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Our remedies often in ourselves do lie, which we ascribe to heaven.—Shakespeare.

A GREAT TEST CASE.

IT WILL be easy to present excuses and reason for not requiring the Southern Pacific corporation to comply with its contract, as far as may be done now, and sell its land to actual settlers at \$2.50 an acre, or forfeit them to the government.

Everybody, including president, members of congress, all judges, all lawyers, and all the people, know that the railroad corporation has not performed its contract, has willfully and persistently and insolently violated and repudiated its contract with the government, and that in consequence, both at common law and under the statutes, it has therefore long ago forfeited these lands.

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to settlement, development and clearance of timber for commercial purposes. There is much boasting of a new era having arrived, a square deal era, a time when corporations as well as individuals are to be required to obey the laws and claim successfully only what belongs to them.

A BIG GRAFT MELON.

MUCH has been said of the recent action of the Adams Express company in cutting up a nice, big melon amounting to \$24,000,000, or 200 per cent on its capital stock of \$12,000,000. This was a rich, juicy feed for the few stockholders of that corporation, and should be like other similar distributions of great profits by public-service corporations.

Like the coal mining companies, only more so, they are subsidiary to certain railroad corporations, and are maintained purely for the purpose of working a species of graft. The small fry railroad stockholders are made to take very small dividends, comparatively, so that these enormous "melons" can be cut up by the few big railroad fish that are stockholders in the express companies.

JAPAN'S NAVAL ACTIVITY.

THE HAGUE conference will not check the activity of any nation in building warships. Japan is the most eager of any, with the possible exception of Germany, in increasing its naval strength. It was only 11 years ago that, in consequence of the war with China, Japan's great navy yards at Kure were established, but now they employ 30,000 men, capable of building warships equal to any afloat.

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Letters from the People

Favors an Income Tax. Dairy, Or., June 22.—To the Editor of The Journal: I beg to differ with the Journal in its estimate of the justice and desirability of the income tax as a measure to equalize the burdens of government upon the people.

What a picture the old man presents, to be sure, for the richest man in the world or nearly so, a strict church member and amateur lecturer on morals, virtues and piety, a man before whom millions metaphorically prostrate themselves in vicarious worship of their god mammon, this colossal figure in the business, financial, moral and religious worlds—skulking and dodging and sneaking off into some guarded retreat lest he be what? Not dynamited, or shot, or tortured, or even arrested for crime, but merely subpoenaed as a witness in a civil case that he probably would say he knew nothing about.

GAMBLING IN SPOKANE.

THE NEW mayor and chief of police of Spokane are making life burdensome for the gamblers of that city, where they have always carried on their business on a large scale and flourished like green bay trees. There is a state law in Washington against gambling, but in Spokane the games were carried on nevertheless, under the subterfuge of "social clubs," and under the late city administration a number of regular gambling joints were opened up and ran openly and in full blast.

The people of Spokane want none of the old-time conditions. They can no longer be deluded with the sophistry that gamblers help to make good times. They know that the gambler never produces anything; that he is a parasite, supported by other people's industry.

A Still-Born Boomlet.

A boom here is awaited in Portland, according to the Oregon news columns, the aim of which is to nominate Fred W. Mulkey for United States senator to succeed Senator Fulton. The Republican politicians of Portland are in mighty poor position to boom anybody just now for an office involving support from the entire state, and any attempt on their part to dictate the selection of a local pet will be resented.

Should the People Elect?

From the Milton Eagle. Some of our exchanges are again thrashing out the statement No. 1 proposition. This question was pretty thoroughly discussed during the last campaign and very few newspapers nowadays, we believe, will have the temerity to openly oppose it.

Popular Education.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Among the graduating classes at the Tuskegee institute this year are some on brick work, feeding cattle, hot beds, rotation of crops and cooking. This system of education seems to be popular, as 3,000 pupils were enrolled at Tuskegee last year, from 36 states and territories and 21 foreign countries.

Be One of Nietzsche's "Yes Sayers"

If You Say "Yes" the Right Way, and Mean It, You Can Succeed. By Arthur Brisbane.

An old grandmother told a small boy that the hardest word in the language was a word of two letters—"No." Perhaps our readers remember an editorial about this word "No" and the old grandmother's advice. Out of a million men more than nine hundred and ninety-nine thousand are unable to say "No" at the right time.

It is the power to say "yes" that gives a man courage—or perhaps it expresses courage. You know how the child and the grown man are forever asking questions of themselves, of others and of destiny. And as we question fate, or destiny, or experience, so conditions around us question us.

Home and Dress

By Beatrice Fairfax. There is no doubt about it, clothes do make an immense amount of difference in a woman's feelings. A pretty, becoming gown will make a woman sparkle quite glowingly, and the same woman dressed in dowdy, unbecoming clothes will be dull and uninteresting.

