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> Troubles spring from idleness and grievous wrongs from needless ease,-Frank-

#### TREAT THEM ALL ALIKE.

ice corporations inconsiderate- devise. ly granted by legislatures many years ago is one thing; the revocation of a franchise to one particular corporation, to gratify a malicious grudge of a newspaper, is another thing. These old and assumedly perpetual franchises should all be revoked, that of the use of Fourth street for railroad purposes among them; and new franchises to publicservice corporations should be granted only for definite periods and or terms fair and just to the public. But this is not what the Oregonian is contending for; it has a particular private, malignant spite against the Portland Gas company, and members of that corporation, and for that reason and not in the least in the public interest urges the revocation of its

The Journal insists that all should be treated alike as to the revocation of such franchises and as to their taxation, and that neither the legislature nor the Multnomah county delegation should be used as an instrument to carry out the selfish and malicious schemes of the Oregonian, as was done some years ago when it succeeded in defeating a measure regarding the publication of delinquent taxes, and so fleeced the taxpayers out of some \$50,000. Now the Oregonian representatives at Salem are tirging the Multnomah members to wreak its private vengeance on the gas company, which it is no part of franchises are to be revoked, let it be done on the broad ground of pubnot a single corporation singled out merely to satisfy a newspaper grudge.

### THE ONLY SAFE WAY.

HE locomotive engineer sits and, by his preparedness for action, avoids many an accident and saves many a life. With his hand on the throttle of state, Governor Meade of Washington was, by his preparedness for action through the power of removal, quickly and effectively able to prune his railroad commission. The fact that one of these commissioners neglected his duty and became a source of complaint, is being used, in some quarters, as an argument against an appointive commission. Instead of being an argument against, it is an unanswerable argument for an appointive commission, removable by the

The fact that a man selected with discriminating care proved delinquent, shows beyond peradventure that errors may occur even when the selections are made with the utmost care and discrimination. It is vivid illustration of what everybody already knows, that the most serious problem in launching a railroad commission, is the question of selection. It is here that grave error is liable to creep in and at once destroy the usefulness of the body. Without provision beforehand for the purity and efficiency of its personnel it were better to have no commission. All the laws that can be put on the books will be futfle and impotent if the members of the commission be faulty. The forces with which the commission will be confronted are the most ponderous in the state. It is a place where iron nerve, perfect integrity and great ability are self-seeking politicians, chasing office

to those little creatures who would put politics above the weal of the state, and above the welfare and hopes of suffering Oregon shippers. Confronted as they are with a problem of such portent, and standing as they are on the verge of uncertainty, it would seem to be a moment when legislators have reason to feel that in the bill prepared by the nonpartisan chamber of commerce, they reasonable assurance of safety. It ras framed on the lines suggested THE REVOCATION of perpet- by widest experience and is probably ual franchises to public-serv- the best that human ingenuity can

#### A NEEDED CHANGE.

if one member dies or becomes monious in the extreme." incapacitated during a trial, to bring again. And this would happen in any trial, of whatever duration, in on account of the demise or inability of a single juror, or of two or three It ought to be provided that in such a case eleven, ten, or even nine jurors should constitute a full jury, and the trial should go ahead, regardless of the objection of attorneys on either side. Heaping up expense on litigants and the people for retrials in such cases is wholly needless, and without any reasonable excuse.

#### OMNIBUS APPROPRIATION BILLS

EST we misjudge affairs at Salem let us believe that the indefinite postponement by the house of the resolution instruca legislator's business to do. If these ting the ways and means committee to provide for but two normals, was not the result of a combination of the lie policy and the people's good, and higher educational forces. Representative Eaton, speaking for the state university, says it was not. Mr. Carter, who represents the county in which the state agricultural college is located, says it was not. The other purposes should stand each on its own merits.

Survival by merit is the true test, and if an appropriation cannot pass on that basis, it ought to fail. Bad and "showing" until it becomes the a few devoted exclusively to attempted faith with the people, with the executive and with the legislature itself, is country's rivers and harbors as liberenters into a combination in order to a combination is made is prima facie rivers and harbors sufficiently imevidence that there are factors in the proved. combine whose demands dare not be trusted to stand on their own merits. The moment promiscuous appropria tions enter either house joined together, is notice, pure and simple, that there are in the bill items that dare

not undertake to stand alone. Let us hope that no such tactics will be employed at Salem. It will be bad for the institutions and bad for the legislature. The legislature owes it to itself not to perpetuate the follies of past sessions. Before it stands the massed citizenship in its sovereignty, referendum in hand To invoke the referendum means two years of delay, if not actual death to a measure. If by barter and combination appropriations are indiscrimin ately joined together, it will be temptation to the electorate to strike. The handwriting is on the wall and interpreted it means "death to legislative logrolling and omnibus appropriations." Beware.

