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ISN'T IT A SHAME?

THE JOURNAL would not be the true and effective friend of Oregon and Oregonians that it is if it did not occasionally point out defects and faults where they exist, and urge people who are not doing as well as they might and ought, to do better.

Twenty-five miles of creek bottom reaches from the mouth of McKay creek towards its source in the Blue mountains, could produce enough eggs to supply all of eastern Oregon if the farmers would turn their attention to poultry and eggs, but as it is Oregon is shipping in eggs from Nebraska, 1,700 miles distant.

A similar statement might be made about a hundred localities in Oregon. Indeed, in what locality in Oregon could not hundreds of dozens more eggs be produced at a profit?

A statistical item from Missouri states that the farmers' wives and daughters of that state last year marketed 107,155,658 dozens of eggs, for which they received over \$15,000,000.

MUST TAKE HIS WORD.

M. BRYAN thinks he sees signs that President Roosevelt will yet be a candidate for a third term. Mrs. Congressman Longworth's husband says the president will be very sure to adhere to his announced determination not to run.

AN URGENT BUSINESS.

AT ST. PAUL, Minnesota, Friday, Secretary McGhee of the United States Water Ways commission, said: "Traffic is increasing more rapidly than railway facilities. The development of navigable rivers will do much to relieve the pressure in handling the commerce of the country."

At Astoria Saturday, Special Director John A. Fox of the rivers and harbors congress, said: "We have 45,000 miles of available waterways. If properly improved, they will not only prove a big factor in developing the commercial importance of their respective districts, but they will also solve the important question of railroad regulation, rate reduction and congestion of freights, as no other thing can."

Such is the testimony of men eminent enough to be factors in two of the most illustrious public organizations in the country. Theirs is expert evidence, and they reiterate exactly what The Journal has declared over and over again for months and months to the people of Oregon. That is, that the railroads cannot carry the traffic—their tracks are overcrowded, their trains overloaded, and their terminals wholly inadequate.

expect that a president of the United States would be less true to his pledges, less true to his word of honor? Does the fact of being president license a man to be faithless to a pact or the truth, and if so, what kind of a country have we? Mr. Bryan must be wrong. Mr. Longworth must be right.

SATAN'S NEWSPAPERS.

REV. MR. SHAFER'S view that daily newspapers are conducted just as the devil would conduct them, challenges further remark. If the devil had been in charge when the issue was pending in Oregon, he would have been against local option. The Journal was for it. If the devil were an editor, he would use his newspaper for a wide open town. The Journal has always opposed such conditions.

Some of the best intelligence of the world is in the editorial rooms of newspapers. To this would be added the craft and cunning ascribed to Satan. Along with it would go all the capital invested in newspapers, and this terrible engine of destruction would be used to drag mankind down into the slough and mire of infamy.

It looks considerably like a walk-over, however, for the big secretary of war. It might look less so next spring, but the probability is that it will look more so.

The proposed plan of reorganization of the Oregon Trust & Savings bank has been fully set forth and explained in The Journal, and reliable men are ready to explain it still more to any who do not sufficiently understand it.

THE MOMENTOUS QUESTION.

EUGENE, Sept. 27.—To the Editor of The Journal—Late poet has said, "Not to place into an on a dead level in the struggle of life, but fit each one for the sphere of action for which he is best adapted."

EDWARD MORRIS' BIRTHDAY.

Edward Morris, who recently succeeded his father, the late Nelson Morris, as the head of the great meat packing concern of Nelson Morris & Co., was born in Chicago, October 1, 1866. He received his education in the public schools of Chicago, and worked in business with his father in 1880.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

1676—Rebellion in Virginia ended by the death of Bacon. 1617—Bank of Montreal issued its first notes. 1841—Chusan captured by the British under Sir H. Pottinger. 1861—Confederates before Washington began to fall back. 1890—McKinley tariff act went into effect. 1893—Conference of Spanish-American peace commission began in Paris.

on them, until we have outgrown them. They are almost to us now what the stage coach and tavern used to be. We have been railroad mad, and have let our river systems of transportation decay and disappear. More than 4,000 miles of magnificent water courses flow by the doors of Portland, and in our railroad phobia, we have forgotten their presence.

The president will let Oklahoma in, but he is understood to regard a majority of its people as undesirable citizens. Letters From the People. The Plaintiff of the Poor Laundryman. Portland, Sept. 28.—To the Editor of The Journal—In your issue of September 26th under the heading, "Smearers Cannot be Touched," there are so many misrepresentations of facts that as a laundress I cannot let this go without notice.

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period of the year. The prospect is good for high prices for wheat throughout the season, which will be pleasing to the producers of the 60,000,000 bushels of Pacific northwest wheat, if not to the foreign consumers.

There is something almost pathetic in the patient persistence with which the old pioneer, Ezra Meeker, pursues his design of inducing the government to build a solid, smooth road across the country via the Oregon trail. He is not very likely to succeed, but he is not to be despised for his efforts.

The detectives or other persons who will smoke out or otherwise discover the originators of the plot against the mayor will do a good job. Secretary Loeb has been presented by the minister to Liberia with an elephant's tail. But what the G. O. P. is anxious about is a head, rather than a tail.

