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NEED OF CONGRESSIONAL INTERVENTION.

T LAST the American people are being aroused to the grave dangers which confront them in the great question which may be summarized under general head of transportation. Being now face to with the question not only in its national but its cal aspect they realize that they are completely at the of the great railroad corporations of the country unless something is speedily done to reach the the matter they will soon be bound hand and Affairs in the railroad world have been moving wildering rapidity in the last few days. It is altrue that whatever the designation of the roads ct still remains that all great roads of the country recent consolidations still greater are in conion, with the certainty that they will place the e business in still fewer hands and make of all the systems practically one huge monopoly, powerful

when the local aspects of a case appeal to the great equently kept in leading strings. If they advance against almost insuperable obstacles and not be-of the railroads but actually in spite of them. the federal law now stands the railroads have a

hand and there is none to bid them nay. Certain nees are now being made in congress in the direction the right direction and with certain modificaof the things by which they should most rigidly judge their representatives is by their stand and vote in the matter of transportation legislation. Something should come out of the present session of congress and that body should be left in no doubt of the popular feeling and the demands which give rise to it.

CURBING THE SHERIFF.

NDER ORDERS from the county court Sheriff Word has turned the rockpile prisoners for the day and the noon meal over to an officer designated by the board. According to the strict letter of the law this is permissible though no advantage has heretofore been taken of this provision of the law and the prisoners have been fed by the sheriff. It has been generally rumored that efforts would be made in different directions to "clip Word's wings" immediately after the new year opened. The trouble which some officials find having Sheriff Word is that he is any amenable to infin. with Sheriff Word is that he is not amenable to influences which heretofore have been paramount. It looks as though there was something to the rumor that influences are at work not only to curb him but to cut down his legitimate allowances in whatever directions may be reachable. Heretofore we have not thought that the county board would stoop to such things. There should be no mistake made in this respect. To whatever degree his official conduct may be disproved by other officials to that or even a greater degree is it approved by the public as a whole. Mr. Word has made it plain that he is honest, that he will enforce the law and that in such enforcement he is no respecter of persons. In fearlessly following out this line of policy he has won public confidence and those who at the behest of the ma-chine go out of their way to place irritating obstacles in his way will themselves feel the weight of public displeasure before they get through with the contract.

A WORTHY INFANT INSTITUTION.

OMORROW IS THE DAY set for the formal opening of the tuberculosis sanitarium near this city, an occason in which all the people of Portland and the surrounding country should take an interest. And that interest should be manifested in the very practical way of supplying that very worthy ution with the things necessary for the accommodation and comfort of at least the few patients who will be treated there at first.

This philanthropic enterprise is starting out on a very modest and small scale, and for awhile will not first through the legislature, must unite with county eccommodate many patients, but it should be given a authorities to run down the central Oregon sheep mur

and if as successful as there is good reason to believe it will be it will grow from this small beginning into one of the most notable and beneficent establishments of this region. What it needs now in its infancy is a little practical help in the way of bedding, clothing and like necessaries that readers could supply many times over without missing them. Think about this and at-

McClure's magazine says: "Tuberculosis is today the scourge of the world. It causes more deaths, suffering and sorrow and a greater economic loss than any agency within the whole range of human afflictions. This nation, thanks to its open spaces, suffers less than many others, yet of the 80,000,000 living Americans 8,000,000 or perhaps 10,000,000 must die from this cause. These lives might have been saved, for tuberculosis is not a mysterious and incurable fate. Modern science has shown that the environment which man makes for himself and his habit of life determine his liability to this disease. The tribute in lives and misery which it levies. disease. The tribute in lives and misery which it levies. upon any community is the tax upon its collective ignor-ance, prejudice and greed. The wages of these is death, and tuberculosis is the coin in which it is paid. It is the

cure. There ought to be no such thing as consumption in such a state as Oregon, but there is, and though its ravages are not so great here as in eastern states, they are sufficiently destructive and serrowful to prompt every good citizen to help this Sanitarium to fulfill the purpose for which it is was organized.

WHERE WHEAT RAISING PAYS.

ENTION WAS MADE last week of the sale of this in kind, if not quite equal to it in degree, have been published for weeks past, and so are not rare, in that wonderful wheat producing region lying in northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington. In Umatilla, Whitman, Adams, Walla Walla, Morrow, Sherman and other counties are many men whose crops this amounted to more than the producing the second states are many men whose crops this amounted to more than the second states are many men whose crops this amounted to more than the second states are many men whose crops this amounted to more than the second states are many men whose crops this amounted to more than the second states are many men whose crops this amounted to more than the second states are many men whose crops this amounted to more than the second states are many men whose crops this amounted to more than the second states are many men whose crops this amounted to more than the second states are many men whose crops this amounted to make the second that bankruptey does not discount that the second that bankruptey does not discount that the second that bankruptey does not discount that the second that bankruptey does not discount that the second that bankruptey does not decided that bankruptey does not discount that the second that the seco other counties are many men whose crops this year amounted to more than \$10,000 each, many who in lands, other counties are many men whose crops this year amounted to more than \$10,000 each, many who in lands, products, stock and cash are worth all the way from \$25.—

17 the scriptural Ananias were alive he ooo to \$75,000 each, and most of whom not very many years ago were struggling renters or poor farm hands. belt in the world, where wheat can be raised at less cost belt in the world, where wheat can be raised at less cost and in greater quantities per acre than anywhere else; they were men, though poor, with health, strength, courage, hope, ambition and energy; they had perception also, and used it, discovering the nature of that soil and what could be accomplished by such men as they were; and now they and their crops and possessions are the subject of such items as this one of the man who received \$57,000 of the people's money, all within the past eight years. Yet our great and good government seems unable or uncomplished by such men as they were; and now they and their crops and possessions are the subject of such items as this one of the man who received \$57,000 of the people's money, all within the past eight years. Yet our great and good government seems unable or uncomplished by such men as they were; and the past eight years.

