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**WORK NEEDED IN THIS DIRECTION.**

The time has gone when Oregon should hide its light under a bushel, if that were ever allowable, says the Portland Journal in a timely editorial utterance. It is time for it to stand out in the open, to claim that which justly belongs to it and to make known to the world the attractions it has to offer to tourists, capitalists and homeseekers. Oregon fruit, as an example, is sent well over the world. The name of the locality in which it is produced is a byword for excellence. But it has been forced to make its way simply and slowly on its merits, to be discovered by the purchasing public and by them adopted as a standard of excellence. If all products were pushed in this way then all would stand upon an even basis. But this is not the plan adopted by other states. They not only openly push their sales but are constantly advertising them in the most attractive ways. Many of those who buy a Hood river product, as an example, may never know where Hood river is. It is to them a sort of brand of excellence, a trade mark, but it carries with it no definite sense of location, no picture of the section in which it is produced. If, through advertising, it were definitely known that all such products were raised in Oregon, there is no quarter of the state which would not receive from it a definite benefit. If such a quality can be raised here, then the country must afford diversified opportunities for men seeking new homes or who wish to make investments. This is the way it would appeal to men everywhere and the very circumstance would be of invaluable aid in stimulating the growth of the whole state. But it is not. Were it not for the railroads and the advertising work which they do Oregon's growth would be too slow to speak of.

This matter should be gone after systematically. We should study the methods pursued elsewhere, and there are no better models than California affords, and these we should improve if we can. Some time after the fruit crop is harvested there should be a gathering of the fruit raisers of the state to consider this question. They should inaugurate a campaign not alone to push their products, but to advertise them as the products of the state of Oregon. In this way they would be doing a work which, while it would be of enormous direct benefit to themselves would be of almost as much benefit to the state in every line of business.

Everywhere there is a growing sentiment favorable to a campaign all along the line. The more generally it is embraced and the more especially it is followed, the greater will be the results. In the next six years there should be an enormous influx of population and we should by that time be in a fair way of utilizing the many productive acres that are now lying idle as well as making more of those acres which have long been under cultivation, more productive and profitable.

**JAPAN'S POLICY.**

Mr. Cunliff-Owen publishes in Munsey's a somewhat hysterical appeal to the Christian world against Japan in view of "the yellow peril" which will follow the defeat of Russia in the present struggle. The writer says that "if Japan is successful she will not repeat the mistake which she made at the conclusion of her war with China, when she permitted the European powers to rob her of the fruits of her victory. She may be trusted to take advantage of the popular sentiment in her behalf throughout Asia to carry matters with a high hand."

This naive confession that Japan was robbed, as she was, and that being put on notice now she will not be robbed again, does not seem to impress Mr. Cunliff-Owen that the best way to avert any yellow peril, real or fancied, will be by dealing justly with the Asiatics, says the Call. The United States has dealt justly with Japan and the result is her assimilation of our civilization. She has our public school system and our system of jurisprudence complete. The common law, except as modified by statutes, is the law of Japan and her trained jurists are the peers of any in this country or England. Suppose that Japanese influence shall raise eastern Asia to the same level? What peril is there in it? The western world pretended that it was for that purpose that it broke by force the seclusion of China.

Mr. Cunliff-Owen's final appeal against Japan is based upon his statement that education has not en-

tirely destroyed the belief of the people in the supernatural quality of the mikado. If he will go a little into Russia he will find millions of the vodka soaked and suddenly ignorant people firmly believing in the supernatural powers of the great czar. Indeed, if superstition is to be the test, the Russians suffer, for they are the only people in these days that believe that charms and amulets and holy images can protect a battleship or defend a city. Japan has done more for the rise of Asia to a modern plane than all the missionaries and all the western nations combined. Let Asia rise, let China be enlightened, and then let us treat them justly, and there will be no peril.

**THE PUBLIC DOMAIN GRAB.**

The evident effort on the part of the land grabbers to secure for themselves what little is now left of the public domain has attracted much attention of late. Among those senators who are lined up against these indifferent public servants in both houses of congress is Senator Gibson of Montana, who said in a speech delivered March 24:

"The rapid increase in our population, together with the enactment of the national irrigation measure, have the last two or three years greatly stimulated the taking up of our choicest public lands in large tracts in the arid and semiarid states, and consequently agricultural lands, whether irrigable or nonirrigable, have in that time rapidly advanced in value. These facts should lead the government to prompt action in repealing the desert-land act and the commutation clause of the homestead act, as well as the forest reserve lieu land act, if it would save the remaining public land for inhabitancy.

"Our present system of land laws is all that could be desired if it is the part of wisdom to give the ownership and control of the land in eight or ten states of the union to a few men and companies, who will use them for cattle ranges, rather than hold them for millions of homeless American citizens.

"Under pastoral stock raising there will never be large numbers of cattle in the Rocky mountain states, but if farmers can occupy that country, which will surely be the case under a wise and just national policy, its live stock interests after a while will assume immense proportions.

"In proof of this I have only to state that according to the last census Iowa, a farming state, having 55,000 square miles, had 500,000 more cattle than Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico, states and territories covering an area of 821,000 square miles.

"The continuance of our present system of land laws will result in the ownership by landlords of the principal part of the arid states, whereas if held subject to a homestead act that can not be commuted the public domain still remaining will become the property of millions of freeholders."

This matter will occupy much of the time of the next session of congress.

