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WILL PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INTERESTS CONTROL?

HE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT owns sixty-nine seventieths of the stock of the Panama Railway Owning this amount of stock it has three directors out of a board of 13. This railroad company, so long as it was under private control, absolutely dictated transcontinental railroad rates. It is the road which crosses the Isthmus of Panama and over it alone can freight be transported from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean. Its rates once fixed sufficiently high, it is matter of no concern how low the ocean rate from New York to the road's Atlantic terminus, for it will cut no figure in affecting the schedule of transcontinental rates So long as this was a private corporation there was nothing that could be done about it; it was run, as might reasonably be expected, in the interest of the transcontinental roads. But when the government bought the canal strip, including control of the railroad, the matter became one of public rather than private concern and of public rather than private regulation.

What then will be done about it? Will the owners of one-seventieth of the stock, who happen to have a preponderance in the directorate, calmly fix the rates to suit their private purposes and continue to enjoy a monopoly which they no longer own, or will the govern-ment, which is now the real owner, step in and fix the rates for the benefit of the whole public that is so deeply

There should be no two answers to such a question this. The public has already paid heavily for the privilege the world must continue to give its profoundest attention of owning the canal strip; if it is not entitled to the senefits that naturally accrue from the purchase then it was a criminal misuse of the public funds to have bought the canal right of way and its appurtenances. The question is one of peculiar and immediate interest to all the ole of the Pacific coast; it is of a good deal of direct to many people on the Atlantic seaboard. Involved in it is a principle which is plainly evident on its face and we do not believe the administration can afford on the one hand to shirk it or, on the other, to permit a public property to be used for private aggrandizement.

BETTER THE SAW THAN FIRE.

GAIN the forest fires. In spite of laws, and warn ings, and official supervision and watchfulness, they will break out, especially after such a long period of dry weather, and there is no way, nor ever will be any way, to prevent them, except to put a barb wire fence all about them and then station guards every few rods along that; or else cut the forests down.

me one, or several persons out of the thousands

purpose or another go into the forests will be and there are persons malicious enough to set fires purposely. And even without malice or carelesssparks from an honest, careful settler's brush fire ney may at such a time ignite a great forest fire. vain; yet neither these, nor anything practicable that devised, will prevent very destructive forest fires after a several-weeks' spell of warm and rainless weather. view of this fact, the sooner most of the coast ange forests are converted into lumber the better. They to agriculture. It would be a good thing for the state if these forests of big timber were cut down rapidly, as fast as the lumber could be profitably marketed, and means into farms and orchards.

The state, the people at large, have no authority to hasten this result, but the big timber owners must themselves see that they are annually running big risks from inevitable, unpreventable forest fires, and so will ably be more and more disposed, year by year, to follow some such course of procedure.

WAR REPORTS.

HE REPORTS of the British officers from South Africa were characterized by brutal frankness. They made no attempt to excuse or palliate, but gave the facts as they saw them in all their rawness. It is true they always "regretted to report," but this regret never biased their reports or served to obscure

much confidence, and subsequent fuller information has of such a change.

They Will Not Try to Force the Law

Against Public Opinion. Dr. G. L. Tufts in La Grande Observer. If the sentiment in Baker City warrants it we will make it a county vote.

If it does not then we will only apply

election in precincts where it is nted. It is not the policy of the local option movement to force it against public sentiment. If sentiment is not

ripe for it in a given precinct, county district, then we will work on the

people a while longer and educate them up to the point before we begin voting.

To make it plain, if we find, after con-suiting the leading business men and

property owners and citizens of Baker

in this city, why we will not attempt to

force it upon them. We know that it is best to permit the people of given pre-

sincts to govern themselves in the mat-

that the taxpayers and good citizens of Baker City prefer the liquor traffic in its present form for the time being, we

a petition for an election and force local option upon Baker City in this manner. If local option is forced upon Baker City it will be done by the con-

sent and assistance of the people of aker City themselves.

If we find that the best people of

Baker City favor local option and that the people of the county also favor it, then we will make the election cover the

county in November and attempt to stop the sale in this territory.

Id not go to the country people who renerally oppose it and secure the re-juired 10 per cent of the voters to sign

WHAT LOCAL OPTIONISTS PROPOSE For instance, if the responsible citizens

and put it down, then we would be safe in an election, for it would result in good and the laws would be enforced

The officers are governed by public sentiment. You cannot force them to oppose public sentiment. They are elected by the public and know what the public expects of them. They do

the public expects of them. They do
nothing more. The minute they find
that those who elected them are opposed
to a thing and they have a law against
that particular thing the officers will
quickly enforce the law.