## A LEGISLATIVE DUTY.

F THE representatives from the normal school counties persist in vitally essential. It is a place where I combining, it looks as if it would one-fifth of this sum representing the for which they are little fitted and interests, for representatives from present national debt is only about less desired, have no business. The other counties to do a little combin- one-sixteenth of it. The total valuareally suitable men are of a character ing on the normal school subject. The tion of all the property in Oregon is little given to the ways of politics, people generally are not particular as only about one one-hundredth part and out of tune with political con- to where the western Oregon normal of the total amount of railgoad stocks tests. They should be men of big-school shall be located, but they do and bonds. ness and breadth whom the office and if necessary will later in an unmis- This vast aggregation of capital, should seek rather than they should takable way demand that two of them be eliminated. There are higher educing the lives and fictitious, is in the hands of a few men, perhaps not more than be eliminated. There are higher educing the lives and leaves no pleasant fements by and the two of them be to the same of the lives of the smooth shaven face has another advantage that is not lost sight of by the observant safe. The many one impossed by a powerful element in the own party in enforcing Mr. Roosevelt, an excellent man, has been opposed by a powerful element in the own party in enforcing Mr. Roosevelt, an excellent man, has been opposed by a powerful element in the own party in enforcing Mr. Roosevelt, an excellent man, has been opposed by a powerful element in the own party in enforcing Mr. Roosevelt, an excellent man, has been opposed by a powerful element in the own party in enforcing Mr. Roosevelt, an excellent man, has been opposed by a powerful element in the own party in enforcing Mr. Roosevelt, an excellent man, has been opposed by a powerful element in the own party in enforcing Mr. Roosevelt, an excellent man, has been opposed by a powerful element in the own party in enforcing Mr. Roosevelt, an excellent man, has been opposed by a powerful element in the own party in enforcing Mr. Roosevelt, an excellent man, has been opposed by a powerful element in the own party in enforcing Mr. Roosevelt, an excellent man, has been opposed by a powerful element in the own party in enforcing Mr. Roosevelt, an excellent man, has been opposed by a powerful element in the own party in enforcing Mr. Roosevelt, an excellent man, has been opposed by a powerful element in the own party in enforcing Mr. Roosevelt, an excellent man, has been opposed by a powerful element in the own party and wants are th uld seek rather than they should takable way demand that two of them actual and fictitious, is in the hands past

sponsible executive so there may be off, and regrettably damaging in a safe and speedy correction of error, rather small degree to the towns and that in the procedure for selec- where they are located, but the peotion the utmost care is imperative ple of the state as a whole will not It is a matter so consequential that it stand for the biennially increasing is sacrilege for a question of party appropriations for all these schools politics to be even thought of in It is the legislature's duty to relieve onnection with it. It is unthinkable the people of taking this matter up, that in a matter so grave the legisla- at a great deal of trouble and expense ture will listen for a single moment and settling it at the polls. But there won't be any "combine" at the polls.

#### RIVERS AND HARBORS.

CEVERAL representatives in congress, among them Burton, chairman of the rivers and harbors committee, and Ransdell, a member of the committee, have "put in some good licks" for larger river and harbor appropriations, and therehave a plan they can follow with fore, incidentally, for Oregon. Whether the comparisons made between the expenditures on the navy and those on the country's rivers and harbors had any effect on the house or not, they were well entitled to thoughtful consideration. Even the most ardent advocates of a big navy ought to concede that Burton only THE LAW ought to be changed stated the truth when he said that in this state and in others, so "the policy of the government in the as to allow the rest of a jury, past has been niggardly and parsi-