MORE SHEEP SLAUGHTERED.

GAIN the wholesale sheep murderers have been getting in their dastardly work, killing 500 of a band of sheep near Prineville and wounding or crimes in central Oregon, and it is high time that extraordinary efforts were taken by the local authorities to hunt down the perpetrators and bring them to justice. We realize that this is no easy task, but it should be one within the range of possibility, and no effort or expense should be spared to accomplish this result.

The counties where these outrages occur cannot afford to allow them to continue; neither can the state of Oregon. The whole state is deeply inferested in preventing these fiendish crimes, and it should without delay take steps to aid the local authorities in detecting and punishing them. It is evident that the local authorities either annot or will not do so without assistance, hence it is necessary for the legislature to act at the earliest practicable moment. If the governor is furnished with sufficient authority and means, he will no doubt be able to

No censure in printable language can be severe enough to fit the case of these dastardly scoundrels who go out masked to slaughter hundreds or thousands of their neighbors' sheep, which are on the public range as legally as other stock are there. They are an annoyance, often an injury, no doubt, to men who might do more to settle up and develop the country than the sheepmen do; but there can be nothing in the situation justifying or even excusing these cowardly and contemptible crimes. Men who will kill, wound and scatter a large band of sheep would not need a much greater grievance, real or imagined, to murder the sheep's owners. The penalty provided by law for this crime is all too inadequate proper punishment, but such as it is the perpetrators ought to be made to suffer, whomsoever they may be. The good name not only of several counties but of the

whole state is involved. The state government, acting thorough trial and necessary encouragement and aid, derers and punish them to the limit of their deserts.

sately watcher from a steamer, it is a very different matter if the observer is in a canoe or a small boat. Then his position is one of considerable danger, as

In the channels which traverse the arshes of certain districts in central rics." writes a traveler, "hippopotami incredible numbers are met withmetimes in herds of 60 and 70. Wherer the channel widens out into a reedy to rows of grotesque-looking heads the sars erect appear above the water race, their owners studying the extradinary apparation produced by the amer. On approaching the spot these are and a series of waves and large ples indicate the plassage of the meter forms below the surface. After two minutes time the same huge descriptions are really downstream of boat. They have another stare and a disappear, generally downstream of boat. They have another stare and a disappear, with a snort and the

The Journal.—I note in your issue of the 29th J. W. Baker of Forest Groye states that the limit of trout should be 75 instead of 125. I do not think that the limit of 125 per day is unreasonable, but do think that the law prohibiting taking trout under five inches is more harmful than good, for 50 per cent of the small fish taken on the book are either hooked through the head and die is a very short time after being re-

He who possesses wirthe at its best, Of greatness in the true sense of that

Small Change

Where is Rojestvensky?

Now for a great year's work.

Write 4 no more, for 5 is alive.

None of em have so far atter to prove an alibi.

Unckey lies the head that su in working itself into an office.

Now is the time to exchange resents for something you want.

The holidays were very pleasant, but paying the bills is something quite dif-ferent.

. Still the cost of living increases. It is a poor time to propose reducing wages.

Nogi gets the chief credit, but he could not have won without the utmost devotion on the part of the private soldiers.

A good many thousands of Japaness and Russians can neither hurrah nor be sad at the fall of Port Arthur; they

John R. McLean announces that he is no longer a Democrat, but this would have been no news at any time for several years past.

A New York farmhand has married his employer, a widow with millions. If this doesn't encourage young men to hire out on farms, nothing will.

rew years ago they would not have been believed by eastern people, but many of them have been learning about the Pacific northwest, and are not now so incredulous.

It would be well for some of these counties to join in an organization having in view the stopping over and visiting that region by eastern people coming to the fair.

What a man hears he may doubt, but what he sees he is sure of.

Oregon Sidelights

Corvallie to dry-perhaps.

Now Tillamook county is dry

The Dalles-Falls City railroad is doing The proposed railroad from Medford to Crater lake is likely to materialise this

Up in Malheur county district a school-house Christmas tree was a huge sage-

Some unknown friend left the Mitch-ell News editor a goose the other day and the overjoyed and well-filled news paper man announces that if the dono will make himself known he will be cred ited with a year's subscription

The Springfield News, desued Friday, says: "Bince our return from Forest Grove Tuesday night we have had only three minutes sleep." Nobody but an address could get along and be happy on

How Germany Uses Its Canals

A condensation follows from the opening portion of a sper by O. Elizabacher in the Contemporary Review. It is interesting in view of the hesitisting progress toward New York's \$510.

**Goloob barge cash; also as showing what may happen in a country when the for things to be really done. The page is entitled "The Lesson of the German what may happen in a country when the condensation of the far in the condensation of the cases she had built up with the greatest water. The present of cashes which in past decaded to be the admiration and envy of all foreign nations, was declared to be useless by the prometers of railways and their friending and the anticon weaking and their friending and their friending and the anticon weaking and their friending and their friend

George F. Viett in Lesite's weekly.
A great big friend of all the world
Is your genial Uncle Sam.
And he has no need to pose and strut
As the only great "I am!"
He knows that there are others as big
as himself.
But on this he makes his brag—
That there's none so happy, and none
so free.
As the millions under his flag.

Men and Women in the United States

Lewis and Clark