"We are going about this matter sys-

tematically. Not until given territory is ripe will we attempt to force local option upon it. We are out to eventually win and when we move we expect to move in the right direction. If we carry local option at a given point we expect to do so by the vote of the taxpayers and best citizens and then we expect the enforcement of the law by these same voters and citizens.

rom Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.
A girl is terribly afraid of rats every

authority. It is very different in the matter of the Russian war news. The generals who make up these reports, if indeed they do make them up, are experts in criticism. They make plainly evident the fact that there have been terrific encounters. The Japanese losses are always enormous, while the losses of the Russians are small, if not actually insignificant. An impression has gone forth that the Japs are doing superb work with their artillery. To counteract that impression military reports are made by the Russians to show that in the great movement now being made on Manchuria the Russians have almost invariably silenced the Japanese artillery. But the cleverest feature of all is the way in which it is plainly indicated that those who bore the brunt of the fighting have invariably maintained their positions while at the same time they have sullenly withdraws because of the pressure of overwhelming odds.

If the campaign was one of literary experts, we feat the Japs, clever as they are, would have very little show against the able and industrious Russians. Unfortunately it is a contest between the military experts in which the Japs, under almost inconceivable difficulties and with a celerity requiring almost superhuman exertion, are steadily pushing back the Russians, whose time is largely occupied in dodging their way out from under the enveloping flanks of the resistless Japs While all must admire literary expertness and render the tribute of their admiration to a fine job of word carpentry, still the present contest is on sterner lines, literature being an incident merely in the campaign, and what is being actually accomplished in the field. rather than to the story which is subsequently concocted of it for the benefit of a waiting world, which is not altogether so guilible as it is believed to be.

SEEKING HOMES IN PORTLAND.

NE OF the significant signs of Portland's pre eminence in this region, and at the same time an evidence of its solid growth, is the steady and increasing drift into this city of wealthy or well-to-do men from all over the Pacific northwest, for the purpose of making their homes here, and most of them having also the purpose to make investments here. The word "drift" is not to be taken in its most literal sense; that these men do not come here aimiessly or without it is incomparably the best place in the Pacific northwest to come, for their purposes, and they do not wish to leave this region; they could not live comfortably elsewhere. Their purposes, as indicated, are to secure pleasant city homes, where they can partly or altogether retire from the active and often arduous lives they have led; where they can in a measure rest during the remainder of their lives, and at the same time have all the advantages a large city affords; and where, toocan safely invest their savings and surplus profits in than they pay for it, and in all probability will gradually increase in value, thus adding to their fortunes without toll and anxiety on their part.

It would surprise most readers to learn how many such men have come into this city to reside during the past two or three years. There are scores of them They have come from eastern Oregon, eastern Washminers, others lumbermen, others farmers, and others merchants or otherwise business men in smaller towns. oney some of these Inland Empire stockmen and farmer have made, and laid by. Some of them have sold out and bring all or nearly all their money; others still retain their lands and stock, or other interior property. but have varying surplus amounts with which-to buy a home, and for other investment.

The moral of this story is plain: Portland is the best home city in this portion of the United States, at least, and these shrewd, successful men know it. And these men will aid, in some small degree, in Portland's development, and assuredly add a little to its rapidly increasing volume of wealth.

Salmon men are deeply interested in the increasingly late date of the annual salmon run. That date is now dangerously close to the August 15 limit set by law for the cessation of fishing. It has been met on the Washany of the facts, no matter how unpalatable they might ington side by a tacit understanding that the provisions be. In the course of time "regrets to report" became of the law be ignored, but this is neither the wisest nor rather monotonous introductions to a series of military the best way of doing it. If the salmon run starts too reverses, but whenever these reports were made public late for the fishermen to get full advantage of it under everyone who read them knew them for truth as the the present arrangement for a closed season, then that arrangement should be changed. This should not be done In the present war, Japan seems studiously careful to by an "understanding," but through a regulation of law, send forth nothing that it does not believe to be true. On such a presentation of facts there would doubtless Anything emanating from that source is accepted with be no trouble in convincing the legislature of the wisdom

SWINGING ON THE GATE.

of Baker City think that the present form of liquor traffic is best, then it I can see a picture painted. I can smell would be useless to ring in outsiders and force local option upon them. They would simply evade the law by "blindif the people themselves are against it

the drying hay
Where the busy mowers rattle through
the lazy summer's day;
I can see the hungry plowboy wading
through 'the billowed corn
With expectant ear to windward list'ning for the dinner horn;
While unconscious of necessity, the future, or of fate,
I make wondrous childish journeys as Iswing upon the gate.