Chairman Burton, whose views by in a verdict. The Thompson case in the way, have broadened and become Tacoma lasted eight weeks, yet if far more liberal since, as chairman one of the jurors had died during the of the committee, he has industriouslast week, or the last day of the ly and conscientiously studied this trial, it would have been necessary, subject, stated that during the past unless the attorneys on both sides five years the navy had cost about agreed otherwise, to try the case over \$500,000,000, or \$100,000,000 a year, which is nearly as much as had been this state. There is no good reason harbors since the establishment of for taking this chance of a repetition the government; and he said further of a long trial, or a portion thereof, that upon meritorious projects for improving waterways a billion dollars

port the army and navy. That such a comparison can be made is in fact a national shame and disgrace, which we believe congress will not much longer tolerate. If it be considered necessary or patriotic to make these great expenditures on the army and last night a comparison can be made is in fact a national shame and disgrace, which longer tolerate. If it be considered necessary or patriotic to make these great expenditures on the army and last night by leashed larving and seven longer tolerate. If it be considered necessary or patriotic to make these great expenditures on the army and last night by leashed larving and seven longer tolerate. If it be considered the season. world, can afford to spend some \$200,000,000 a year on the army and navy, it can afford to spend at least \$50,000,000 a year on its rivers and backets. The play was written by Jerome K. Jerome, and as presented by Miss Irving is about as delicious a piece of comedy as one could wish to see.

There could have been no more expressive token of Portland's apprecia

projects, and the prospect is for more ance of the great Nethersole.

Certainly the most pronounced and liberal appropriations in future, but one of the most satisfactory traits of tions for education as well as for projects, and the prospect is for more it won't do for the people to relax their efforts. They must keep peti- likely that not one of her lines was lost ing a long step toward furnishing our tioning and urging and demanding suggested the moment an institution ally as they do its navy. Oregon alone could afford to build a firstenforce its demands. The fact that class battleship if it could get its

### RAILROAD CAPITALIZATION.

HE TOTAL capitalization, it stocks and bonds, of railroads in the United States in 1880 was and finished actor and gives \$5,229,000,000. In 1890 it was \$10,675,000,000, or more than double story was written. the amount 10 years before. In 1895 the total capitalization was \$10,830,-000,000, not much more than in 1890. hard times having come upon the country. In 1900 the amount had grown a little, up to \$11,562,000,000. an increase of a little less than \$900. 000,000 for the decade. In 1905 the sum had grown to \$14,167,000,000, an increase in five years of \$2,500,000, 000, or three and a half times as much as the increase for the preceding five years. It is estimated that the increased capitalization during 1906 was not less than \$1,550,000,000, making the aggregate now \$15,700,000,-

Such sums are not easily compre hensible in figures, but the comprehension may be aided a little by comparisons. The total national debt at the close of the war was less than be quite justifiable, in the people's capitalization of railroads, and the

swards, error in selection is not only bany and Eugene, besides high any wonder that people say that "the due him, at least,

possible, but frequent. It means, if schools in all other towns, and one railroads own the government? t means anything, that first of all normal school in addition to these is Surely the importance of this power as a measure of safety there must be enough for western Oregon. It will being used for the benefit and not for power of instant removal by a re- be disagreeable to cut two of them the oppression of the people cannot

## A Famous Love Tragedy

By Beatrice Fairfax.
Of all the famous love stories of history, perhaps the most tragic and heart-breaking is that of Abelard and He-

Seven hundred years have passed since the convent and monastery doors separated the man and woman who sacrificed everything for the sake of love. Seven hundred years, and in that time millions of love stories have sung their glad song and faded into oblivion But still that great story of love and

Would it be any comfort to them, I wonder, to know that thousands of sweethearts have wept and sympathized with their pathelic love story?

Even the humblest of love stories is interesting, but when it comes to a great love story exquisitely told by a

In the February number of the Cos-

She has not in the slightest degree changed the spirit of the letters; she has merely embodied them in the tenderest, most beautiful of poetry.

The deathless love and longing and rebellion against fate penned by Heloise cannot but find a sympathetic echo in the heart of evtry woman who reads her latters.

The profound longing and contrition expressed by Abelard in his answers are at once a benediction and yet an excuse for her to keep on loving him.

Surely, if ever man and woman paid the penalty for misplaced love, this ill-fated couple drained their cup of bit-

ever written.

Deathless love and despair are ex-

pressed in them side by side with mem-ories of exquisite happiness. They reach love's supremest heights, they sound its darkest depths. No one can read unmoved those pleading, heartbroken appeals of Helo-

the season.

