.

The Coos Bay man who is always shooting off his mouth, seldom makes a killing.

The only gambling tip which amounts to anything is advice to keep out of the game.

We have noticed that new things get out of order mighty easy. How's that New Year's resolution of yours?

The Coos Bay man who uses his hands to fill his trousers' pocket will seldom have anything else to fill his pockets with.

An industrious man must often wish he were an Indian, a heathen, or an outlaw, so that people would take an interest in him.

The only way in which a man can make his wife agree with him that a woman guest has stayed too long is for him to make love to the guest.

Another proof of Prosperity: Banquets no longer consist of one ham sandwich, one glass of water, one toothpick and nine or ten speeches.

Thousands of contrary people will insist that Dr. Cook discovered the north pole, for no other reason than that it is generally known he didn't.

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