Strange how back among the many recol-

lections of the past
Memory will grope and wander till it
brings to us at last Some poor, foolish, fond remembrance, seeming hardly worth the while Yet somehow made wondrous potent, like a tender passing smile.

Fleeting, gone, and soon forgotten—yet remembered by and by With a swelling in the bosom and a dimmins of the area.

ming of the eye.

Now my temples fast are graying and my eyes have sober grown With the years of varied happiness sorrow I have known;
Still, I sometimes hear the echo, when
the evening lights are low
And without my darkened casement
ghostly breezes eerie blow.

In the hasy, lasy summer-time we swung upon the gate.

—Lowell Otis Reese in Leslie's Weekly.

place except in her hair.

The woman who will not wait 25 minutes for the change from a \$5 bill after making a \$4.99 purchase is a new woman.

It is hard for a girl to understand that the one who is least talked about is the best liked.

A gentlewoman is always a gentle One Jolt Enough.

From the Providence Journal.

It may be observed that the Republicans at least are not making any very loud demand for Judge Parker to

Goode is good enough.

It's a good time to put up blackber

Not all is grace that is said before

Fairbanks was sensible enough make his speech short. Oregon is the healthlest state in

union-or very nearly so.

If Bryan were to run, would Teddy

Judge Parker knows whether should resign or not, and when.

At least the Democratic party otten rid of Jinsky Jonesovitch.

What a happy time it will be when there will be speechless campaigns.

Bryan may take baths, too, even if he has no big river running in front of his house.

Some people, in viewing the landscape at Esopus, persist in seeing a Hill in the background.

If Roosevelt is re-elected will he change the national bird from the eagle to the stork?

Still, Candidate Davis can easily find a woman, of any desired age or looks, who will consent.

poor man Root a chance to attend to his professional business?

alarm—the same old story. Mr. Cortelyou has not been over

People die in Portland every day, but it is easier to keep alive here than in almost any city in the union.

Perhaps the Russian naval command-ers considered that merchantmen were the only kind of ships they could sink

That long story intended to be sensa-tional, in the morning paper, about a row between Governor Chamberlain and State Senator M. A. Miller of Linn county, was, as well-informed readers

The only criticism of the St. Louis fair is that it is so big that it becomes bewildering. Visitors say it would require two months to take it all in thoroughly. A smaller fair, like ours will be next year, can be better seen, studied and appreciated.

Any newspaper that ventures to criticise or call attention to the unparalleled extravagance of the present administration, or the sudden suppression of all investigations of wholesale frauds in the departments, is, according to the Oregonian a "cheap skate," and is "talking rubbish through its hat." This slaps is all the answer it has. slang is all the answer it has.

Cattle raisers are being injured, consumers are being injured, millions of people are being injured, to the extent in the aggregate of millions of dollars, on account of the meat handlers' strike, and yet nothing can be done to put an end to it. This is one instance in which divilization makes a poor showing.

Pictures are more potent than words. The cartoon has almost supplanted the dallies, where art is accessible and within reach of the newspaper. Ten thousand editorial essays have been written on the benefits of the portage road, and the dramatic features of the road, and the dramatic features of the situation in eastern Oregon, in which an empire lies locked behind the closed gates of the Columbia river, but not one of these thrilling essays or editorials has ever portrayed an lota of the meaning contained in a cartoon on the first page of The Oregon Sunday Journal of yesterday. The picture represents a strong stone wall, high and forbidding, with an iron hinged gate, locked and barred and surmounted with frowning pillars. Over the gate is written "Inland Empire," and from behind it streams the golden sunbeams of prosperity and progress, representing the spirit that seeks to rush out to the world, through the barred gate. Beworld, through the barred gate. Be-hind that closed gate is crowding the traffic and commerce of an empire, seek-ing egress to the world, but it is se-curely locked. In front of the gate curely locked. In front of the gate stands Oregon, represented as a beautiful, woman, holding in her hand a monster key marked "Portage Road," and which fits the frowning lock on that gate. Hesitatingly, timidly, beseechingly, she is looking at the sunbeams pouring over the wall, and stands with the key almost entering the lock, asking herself, apparently, whether she shall open the empire and give freedom to the worlds of commerce behind the stone wall. It is a picture worthy of a place in every home and over every a place in every home and over every door in the Inland Empire. It is a sermon, by Gregg, the cartoonist, that could not be preached in words.