In the hands of a less capable company Susan might search indefinitely without arousing an excessive amount expense of the country's waterways. of public interest. But as it was seen last night the search was an immensely received of amusing complica-

pressive token of Portland's apprecia-tion of Miss Irving than the complete Apparently the national legislature is becoming impressed with the justice of the claims of river and harbor

> clear and distinct enunciation. to any part of the house. Pages have been written about her charms, and not comes very close to sharing honors with the star. Miss Izett is intrusted with one of the most important parts of the piece and quickly shows her ability to handle it. The audience was also quick to show its appreciation.

Marie Wainwright shared liberally in the honors as Elizabeth Raffleton, a spinster part which she artistically por trayed. Hassard Short is a pleasing satisfaction as Lord Rathbone, the husband about the search for whom

Ernest Mainwaring is amusing at all times as the solicitor, and Herbert Standing gives an excellent portrayal of the keeper of the inn, where the various complications occur. A. G. Andrews is a satisfactory constable.

The play is not one that requires stage effects or display of any kind. It is purely a piece of comedy acting charming enough to please every indi-vidual in a great audience. "Susan in Search of a Husband" will be presented

### To Whom Is the Credit Due?

From the Pendleton East Oregonian. In an editorial ridiculing William . Bryan and his reform measures, T. T. Geer, editor of the Pendleton Tribune takes all the credit to his own parts for the reforms in popular legislation which have come to Oregon in the past few years.
The facts are that every one of thes

reforms was bitterly fought and ridiin Oregon, including himself, when they not be as were suggested by the populists.

Now that the people have adopted them, Mr. Geer claims them as triumphs tache is

The East Oregonian remembers when

Letters From the People

Free Text-Book Commission.

Portland, Feb. 5.—To the Editor of The Journal—A few weeks ago there appeared in The Journal a letter from the Albany Herald regarding the kind of men who should serve on the free text-book commission. After trying to read something between the lines of said article, I confess it seems to me the writtels laboring under one of two troubles: Either he "just growed up" or else has forgotten the vain hut untiring efforts of the devoted teachers of his youth to teach him logical thinking.

He refutes his own argument for placing business men instead of educators on the commission. He says, speaking of the old system when county superintendents selected the textbooks: "As a

the old system when county superin-tendents selected the textbooks: "As a tendents selected the textbooks: "As a result the American Book company handled the country superintendents against all comers." Again, "The same company, with the high prices it was receiving for its books, manipulated legislators and meddled in politica." "Educators could not cope with the American Book company. They were handled without knowing it."

intendents or the legislators handled, or both? Our past history of political corruption does not guarantee that stones thrown in either direction will not break many glass houses.

The fact of the matter is, the fault has not been with the educators of

business men, but with the lax methods used for accomplishing a worthy object. The public seems to think that all we have to do is to pass some sort of law to prohibit any particular evil, which ends the trouble ever after sofar as they are concerned. In reality this is a small part of any movement for civic justice. Any law to be whole-somely operative must be honestly enforced and by such men as have the welfare of their constituents at heart and who are bound by well-defined limitations and checks to give an exact accounting to those from whom they receive their commission.

it means more than this. The commis sion's duties are largely legislative, hence the members should couple with honest intentions expert knowledge of

competent to carry out the purposes of the commission, the solution is not so muddled as the writer tries to have us No one can read unmoved those pleading, heartbroken appeals of Helo-lise. She would be reconciled to fate if she could; but how can she be resigned when love sings his endless paean at the dear of best paean at the dear of best paear. could be well expended, whereas only the door of her heart.

half a billion had been thus expended during our whole history.

Mr. Ransdell said the country's commerce was not being given a square deal when only three per cent

novel writers of America. Unless some of the present members of the commission have had actual experience in the schoolroom as teachers their judgment is no better than would be that of a committee of blacksmiths. And, granting that they have had schoolroom practice, they are still incompetent to passigning the proper experience of pedagogy, who knows its problems, and who is conversant with their needs, can bring the proper expert the seeds and sow otherwise.

At least three get stuck in the large holes in this street. Now, Harvey Whitefield Scott and "others," sitting the street, and your affluence and wealth, does in all your affluence and wealth, does it would cost to repair the street compared with the suffering of beasts, laboring of men and blocking of traffic Therefore, would you not benefit yourself by repairing this street. I may problems, and who is conversant with their needs, can bring the proper expert the seeds and sow otherwise. knowledge to bear in choosing the proper

It is unfair, unpardonable, to say, school men are more easy to "work" than the trained business man. The history of state and national legislation makes us smile at such class accusation.

