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out or frozen out, or so harassed and bedeviled that they give it up as a bad job. We have seen hereabouts how even two of the big insiders fight each other when either attempts to enter the other's monopolistic territory.

Now instead of the government buying out, owning and operating the existing railroads, as Mr. Bryan suggests as possibly the only way to break up this gigantic monopoly, why may not the government build some new lines, as an experiment and a warning?

LESSON OF NEW ZEALAND.

NEW ZEALAND is an exceedingly interesting country, from political and sociological points of view, hence what is written about it by a keen observer and graphic writer is read with avidity.

Surely a country where there are no multi-millionaires or paupers, no trusts or private monopolies, no labor disturbances, no need of militia and scarcely any need of policemen, and yet where education is highly valued and the people are generally not only contented but intelligent, is worthy of study, and in spirit if not in exact practice, worthy of emulation.

There are in New Zealand, says Mr. Russell, no corrupted legislatures, no money mania, no extremes of conditions, no unemployed, no epidemics, no palaces looming up in the midst of destitution, no overcrowding or pest holes, no tramps or plutocrats, no hoodlums or watered stock, no grafters or professional reformers.

In considering New Zealand keep in mind one thing; no land monopoly is tolerated there. Early in its history as a British colony New Zealand adopted the policy of rooting the people, the wage earners, to the land.

A great, cosmopolitan country like ours cannot at once radically change its political, social and economic systems, even if it were assuredly wise to do so; but there is good reason to believe that our congress and legislatures, and courts and executives could study New Zealand's system with profit to the people.

WHY NOT BUILD RAILROADS?

As the Journal pointed out not long ago, quoting from a report of the interstate commerce commission, railroad building during the past 10 years has fallen far short of keeping pace with the increase of business demanding railroad service.

CONVICTION OF SCHMITZ.

A SAN FRANCISCO jury has found Mayor Schmitz guilty of receiving money extorted from French restaurants, or paid voluntarily by them, in consideration of their being allowed to conduct disorderly houses.

Of course there will be an appeal, and Schmitz will stave off punishment for awhile, but the victory of the people is practically won, and it is an important one.

LAW ENFORCEMENT.

THE LIQUOR interests of Ohio are allied with the Republican party of that state and aided materially in carrying the state at the last election, and so nullifying to some extent the victory won in the election of the late Governor Patton.

Some Japanese newspapers urge that if actual war cannot be brought about with the United States, so that it can be overrun and conquered, a commercial war should at least be inaugurated and American products should be boycotted.

A NATIONAL SAFETY VALVE.

THERE will be none to question the wisdom of the text book commission in adding elementary agriculture to the common school course. A problem of the hour is, what to do with our rapidly multiplying population.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

1645—Charles I totally defeated the parliament army at Naseby. 1652—Sir Harry Vane beheaded on Tower Hill for high treason. 1800—Battle of Marengo, by which Bonaparte became master of Italy.

Small Change

Doesn't the beef trust need busting again? No, to rhyme Taft with "daff" will hardly do. Don't be discouraged; there'll be some summer yet.

The Play

It's a far cry from the minstrelsy that was the spectacular combination of ragtime and vaudeville introduced at the Hellig last night by Lew Dockstader and his minstrel company.

FIVE MILLION ROSES

Portland is wanted in this city during the latter part of next week, especially the "Caroline Testout," the official "Portland rose show," which is the did blossom has already set in.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Prairie City has its cheese factory at last. A Pendleton man has 1,600 Leghorn chickens. A man caught 104 trout in Mosier creek in two hours.

WHY CALLED TRAMS.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel. "Abroad this summer, a tourist agent, 'you must call street cars, trams, and street railways you must call trams.' If you speak of trolleys over there you won't be understood.

MASONIC LEADERS VISIT TOGETHER

Officers of the Washington Grand Lodge Called Upon Oregon Grand Lodge. INFORMAL RECEPTION HELD FOR VISITORS.

Former Oregon Girl, Now Wife of Prominent Physician, Forsakes Brilliant Stage Career.

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AMERICAN FLAG OF ROSES.

One entry made by a certain secret society may not be carried out for lack of flowers. It is an American flag of roses, the latter being flowers for the stately field, carried on the shoulders of men concealed beneath.

THE FIESTA MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCE THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES...

The fiesta management announce that under no circumstances whatever short of the complete abandonment of the features be either abandoned or even postponed.

WOMAN SHOT BY A LITTLE GIRL

Castle Rock, Wash., June 14.—Mrs. Bacon, living half a mile east of town was accidentally shot by a little girl who was shooting birds in a cherry tree.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RULING DISPLEASES

Citizens of Sellwood, through the Sellwood board of trade, express much dissatisfaction with the new ruling of the board of education which places the dividing line between the Midway and Sellwood districts only a few blocks north of the Sellwood school, compelling a great number of children in Sellwood to go a long distance in order to attend the Midway school.

ALLEN PREP SCHOOL GRADUATED ELEVEN

Eleven graduates of the Allen Preparatory school were presented their diplomas at the conclusion of the commencement exercises held last night in the Hawthorne Park Presbyterian church.

DIVORCES ANARCHIST

Mrs. Briggs declined to turn Spiritualist, she said. They were married in Portland in January, 1892. Mrs. Briggs granted a divorce and the custody of their two children—William, aged 14, and Edna, aged 7 years.

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