Open to Suspicion.

From the Washington Pont.

Steamship companies propose to issue an order prohibiting gamblers from riding on their vessels. The enforcement

Small Change

After talk comes work.

The boy who wants to be presiden should learn to swim and ride.

There are some signs that

Tom Taggart would like to get back

By the way, don't forget good wago

If Port Arthur were one of Prof. Langley's airships, now, how easy it would fall,

President Roosevelt points with pride, and Judge Parker will view with

Chicago Journal: It is a safe bet that after Dave Hill shook hands with Tam-many Leader Murphy each of them counted his fingers.

Steady and lively rustling from now on is necessary to make the Lewis and Clark fair a success. And Mr. Goods will keep people rustling.

Esopus is to have a new hotel and railroad depot, which shows what a town gains by having one of its citisens nominated for president.

THE EFFECTIVE CARTOON.

of such an order would change the va-cation plans of a lot of Wall street op-erators.





THE TIBETAN EXPEDITION

Eliza R. Scidmore in Chicago Tribune. If one cannot go to Tibet he can arrive at an idea of what a Tibetan temple service is like by attending one of the daily services at the lama temple in Pekin. The Buddhist religion came from India through Tibet, and the Pekin priesthood look to Lhassa as the holy city and source of all sacred learning, and to the daiai lama as the head and visible representative of the religion on earth.

from Lhassa concerning the little war the dalai lama is waging against the British expedition advancing from the Indian frontier. A new ambau or Chi-nese resident at the court of the dalai lama was sent out from Pekin last

That worthy Chinese official was dis That worthy Chinese official was dispatched overland from Pekin and by dint of his mastery of the policy of delay he managed to reach only Chengtu, the capital of Szechuen province, in October. He moved on leaden feet, praying that the ambau then in residence in Lhassa would have settled all the unpleasantries with the Tibetans and the British before his arrival.

A year ago Captain Parr, once of the A year ago Captain Pair, once of the Chicago customs service, and then with the British army in South Africa, and now again under Sir Robert Hart's directory, was dispatched to Tibet by way of India as joint commissioner with the Chinese ambau. Captain Parr joined Colonel Younghusband's party and shared the trying winter and shared the trying winter.

or ever coming to meet him. Captain Parr, as a representative of the Chinese government, is, with his colleague, the ambau in Lhassa, charged to bring the Tibetans to their senses and make them see the advantage of opening trade with India. What little influence the Chinese government has with the Tibetans is being exercised in favor of their coming to the contract of favor of their coming to terms with the British, but with the crass ob-stinacy and wrongheadedness of a fa-natical, unsophisticated, and suspicious people, the Tibetans seem bent on

with or interested in Tibetan affairs quite shake their heads at the madness of the Tibetans in opposing the British expedition. They foretell consternation in Lhassa when the news arrives there Japanese rivaling those inflicted upon the Chinese ten years ago by the same people, and gloomily agree that it is now too late. of Russian defeats at the han

A TOURG WOMAN'S LOGIC.

She Criticises Judge Parker's Position In a Caustic Letter.

Rochester (N. Y.) Special to Chicago Tribune. Judge Parker's recent statement that he did not propose to be photographed by camera men, as a matter of personal right, has called forth a protest from Miss Abigail Robertson of this city, the young woman who last year sued a big milling company for damages for publishing her likeness on one of their advertisements, and whose prayer for relief was denied by the court of ap-peals, of which Judge Parker was and peals, of which Judge Parker was and is still chief justice.

Miss Robertson has sent a letter to Judge Parker. Among other things, Miss Robertson says:

"My Dear Sir: I read in the press

dispatches yesterday afternoon that Mrs. Parker was obliged to leave home to avoid the annoyance of ubiquitous to avoid the annoyance of ubiquitous photographers, notwithstanding the warning given by you and reported in the same dispatches last Saturday morning, in which it was announced that that would be the last day of promiscuous photographing of yourself and family, and wherein you are quoted as saying: 'I reserve the right to put my hands in my pockets and assume comfortable attitudes without being everlastingly afraid that I shall be snapped by some fellow with a camera.