No, let the commission be made up of settle educators. The more are to be re-let, the department holding school men are more easy to "work" than the trained business man. The hisof active educators, men and women, that the present contractor is not comeach an authoritative expert and prac-tical example in his or her field of work, hold them directly responsible to the appointive power—and we shall be tak-

The Journal—"Student's" essay on "Immortality and Humanity" is in many points a most admirable paper. His first proposition: "Let us live as best we can today and trust tomorrow for all the good it can bring: perhaps it would be just as well to let it go at that and let our minds rest in peace." requires only the observance and practice of that fundamental principle, "Do to others as you would have others do atom. We are not doing the best we can if in practice we ignore the binding force of that unlegislated act.

Again, "Student" asys: "Man passes force of that unlegislated act.
Again, "Student" says: "Man passes

into a conscious immortal state at death is true or is not true. Who knows?" If the testimony of a cloud of witnesses, both mortal and immortal-immortal in but an incident—has no force or weight with "Student," then the case, so far as he is concerned, is closed, and he and his class will, at great cost, imbibe wisdom after mortal death that could have been easily garnered on the mortal

### Kissing as a Fine Art. Portland, Feb. 4.—To the Editor of The Journal—I beg to register a most vigorous kick against the article in The Sunday Journal entitled, "What Is a

The learned professor's views would not be accepted in this age of enlight-enment. I am sure I voice the views of many women when I say the mustache is not a desirable addition to the of his party and ridicules Mr. Bryan blissful meeting of enraptured lips. who has always stood for these printhe sweet, sanitary, smooth-shaven mouth is far and away the mouth par excellence and like unto the mouth of tender childhood. No julcy tobacco lips Mr. Geer referred to the referendum, tender childhood. No julcy tobacco lips now in force in this state, as the for me! The very thought is abborrent "referen-dum-dum," and ridiculed the and would freeze the love on any well-idea of such a measure ever being regulated woman's mouth. Much may adopted by the people of Oregon. Mr. Bryan has always stood for popular government and his principles are being appropriated annually by the Republicans who see in them a remedy for the evils of Republican policies of the lived and leaves.

Mr. Ropsauds

company that owns much property in this vicinity. According to law this company must keep the street in re-pair that adjoins their property. These 'public-spirited" citizens have delayed the improvement by laws and other means. To the notice of H. W. Scott street for hours at a time; but to no avail. I present the following facts: "Harvey Whitefield Scott feedeth fat

the devil and then the devil pursueth him." By this I mean that because Harvey Whitefield Scott and "others" believe that they really save money by not improving the street in question, they are really losers themselves to some extent by their action. At 10 to some extent by their action. At 10 o'clock this morning, a large double-teamed truck laden with paper from Harvey Scott's paper mill at La Camas or Oregon City, as the case may be, got stuck in a large hole on the street in question, blockading street car and team traffic for one-half hour's time. Now, the fact that traffic was delayed is not one-half as important as the fact that the poor horses are made to suffer terribly in their efforts to pull Harvey Whitefield Scott's paper over his own unimproved land. This after-noon about 5 o'clock another blockade noon about 5 o'clock another blockade took place and the cause once again was Scott's rolls of paper. This time 18 O. W. P. cars were tied up for awhile, as the rolls of paper, becoming impatient at the rough freatment accorded them by their owner (Harvey Whitefield Scott) took leave of their traveling vehicle and landed in the center of the street. After much pulling laboring of men and belaboring of beasts, traffic was once more resumed. A business man, owner of three large equipped to choose the textbooks best adapted for our particular needs?

To say that they are because they are business men is as reasonable as to say that a teacher would make a nuccess in promoting a large business mane society should be called to it, venture. As well assume that a compassion of tailors ought to examine appropriate that the same society should be purished.

plying with the rules with reference to residence and personal attention to transportation of mails, a change in the route to Merrill merits attention. The present route goes about six miles out of the way to reach White Lake City. About 250 acres were plotted and about 3,000 lots were sold. There Salem, Or., Feb. 4.—To the Editor of stage man distributes and collects mail The Journal—"Student's" essay on "Immortality and Humanity" is in many points a most admirable paper. The Falls of the trip recently between Klamath Were the route changed so as to cut out White Lake City six miles of the worst road would be avoided, the mail of these ranchers would reach its des-tination a day earlier, and passengers would not be inconvenienced by the

excess distance traveled. W. O. SMITH.

