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Ab, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, Or what's a heaven for? - Browning.

OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.

THE whole northwest is tremendously concerned in the movement for placing the Cello project on a continuing contract basis. It is not the project of a state, but of an empire.

The power of man to provide by means of railroads the appliances for relieving the situation has simply been outgrown. Enough iron to build a railroad track cannot be dug from the earth or turned out at the rolling mills.

Meantime there is one and only one direction in which relief from the strained situation is obtainable. If the railroads cannot be made the means of raising this blockade on products in a prostrated industry, the Columbia river can.

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table condition—the trend of population to the cities—quickly stop? The high prices that, within a few months, have come to the farmer, he has had as a consumer to meet and stem for 30 years.

convenience, delays, annoyance and injury to the public and a busy commerce have to suffer in consequence make people long for the telegraph to pass into an ownership where tolls are never raised but often lowered, and where employees are ever at their posts of duty, and never dream of strikes.

SENATOR FULTON'S SCRUPLES

SENATOR FULTON will not advise candidates for the legislature to subscribe to statement No. 1, because, he says, whether they shall obey the will of the people or not is a matter of conscience with each of them; but he argues that they should not so bind themselves because they are sworn to support the constitution of the United States, which provides that members of the legislature and not the people shall "choose" the senators.

With due respect to the senator, this seems a quibble. The constitution does not provide that the legislature shall not "choose" the same man that the people of a state have already chosen. For many years efforts have been made to find a way to elect senators by direct vote of the people and yet conform to the constitution; now that the way has been found the senator picks a quibbling flaw in it.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES NEVER STRIKE.

NOBODY EVER SAW the post-office employees of the United States on a strike. Nobody ever saw the employees in the railway mail service on a strike. Nobody ever saw the letter-carriers of the country on a strike. Nobody ever saw the employees in the rural free delivery service on a strike. It is common knowledge that the salaries in all these governmental enterprises are low. They are below the salaries paid for equal service under private control.

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IT IS A STRANGE, weird spectacle to see criticism and complaint hurled editorially at Oregon farmers because their products are high-priced. True enough, milk at 8 1-3 cents a quart in Portland makes a farmer win a bit. So does butter at 40 odd cents a pound, eggs at 23 cents a dozen, and other products of the farm to match.

pool, Ohio, a city of 25,000 people and 53 saloons, has gone dry. Liquor selling is prohibited or rendered difficult in most of Indiana. Is this to become a prohibition country? Not very soon certainly, but perhaps, after awhile.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

A Sign of Prosperity. Corvallis, Or., Aug. 21.—To the Editor of The Journal—I see by the papers that Rev. John D. Rockefeller has been offered 7 per cent for sums of \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 with the best of security, and he uses this as an argument that times are getting harder and a panic is at hand.

But stubborn facts stand in the way of making college training universal. Equally stubborn facts make it clear that while the percentage is increasing, only a small number comparatively pass beyond the common schools. Eighteen million young people in this country are in the educational process. Of the number 1,000,000 are in colleges or universities and 17,000,000 in the common schools.

The figures are of startling significance. They emphasize to a highly important degree the fact that the common schools must be a completed system in themselves. There the process should be such and only such as will to the greatest extent round out and best fit the pupil for life work.

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The management has provided a new and tasteful costume, which every member of the company wears, well adding to the delight of the eye. These things are all said and are true of the Californians, which opened its engagement of six weeks of light opera at the Marquam last night with that old time favorite Herbert and Smith, "The Serenaders."

A southern minister argues that cremation is unchristian, and for a Bible warrant for his position cites the case of Joseph whose "bones were carried back to the land of his father." But was Joseph a "Christian"? And isn't this a very slim foundation for the argument?

According to the Iron Trade Review, there is a regular movement of pig iron in moderate lots to this country from Great Britain, notwithstanding the duty of \$4 a ton, "whenever domestic conditions approach those which have prevailed throughout most of the past year."

Whether the amount of liquors consumed is decreasing or not, prohibition is certainly making strong headway, especially in the south. No liquor is legally sold in 94 of the 119 counties of the "Bourbon" state of Kentucky. Down in wild and woolly Texas 154 counties have abolished the liquor traffic within their borders. Georgia has just passed a state prohibition law. East Liver-

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Small Change

This is Tart week in Portland. Bah for Bill. Now is the time to swear off going on vacations. How do you like oysters? The "T" months have begun.