"I take this opportunity to remind you that you have no such right as that which you assert.

"I have high authority for my state-

submit that I was much more entitled to protection than you. I was a poor girl, making my living by my daily efforts, and never had courted publicity in any manner. I had never appeared before the public in any capacity nor solicited any favor at its hands. You, on the other hand, are a candidate for the highest office in the gift of the people of the United States, and that fact makes you a legitimate center of public interest.

"Your candidacy is something more than merely voluntary, and it may that which you assert.

"I have high authority for my statement, being nothing less than a decision of the court of appeals of this state, wherein you wrote the prevailing opinion. The action was one in which I was the plaintiff. "To this extent, at least, it would seem to me that the right which you

"You may recollect that the facts ! "You may recollect that the facts in that case were undisputed, and that it was admitted that the defendants, without my knowledge or consent, and knowing that they had no right or authority so to do, had secured my photograph and, having caused it to be enlinged and lithographed in life size, had circulated about 25,000 copies thereof as an advertisement of the commodities in which one of the defendants dealt; that the likensses were posted as an advertisement of the commodities in which one of the defendants dealt; that the likenesses were posted conspicuously in stores, warehouses, saloons and other public places, and had been recognized by my friends and others; that my good name had been attacked, and as a consequence I desired an injunction against the defendants restraining the further use thereof. You referred to my cause of action as a so-called right of privacy and admitted that such publicity which some find agreeable is to plaintiff distasteful, and that I suffered mental distress, when others would have appreciated the compliment to their beauty, and in an opinion sixteen pages long you arrived at the conclusion that I had no

tales of their adventures in Tibet, saw fit to question the genuineness of the Japanese Buddhist priest's account of his travels, Captain Parr has conducted a thorough investigation in re. Kawaguchi, Savage Landor, Bonvalon, and all the rest of them, from the moment of crossing the boundary up to the last advices from him at Phari, in the Chumph valley at the end of March.

since Lord Kitchener controls the Tibetan expedition it is not believed that he will permit many noncombatants to follow the troops, and those already with them, who will be fortunate enough to enter Lhassa will have a monopoly of those stirring and pictureacus events. of those stirring and picturesque event

to describe.
When Lhassa is gained, however, and the last door in Asia is thrown wide open, it will be some time before it be-comes a beaten tourist route, as the difficulties of climate and transport will

Mr. Francis Nichols, the American str. Francis Nichols, the American traveler, whose "Through Hidden Shensi" is one of the most interesting books of far eastern travel, started for Tibet from the Yangtse valley last fall, but all accounts received from him so far are not cheerful, and show great difficulties to have here difficulties to have been encountered in passing on from the Chinese frontier. Officials were unwilling to let him go.

blocking him, and made his trip a strong contrast to his promenade across Shensi distributing famine relief funds.

Everything went so well and so easily in Shensi, the most hidden and closed of Chinese provinces, that Mr. Nichols argued from it nothing of the delays and annoyances that have beset him in Szechuen on his way toward Tibet.

Comte de Lesdain, a secretary of the French legation in Pekin, is starting this week down overland to the Tibetan frontier, and hopes to find the way to frontier, and hopes to find the way to Lhassa opened to foreigners at last, and to be able to traverse Tibet across to Turkestan and Central Asia, reach-ing Europe finally by the Russian trans-

caspian railway. The promoters and floaters, conces sion seekers, and boomers of every kind who have afflicted China and the Philippines for these many years are giving thought now and then to the

Captain Parr, the Chinese commis-sioner with the British expedition, has been seeking information concerning lama temples and the palace of the European explorers from all the Tibetans whom he meets. As certain accumulated for centuries. rights that could be protected by your

tion under similar circumstances which

was in its nature libelous. It necessar

than merely voluntary, and it may fairly be said that you have invited the curiosity which we have both found to

denied me, but which you now asser for yourself, was stronger in my cas than yours."

Old Times Mecalled.