When Father Has the Grip, From the Detroit Free Press. Poor mother wears a worried look, And sister wears a frown; And if I venture up the stairs They send me straightway down, I'm going to the drug store now Upon a hurried trip, To get some other kind of dope, For father has the grip.

I heard him groaning in the night-He said his head would split And then he thought his bac break In just a little bit; He told us that his legs were sore,

He told us that his legs we And soon it was his hip; It seems tout everything is sick When father has the grip. The doctor came today and left

Some capsules, and he said To take one each three hours until The pain had really fied. Says pa, "That means twelve hours fore

I give this pain the slip: I'll bet he'd find a faster dope If he had got the grip." And then he told ma that he thought

Oh, there's no comfort in our flat When father has the grip!

## Small Change

The water code seems to be water

The Sabbath was made for man, not

Not quite all roads, yet leed to Har Two questions no legislature car agree on, whisky and water.

Now the New Jersey senator can re-

Pfrst it was subsidy, next "subven-on," but the right name is "stealing." Along with a real "call" to a man to preach goes one to people to go and hear him.

Shouldn't there be a law retiring senators after they get to be 80 or 30 years old?

The peanut crop fell off 47 per cent last year. Peanut politics also suf-fered a decline. If Oklahoma wants to get into the Union, let it send to the White House for its constitution.

It is useless for readers to hope that newspapers will cease printing pictures of Thaw and Evelyn.

There is no fear that the high Wil-lamette will sweep away the legisla-ture and bring it down to Portland.

It is feared that the lid on some of the dry towns along the William-ette will rise up and float away this

The railroads are having a lot of expensive trouble on account of storms, but the people will finally pay the

Being asked how many seasons there were a normal school pupil replied: "Four; baseball, football, basketball

People have begun to think that in spite of his Harriman income Council-man Shepherd must think he needs that \$25 per month. An Ohlo man was sentenced to the penitentiary for life for stealing a side of bacon, and now he is sorry he didn't take the whole hog.

A Missouri legislator has introduced a bill limiting a woman's hats to two a year, and the price of these. Prob-ably his wife hasn't had more than one 99-cent hat in three years.

Governor Hughes announced that Governor Hughes announced that a new state prison must be built imme-diately, and a lot of Republican poli-ticians immediately began making preparations for a European trip.

Can this legislature do nothing to provide more hens and compel them to lay more eggs? Should a bounty be offered, and an ample appropriation made? Don't the honorable gentlemen like eggs for breakfast? And are they all so rich that they can afford to eat 50-cents-a-dozen eggs, and maybe cold storage eggs at that? Gentlemen.

## Oregon Sidelights

Medford may have an alcohol plant. Mining prospects are good in southerits

A development club will be organized Woodburn may have a \$20,000 cold

Several Oregon cities are "going to

The Medford iron works is to me im proved and enlarged. The Douglas county fruit inspecto is doing good work.

A good quality of tobacco was grown last year near Jacksonville,

A man killed two coons in an apple tree one night near Monmouth. A Springfield man was fined for keep-ing his cigar store open after midnight.

A Creawell man sold \$150 worth of butter fat from 14 cows in December.

People of the Coquille valley expect his to be the most prosperous year in its history.

Sawmills will be greatly crippled by the advanced freight rate on lumber to bay points in California to \$5 per 1,000 feet, says the Roseburg News.

A Hazel Dell woman has a fine healthy orange tree which is full of blossoms, buds and little green oranges, She is remarkably successful with her orange trees. Last year she had another tree which bore and rivened its

During the past week the chorus of frogs in the marshes near Myrtle Point have been tuning up their voices on a grand scale, says the Enterprise. Their activity in this direction has prompted the boys to get busy and frog legs is a dainty served on several tables as a consequence,

The day will come when trains from San Francisco to Portland will be making time on this road, says the Wood-burn Independent. Then Salem and Al-bany will be on a branch line and Leb-anon will be seriously thinking of be-coming the county seat of Linn.

The Coquille valley with its limitless The Coquille valley with its limities resources lacks but two essentials of making it a line of industry from one end to the other, and those are transpertation facilities and cheap power, says the Sentinel. Both are in sight, and the prospects are that they will be developed in the very near future.

Big Sticky correspondence of Roseburg News: It will only be a short time until our entire valley will be one great orchard. It having been successfully proven that we have the best orchard land in the world. Our rich, black land is peculiarly adapted to fruitraining and more especially to apples and pears.