Ready for Fourth

By Wex Jones. Blow the fire and beat the drums, The nation's glorious birthday comes. Land of the brave, home of the free, We've celebrated! Hully gee! We've been ready a week or more; Mother's laid in a double store—

Portland at Her Best.

From the Pendleton East Oregonian. The people of Oregon never before saw the city of Portland at such a good advantage or in such a pleasant mood as during the rose show and fiesta of the past week.

Today in History.

1540—De Soto entered Alabama territory. 1775—Continental Congress adopted resolution of independence. 1817—Captain David Porter, U. S. N., sailed on an expedition against the British.

Would Better Come Alone.

From the Woodburn Independent. No man in the east who purposes coming to Oregon to acquire land in the famous Willamette valley should wait for special railroad rates. He should come with a crowd, but quietly and alone.

Getting Back to Grandpa's House.

By Horace Seymour Keller. I'd rather be to grandpa's house Than any place I know; For grandpa says I'm his boy And grandpa loves me so. When I get down to grandpa's house I'll make things hum; The words be no one then to say "Now, sonny, stop that drum."

Small Change

Put out the Fourth of July colors. The extempore orations are nearly all learned.

Predictions of a short hop crop were also prophetic, fall. It's still chilly up where Fairbanks is when he stands up.

Secretary Taft ought to have the stomach for a hard presidential fight. A defender of the mosquito compliments him on his industry. So is Satan industrious.

Oyster Bay won't even celebrate the Fourth. Has the president turned reclus? It is not always the richest people who can get the most enjoyment out of a vacation.

This is the happy season for the boy old enough to go to school, but not old enough to work much. We don't blame Rockefeller, or anybody else for not wanting to go to Chicago at this time of year.

Seattle is to take another census, perhaps on the Fourth. It is expected the population will be 317,000. But if anybody but Mark Twain said or wrote what he is applauded for, most of it wouldn't be noticed.

The microphobists will try in vain to stop kissing entirely. This time of year, especially by moonlight. A Denver woman bought a dozen cucumbers and declared that she "could die eatin' 'em." And she told the truth.

A New Jersey man has sent word that he wants to marry a Seattle girl. But Seattle girls can usually catch bigger fish than herring. Perhaps 60,000,000 bushels of around six-bushel wheat—\$4,000,000 worth—in the Pacific northwest this year; there's one factor of prosperity.

Mr. J. J. Hill alludes to "the fool newspaper" that they are not fool enough to get possession of several big railroads and go broke and lie awake nights fearing to starve to death.

A Virginia woman sued a man for damages on the ground that he insulted her by paying her streetcar fare. Why doesn't some male friend of the woman kill the scoundrel and become a popular hero?

According to a Pendleton paper, a prominent citizen of that town traveled over a large part of the United States and Canada and stopped only twice. It would be interesting to know by what means he traveled.

Oregon Sidelights

Lots of paint is being used in Seaside. Five mill whistles are heard in Willamina. Newport has improved considerably lately.

Coquille is to have a boot and shoe factory. The prune prospect is very promising in Linn.

The Radium Springs sanitarium will be rebuilt. There are seven miles of side tracks in Ontario.

Powder River valley will have the biggest crop ever. Antelope will give a big barbecue dinner on the Fourth.

A Eugene man picked 28 gallons of cherries from one tree. A Marion county man claims to have billygoats that climb trees and browse on the leaves.

Seaside is just entering the most prosperous and busy season it has ever known, says the Signal.

"Dam Fourth of July Celebration," is a Herndon Herald headline. But this is not profanity; the celebration is to be held at a dam.

A Benton county man with a four-horse team hauling a ton of cream all went over a grade. One horse was killed, another injured and the cream lost.

It begins to look as if Heppner will have to open open coal mines for her winter's fuel supply, says the Times. There is little prospect of getting it from any other source.

In a few other lands of the lower Umattila country will be the garden of the northwest, says the Echo Register. We have the climate and the soil and the water will soon bring labor and capital together.

Fifty-eight dwelling houses have been built in Dallas since January 1, says the Observer; 10 are now in process of construction; strangers are coming to town every day inquiring for houses and seeking places to locate; the sawmills are asking vainly for more men; every incoming freight train brings along line of empty cars and every outgoing train draws those cars away, loaded.

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Ladies' Savings Accounts

Statistics show that women are carrying bank accounts today more than ever before. They have discovered that this is the safest and most practical way of saving money. This bank has special facilities for carrying women's accounts. Checking accounts and saving accounts of all sizes are invited. Savings accounts draw interest at the rate of 4 per cent compounded semi-annually on amounts of \$1.00 and up.

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