From New Orleans Times-Democrat.
The American, sightseeing in the Figitelands, came upon a young savage engaged in tattooing the picture of a fish on his father's back. His eyes filled

companion.
"It reminds me of the time when my

old man would let me draw on him also!" was his reply.

engagements are

A pledge lightly spoken, Conveniently broken,

"To be perfectly fair to you. I ought to say that you expressly excepted from the effect of your decision any publica

There has been an epidemic of divorce cases in Umatilia county lately, and some people who would not otherwise have thought of such a thing are hunting up grounds for a divorce merely beily follows, therefore, when you now say that you reserve the 'right' not to

The Dalles Times Mountaineer: Chief Ranger Anderson came in yesterday from a tour of the Cascade forest reserve. Mr. Anderson said he and the other rangers had been kept busy the part two weeks fighting firs, but had been successful thus far in keeping the flames within bounds. Fire starts from apparently unknown causes in the mountains and spreads with great rapidity, everything being perfectly dry. Had it not been for the presence of the rangers in the mountains, Mr. Anderson is of the opinion that several large forest fires would have occurred.

Oregon Sidelights

The new Long Creek Sunday school is

Orchard lands near La Grands sell for \$400 an acre.

Bating green apples caused the death of an Athena boy.

Oregon summer resorts are also making hay while the sun shines.

Probably 250,000 sheep are ranging in he mountains surrounding Prairie City.

Astoria has had its first holdup for several years, according to the Budget." This is strange, if true.

Deer hunting parties are meeting with success on the headwaters of Billy creek. Men named Billy are most lucky.

Astoria has passed an ordinance in-ended to keep out itinerent merchants, he home merchants are good enough. The abandoned little baby, found, nearly dead, in Eugene last week, has been adopted, and will have a good home.

The quality of wheat in Umatilla county, while good, is not as good as it was last year, when it was par excel-

unknown quantities of clear ice has been newly discovered in the northern edge of Lake county. 'Kelleher City correspondence of Rose-burg Review: Mr. W. A. Roberts had a slight attack of miasmatic fever during the week, but has recovered.

The big logdrive, containing many millions of feet, for the Oregon City pulp mills, passed Albany Tuesday, fairly filling the surface of the river.

Shooting frogs is a new sport in east-ern Oregon. One man the other day se-cured 54 pairs of legs, enough for a meal protecting frogs?

A Pendleton man has in use a chair made in Linn county for his father, James Hlakeley, just 50 years ago, and it will be serviceable for 250 years yet. Look out for Brother Himes.

At the dedication of the new Metho-dist church at Springfield, Sunday, the

A good wagon road across the Cas-cades from the Santiam to the foothills in Grook county would be a good thing for Marion county in particular, and other parts of the state in a less de-

A Clatsop county man received during the month of June \$125 from the sale of butter fat from \$15 cows, and the milk fed to hogs was worth \$10, besides what the family used. The right kind of dairying pays.

Astoria Budget: The two youngest over \$200 to their credit. They take the same chances as the other fishermen and give promise by another season of developing into experts.

"Bootlegging" is practiced on a large scale in some of the Blue mountain resorts, but nothing is done about it because there is no deputy United States marshal in that port of the state to make complaints or arrests. Pendleton people think they are entitled to a deputy marshal as of verse.

say that you reserve the 'right' not to be photographed with your hands in your pockets or in other comfortable attitudes, either that you are asserting a right for yourself and your family which you are unwilling to accord to litigants before your court, or eise that there is something in the attitude suggested of such a nature that a reproduction of it with photographic exactness would be necessarily libelous. It is not apparent how your likeness in the attitude suggested could be libelous, at least, not as long as you kept your hands in your own pockets.

"I know of no reason why you or your family have any rights of the nature suggested which do not equally belong to me. Indeed, as between us, I submit that I was much more entitled to protection than you. I was a poor

The grasshoppers have taken their flight. Last Tuesday all became possessed of the same notion and they sought a high plane in the upper air and drirted in a southwesterly direction, which, if continued, will take them into California. Now we don't wish California any harm, but they are a guest which we are glad to dispense with here, and if they should happen to settle in a typical California poultry district, that a sort of a farmer will be strictly in the swim. There are plenty, Billions of them passed. In the lower altitudes their flight was erratic, but away up, it could be seen they all took the same direction without the variation of a point. —is may be explained by the lower ones being just in the art of rising, and as they gain the elevation desired they will become a part of the vast army of insects that have elected to leave this part of the country. Whether they have a choice of direction or not we do not know. It is more probable they are borne by the wind, in which case it is possible for them to be carried out to sea and reach a watery grave.