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HEROES BY WEX JONES

There's a splash in the lake; all the summer guests quake; A waitress has slipped in the water— But see, long and slim, with his hair parted trim, A hero has walked in and caught her. "Be quiet, I pray," hear the rescuer say; "For a moment remain just a floater; The photos, you know, when they're put upon show Will fairly enrapture the voter."

Unless a hero you're a zero, and oblivion's your fate, For only heroes figure to be named in Nineteen-Eight. There's a scuffle and a scrap, a yelp and a yap; Up a tree see the bobcat go ambling; A khaki-clad man comes as fast as he can With stenographers puffing and scrambling. A speech on big game, and then he takes aim At the animal's optical globe; But somehow he misses, and vindictively hisses, "Be sure that the blame goes on Loeb."

Unless a hero you're a zero, and never can be great, For the biggest hero figures to be named in Nineteen-Eight. See the private car in the land of the czar— What prospect on earth could be drearier? Surrounded by snow as onward you go Through the desolate plains of Siberia. See the traveler creep in his cotlet to sleep, Cramped helpless both forward and aft: "I'd never have think I could squeeze in this bunk, But I'll stick it," says Courier Taft.

Unless a hero you're a zero, don't let it go too late, For only heroes figure to be named in Nineteen-Eight.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR OPENING THE WILLAMETTE

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Small Change

But it was really no joke for the mayor. The rate are also doubtless down on reform. Wellman did not go far enough to meet Andre. What a terribly long time it is till the holiday vacation.

The Dalles is a queer place to hold an open river meeting. The successful lay delegates were too polite and politic to delegate. How would Billy Muldoon do for a candidate for vice-president?

Herrin doesn't care who gets the offices, so long as he is boss. Some people marry an ideal, and later discover that they wanted an affinity. Senator Bourne is now expected soon, and a lot of patriots want to speak with him first.

It seems easier for dealers in necessities than for poor consumers to raise the price. The shah of Persia smokes a \$60,000 pipe. But there may be as much comfort in a corn cob.

We hope that Wu Tung Fang will not find that as a nation we have retrograded very much. It is still a mystery how some men can become immensely rich and yet have very poor memories.

"Let Horvat live," says the Los Angeles Times. Yes, how would you stop him, if he wants to run? So far as most of us are concerned, Emma Goldman is welcome to stay aboard till she dies and goes to Yuma.

A fairly fatal automobile can now be bought for \$1,500. And it costs less than that a month to keep it in order. With parched throats and cracked skin Los Angeles paragrappers are pitifully trying to sneer at Oregon rain.

Some Democrats suspect that aside from a distinguished citizen of Lincoln, Nebraska, Mr. Bryan will be hard to suit. We suppose if John D's wealth dwindled down to \$100,000 he would commit suicide for fear of starving to death.

An advertisement says: "Always keep a bottle of Blank whiskey in sight." But most men will put the whiskey out of sight. An Aberdeen man has walked thousands of miles within the confines of his own doorway, and not because his wife was watching him, either.

Oregon Sidelights

Good almonds are grown near Echo. Three Tygh valley cabbages weighed 40 pounds. Houses are scarce in Dallas, though there are "quite a few" nice ones. A Dilley woman 70 years old picked 338 pounds of hops one day.

The Monmouth fruit drier and evaporator is doing a big business. A Seattle man bought 70 tons of hay near Hubbard at \$18 a ton. W. M. Elliott of Dallas raised \$,600 bushels of prunes, making 35 tons dried.

A Grant county man paid \$5 an acre for a 1,200-acre ranch and \$5 a head for a lot of sheep. C. C. Beekman, who has lived in Jacksonville 50 years, says saloons were never closed these Sunday till now.

No city in Oregon has pushed more rapidly to the front during the past 12 months than Hillsboro, says the Independent. A Pendleton woman named Hussie is suing for a divorce because her husband called her a huzzie. But maybe the poor man had to pronounce "huzzie."

A Dallas man has trees with limbs half an inch in diameter that in a space of 20 inches had on 25 prunes. He will get 300 bushels out of his two-acre tract. The fame of the John Day valley as a fruit and dairy country is beginning to spread and advance buyers are investigating its immense possibilities, says the News.

A Hillsboro man dropped a dollar watch in a five-gallon can of oil, and when he fished it out a day or two later it was still running, and now keeps better time than before. A Tangent man is using the first disc gang plow used in Linn county. With his traction engine he pulled a La Crosse plow, consisting of two gangs of four discs each, along much easier than a span of horses can haul a common plow, thus making eight furrows at a time. Twenty acres a day can be plowed easily, and the plow does excellent work.

John Day News: The efforts of fruit-growers to secure outside contracts were not entirely successful. It was necessary to pool a definite and rather large amount of good fruit, which was difficult only by reason of growers' reluctance to enter definitely into the combine. If most of the growers put their products into this pool and fruit is taken in big quantities from the county, those who do not may profit above those who do. But if they fall to do this, prices are sure to be down and 50,000 boxes of good fruit as ever grew will go to waste.

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