A high official of the Suez canal has made a report declaring that malaria has disappeared from the territory upon each side of the famous waterway, because of the energetic and unflagging warfare waged against mosquitoes. This assurance ought to give unbounded encouragement to the heroic knights who are battling so valiantly against these vicious insects, especially in this hemisphere. When the Americans assemble hosts of workmen to continue and complete the gigantic task in Panama, the triumph in sanitary progress achieved at Suez will make their hearts beat high with hope.

A \$4 gold coin belonging to Dr. Charles J. Lange is on exhibition at the Germania National bank in Milwaukee. The piece of gold is thinner than a \$5 coin, but of the same diameter. It displays on the obverse side the "Liberty head" without a cap and the 13 stars, interspersed with "6G387C7 grams." On the reverse side is a five-pointed star with this inscription: "One stella—400 cents." "E. pluribus unum. Deo est gloria," and on the rim, "United States of America, 4 Dol." The coin is valued at \$200.

The fixed habits of a nation can not be changed in a day, and years are but days in the life of a nation. Individuals change their habits because they are forced to by reason of individual weaknesses, whims or peculiarities, but when the change involves the habits of millions, that is another matter. We will be a pie-eating nation for another century, at least, and perhaps two or three centuries.

Not being ready to attack the Japs in the rear and not being able to attack them in the front, General Kuropatkin continues to play his old losing game of both ends against the middle.

Mr. Bryan insists that Judge Parker's virtues are purely negative, while Judge Parker's friends insist that Mr. Bryan's determination to name the man are impurely affirmative.

Now that the fireworks ordinance has been killed by the common council, the youngsters and oldsters may shoot to kill.

Good morning! Is your crushed rock street on straight?

**OPPOSE DISFRANCHISEMENT.**

Plank to Be Offered by National Negro Suffrage League.

Chicago, June 21.—The adoption of a plank declaring the republican party "opposed to all forms of disfranchisement founded on caste and race prejudice" will be asked by the National Negro Suffrage League. The league has held its second annual convention at the Institutional African Methodist church with an attendance of 100 delegates, 45 of whom are delegates to the republican convention. The convention names James H. Hayes of Virginia, J. R. Clifford of West Virginia and J. E. Dixon of Rhode Island as a committee to wait upon the republican committee on resolutions today with the following declaration:

"The right of suffrage should not be withheld wherever intelligence and a loyal regard for the spirit and aims of the constitution are manifested. Whenever it is denied for reasons that do not apply to an understanding of the responsibilities of citizenship, a due regard for life, property and the perpetuation of popular government, the act is in direct conflict with the interest and letter of the constitution of the United States. The republican party therefore is opposed to all forms of disfranchisement founded on caste and race prejudice."

This was signed by the league's committee, consisting of W. H. A. Moore, Illinois; J. W. Gile, Alabama; J. C. Carter, Virginia; J. R. Clifford, West Virginia; G. H. Reed, Maryland; James C. Churchman, South Carolina, and G. H. Jackson, Ohio.

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted and several attacks were directed against the unpolitical slavery of the south.

**A BIG CONTRACT.**

Excavating for Terminal Site in Manhattan to Begin Soon.

New York, June 21.—A \$5,000,000 contract for excavating the terminal site of the Pennsylvania railroad in Manhattan has been awarded to the New York Contracting & Trucking Company, according to the Herald. The bids closed June 2 and the directors of the Pennsylvania, New York & Long Island Railroad Company are understood to have just taken the action stated at a meeting held at Philadelphia, although no official announcement to that effect has been made. It is the largest contract of the kind ever undertaken in this city. Within 10 days work will begin on the task of excavating to a depth of 40 feet in the four blocks which the railroad purchased for its terminal station. It will extend from Seventh to Ninth avenues and from Thirty-first to Thirty-third street. Hundreds of dwellings and stores which covered this property in a thickly populated part of the city have been razed, only a few of the best remaining, to be used as temporary offices.

Under the contract the work must be completed within 22 months. The excavation will have to be done through solid rock for the most part, and all around the great area of the terminal the contractors for excavation must, as part of their contract, build a retaining wall. Earth and rock removed from the ditches will be carried into boats to the New Jersey shore and used to fill in some swamp land, where an immense yard is to be built.

**Long Eulogizes McKinley.**

Chicago, June 21.—John D. Long, former secretary of the navy, has been the guest of honor and the principal speaker at the Bunker Hill day banquet of the New England Society. Mr. Long paid a glowing tribute to President McKinley, giving him the credit for the inauguration of the administration's colonial policy and dwelt on his serious views regarding the responsibility of the head of the government to all the people, irrespective of class or affiliations.

**Donates Valuable Property.**

Chicago, June 21.—Property valued at \$150,000 has been donated by Mrs. Emily J. Smith of Chicago to the Chicago presbytery for the purpose of founding a Presbyterian home for the aged. Attached to the gift is a stipulation that the presbytery erect certain buildings and that the home, when completed, be recognized as a memorial to Mrs. Smith's parents, Washington and Jane Smith.

**Appeal Dismissed.**

Munich, June 21.—The provincial court has dismissed the appeal of Herr Conrad, a Munich writer, from the decision rendered against him in a libel suit brought by Heinrich Conrad, director of the Metropolitan opera house, New York, because of an attack made by the writer on the director as a result of his American production of "Parsifal."

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