Of course you are going down to take in the big doings at Astoria. But the farmers of eastern Oregon far away from a railroad haven't automobiles. A man who has to button his wife's waist is liable to say things, but not out loud, behind her back.

Mr. Harriman must have observed that there was quite a stretch of country up there without a railroad. The extent to which one's trousers are turned up is no indication of either pedigree or bank account.

We do not believe that Senator Fulton's position on statement one will strengthen him among the people. There is no danger of Jim Ham Lewis being corrupted by the riches of Paris; he has lived in both Seattle and Chicago.

What seems to be needed in Morocco is for the sultan and Ralsuli and the pretender and their followers to kill off another off. The fair season has about arrived; there will be about forty-seven fairs in Oregon this fall—a good sign of development.

"When you have a 900,000 \$ bill," begins a Missouri editor, "when we do we will read the rest of his proposition. Perhaps because Secretary Root was weakening on some of the president's policies Roosevelt sent him to Muldoon's ranch.

The president called the "Pilgrims" the "Pilgrims" in his Provincetown speech, and now, perhaps, the man that wrote it is looking for another job. Miss Tarbell says Rockefeller lacks the collective sense. But he makes up for this by an abnormal development of the collecting sense.

Atlanta Journal: The senator from Oregon, a Bostonian from which no traveler returneth without some idea about a third term. If Admiral Bob Evans brings all those battleships around all right he will deserve as much credit as if he had won a battle with them.

The Louisville Courier-Journal has been burned out. We have always feared Colonel Watterson's hot editorials would do mischief. A Wisconsin man whose wages had just been raised \$2 a week dropped dead. Employers should be careful about springing such shocking surprises.

Perhaps if Ex-Governor Taylor were offered immunity and \$1,000,000 or he might consent to go back to Kentucky. He is probably wise to stop away unless he wishes to tempt Goebel's fate. The Los Angeles Times says Portland has been playing some great baseball, though losing. But looking at the score, what immense ball the other teams must have played.

Oregon Sidelights

A Drain house was sold by the sheriff for \$9.50. Salem is preparing to pave," says the Statesman. Seems as if we have heard that before. A Baker county man estimates the yield of a new kind of oats at 200 bushels an acre, but he hasn't sworn to it.

"Track Reaches Looking Glass," is a headline in an exchange. It may get so stuck on itself there that it won't go any further. A Newburg man has a fig tree six feet in height, which will load with second crop figs. The first crop ripened some time ago and was of good quality.

Scio News: Jack Bilyeu is reported to have undertaken a battle with a billycock in the same manner that goats fight. It is needless to say Jack was knocked out in the first round. Malheur county sent a large display to Sacramento for the irrigation congress, and will attempt to prove to people facts that the natives of that county have long known.

The beauty of the fruit situation in The Dalles is that you don't have to go outside of the city limits to find the best fruit. It is all raised right here in town, says the Chronicle. Newberg Enterprise: More sales of improved and unimproved property were raised here, who went to Nevada, than were made in the average town during the entire year, yet there is no boom and only the ordinary number of strangers in town.

Lakeview continues to be excited over the return of George Wingfield, a boy raised here, who went to Nevada with out a cent and came back a few days ago riding in an automobile and worth many millions of dollars. A little portion of which he is scattering around freely. Newberg Graphic: If the present low prices for hops result in driving growers out of Newberg to raising more fruits and berries and making more cows, it will be to their gain in the future rather than a loss. In the run of years there is hardly any crop grown that bears such a per cent of uncertainty with relation to profit and loss as does the hop crop.

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A Young Flower Wizard

From the New York World. At 4 years of age Allen W. Hixon of Worcester, Massachusetts, is an expert gardener and has taken three prizes in horticultural exhibits.

The boy has been from his birth in an atmosphere of gardening. His grandfather is Adin W. Hixon, secretary of the Worcester Horticultural society, and he was so delighted with the little fellow's busy planting of twigs and cuttings that he decided to give him a real garden. It is 75 feet long and 3 feet wide and is laid out between two of his father's flower beds.

Dinky's Eppy Grams

By George V. Hobart. (Copyright, 1907, by American Journal-Examiner) Ven a man marriages for money and only gets a meal ticket—dat is retribution, yes! Ven two vimmens get a sudden attack of palpitation of der tongue, der result is gossip, ain't it?

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