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HELD BACK FROM THE PIE COUNTER.

WHEN MAYOR LANE began cutting off the noble army of tax eaters from their supply wagons, they began to fight back in earnest.

OUR NEAR NORTHERN NEIGHBOR.

WHILE WE ARE INTENT UPON our local railroad development, and deeply interested in it, as we have a right to be, we have scarcely had time to observe the great amount of railroad building and allied industrial movements and activity in British Columbia.

Two great railways, the Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern, are rapidly extending their lines and competing with each other in the opening up and developing of the country, and wherever they do the pioneer work big opportunities are developed.

Western Canada, as well as the western states, is working not only for interior development, but for oriental trade.

WALL STREET MUST FIGHT IT OUT ALONE.

WE DO NOT BELIEVE the people of the country will be profoundly affected by the prediction of Banker Schiff that unless the national banks are permitted to issue a volume of additional government guaranteed currency equal in amount to 50 per cent of the bond secured currency maintained by them there is bound to come a staggering financial crash such as the country has rarely seen in its history.

This is a view of the situation so profoundly provincial that it could emanate from no part of the country but New York City. It is as though the prosperity of the United States was dependent upon the success of the stock gamblers who infest Wall street and have so often wrought ruin to their fellow countrymen.

HILL TRAINING FOR IDLENESS

St. Paul (Minn.) Dispatch to New York World. James J. Hill says he will retire on January 1 from active work in connection with his vast railway interests.

Usually one of the busiest of men, Mr. Hill has been in training for idleness for the last few weeks. He has been spending whole days in the Minnesota park. He has visited the billiard room which he has not entered for years, and lounged in a huge chair watching the players.

SMALL CHANGE

Looks like pretty nearly everybody wants to read the Bryan letters in The Journal. They begin Sunday, January 4.

Those 19 young ladies who are going to Honolulu will undoubtedly have "the time of their lives." The Journal only wishes in this regard that it could have afforded a thousand the pleasure of such a trip.

Evidently New York will get rid of its "two senile old men" as senators when their terms expire. The wonder is that such a state should have kept them in office so long.

Mayor McClellan evidently learned something from the recent election, even if he didn't spend a cent.

It is not entirely clear to them whether Wall street is not after all a curse to the whole country. If it is not it should at least have its own row as best it can.

There have been other crashes in Wall street in which the country has not been involved. There is a danger ahead of the country's prosperity except that which is hatched there.

WHY THE REFORM WAVE RISES.

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Philadelphia showed an extraordinary manifestation of the new condition but New York is keeping a close second. Nothing more remarkable has transpired in years than the race made by Mr. Hearst for mayor.

Like all men exercising arbitrary power they finally carried things too far. In looking back the surprise is that the voters could so long have stood the imposition, the outrage and the robbery.

Western Canada, as well as the western states, is working not only for interior development, but for oriental trade.

Our northern neighbor, though a "Sister of the Snows," is rich in timber, fish, minerals and agricultural lands. There are great mines of coal, mica, asbestos and zinc. Very fine apples are raised there.

In fine, our northern neighbor is worthy of notice and respect, for, like ourselves, it is progressing.

PROFESSOR'S INDORSEMENT.

From the Detroit Free Press. Before President Angell of the University of Michigan had attained to his present high position a young hopeful entering college was recommended to his consideration.

"Try the boy out, professor; criticize him and tell us both what you think," the parents said.

To facilitate acquaintance the professor took the boy for a walk. After 10 minutes' silence the youth ventured, "Fine day, professor."

"Yes," with a faraway look. Ten minutes more and the young man, squirming all the time, ventured: "This is a pleasant walk, professor."

"Yes." For another 10 minutes the matriculate boiled to his bones and then burst out that he thought they might have rain.

"Yes." And this time the professor went on: "And this time, we have been walking together for half an hour, and you have said nothing which was not commonplace and stupid."

"True," answered the boy, his wrath passing his modesty, "and you indorsed every word I said."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By H. D. Jenkins, D. D. Topic: "The Shepherds Find Jesus."

Golden Text—"For there is born to this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 1:31.

It is a precious privilege to be permitted to begin once more the study under the auspices of the Sunday school of a new year.

The third of these closely related gospels begins with a scene distinctly rural: it is night amid the silences and solitudes of the wide uplands where shepherds were tending their flocks.

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What the Panama canal wants is to be dug. Quit making the useless noise.

Few things worth having are free, especially if you live in a town. And yet Mr. Lachar has promised to vote for a bill to put trust-manufactured articles on the free list.

Good time for candidates to come out. Apparently there can be no "safe and sane" basing or football.

Governor Vardaman of Mississippi is trying, quite successfully, to make a bigger fool of himself with his mouth than ever. Where's your hard winter?

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Lafayette correspondent McMinnville Register: Mrs. John Smith is staying at Mrs. M. Smith's this winter, and her daughter is going to school.

A Sherman county farmer named Smith has leased 2,200 acres of farming land in northern Texas. Let he will wish he was back in Sherman county.

The Malheur Gazette fraternally wishes its new competitor, the "Orlando," long life and prosperity. At Independence Mr. Hugh Smith was married to Miss Bertha G. Smith, and Mr. Phil E. Smith was married to Miss M. E. Smith.

An electric line will be built from Corvallis to the Bellfountain neighborhood. Lots of ducks being killed around Shedd's. One man got 48 one day.

Independence needs a Get-together club; also a Go-get-'em club, says the Enterprise. Klamath Falls' \$50,000 high school building will be dedicated January 20.

Despite the beauties of nature being everywhere, remarks the Mitchell News, there was a bellicose germ pervading the air, which attacked some of the boys without any serious results. The Tillamook Keadlight remarks that "the weather being wet all day turned into a rain and wind storm in the evening."

Snow at the Silver Lake sawmill three feet deep. Baker City claims about 10,000 population, nearly half that of Baker county. The prospects for a genuine old-fashioned mining boom for the coming year on Pedro mountain are said to be very flattering.

Coquille Socialists have organized and rented a hall. Coos county, claims the Coquille Record, has more natural advantages than any section of its size in the United States.

John Mulkey is friendly enough, but he doesn't shake hands with people. He frosts them tending sheep. Hood River Apple-growers' union will keep open door for all visitors the year round.

Astoria expects to go ahead much this year and doubtless will. Handicappers expect their firm beach to become a great summer resort. The Union flouring mills are humming right along, having had little trouble with tea this winter.

The 2-year-old son of the editor of the Haines Record received a \$5 gold coin as a present from an uncle for whom he was named, Miles Nelson, and who has for 20 years been in the office of the controller of the currency in New York state.

Sumpter district mining prospects looking up. Elgin correspondent of Wallawa News: Nell McLeod has a force of 20 men in his timber on the Looking Glass county cutting ties to fill the contract recently taken of the O. R. & N. company.

The lone Proclaimer is eight years old and has hung up a new towel. Wallawa News: J. B. Larson has the distinction of having made a call at this office and paying for his paper until August 1, 1907. Who will be the next?

Better orchards, sure.

RAILROAD-BUILDING LAST YEAR

Although Oregon last year built only 24.43 miles of railroad, more was constructed than in 20 other states of the union. The Railroad Gazette gives this state credit for building the following lines in 1907:

Columbia River & Oregon (O. R. & N.)—Arlington to Condon, 46.00 miles; and a line Bluff, 10.45 miles. Total, 56.45 miles. Oregon & Everett—Luttenhols to Camp 15, 1.90 miles; on extension from Burns toward Arista, 2.50 miles. Total, 4.40 miles. Oregon State Ferry—Astoria to Big Eddy, 1.00 miles. Total, 1.00 mile. Sumpter Valley—Tipton to Auston 2.21 miles. Total, 62.06 miles.

Although Oregon last year spent very small Oregon, nevertheless exceeded in railroad construction such states as Arizona, California, Florida, Alaska, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wyoming.

Of all the states in the union North Dakota with 520.8 miles leads, while Texas is next with 323.5 miles. Idaho was well up in the list, having 149 miles, the next to last, with 21.2 miles.

The largest number of companies building in any one state was in Arkansas, where 11 companies were engaged in building 193.51 miles. The state having the next largest number of companies was Louisiana, where 10 companies built a little over 99 miles.

Massachusetts holds the record for the smallest number of miles constructed, as only one mile of new line was built there during the past 15 months. Rhode Island is next to the smallest, with 2.5 miles, after which comes Vermont with 3 miles.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Portland, Or., Jan. 2.—To the Editor of the Journal:—I noticed in your paper of December 25 a letter in which you stated that I wrote some time ago. This gentleman seemed to think I was a little hard on the women because I did not want them to vote.

He also said they would not vote for a bad man. For reference he refers us to Colorado and others for the good judgment they used in voting. He must have forgotten the things that happened in that state a short time ago.

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LEWIS AND CLARK

At Fort Clatsop. January 6.—Two of the five men who had been sent to make a trail north at 5 p. m. They had carefully examined the coast, but it was not till the fifth day after their departure that they discovered a convenient situation for its maintenance.

The Indians treated them very kindly, and made them a present of the blubber of the whale, some of which the men brought home. It was white and not unlike the fat of a pig, though a coarser and more spongy texture, and on being cooked was found to be tender and palatable, in flavor resembling butter.

The appearance of the whale seemed to be a matter of importance to all the neighboring Indians, and as we might be able to procure some of the provisions, at least purchase blubber from the Indians, a small parcel of merchandise was prepared, and a party of the men held in readiness to set out in the morning.

Baron Munn von Schwartzstein, the German minister at Peking, has been appointed ambassador of Germany at Tokio.

Because the roadmen of Central park, New York, are keeping the roads much cleaner, Mrs. Russell Sage, who every afternoon drives through the park, on New Year's day presented each of the roadmen with a \$5 gold piece.

J. Pierpont Morgan's private library will be assembled and the thousands of valuable volumes gathered by him and his agents will be in their places on the shelves by the first of the year.

Mr. Carnegie fails to understand why attorneys' fees should be regarded as a part of the cost of a library building. Doubtless an attorney would undertake to show him why—at the usual price.

Switzerland. The dog used in the current attraction is evidently of fine extraction, and makes a big bit with the audience.

All the elements of melodrama are united in the play. The hero and heroine, the villain and the adventures, the plot and the final rescue and the marital union are represented by a company of popular-priced maris.

The show runs for the rest of the week, with a Saturday matinee.

THE PLAY

If the people who attended the Marquis Grand last night were disappointed in the rendition of "The Bohemian Girl," it was not because of the singing ability of the Russian Opera company, in which we have an organization supposedly congregated for voice, rather than for spectacular effect.

The notes of the company are pleasing in the rendition of "The Bohemian Girl," the tenor, who is well and favorably known throughout the west because of his former association with the "Andrews Opera company;" Campbell, a baritone of good reputation; Lucia Nola, the robust soprano prima donna; and Hazel Davanport, the subtrite.