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

—Browning.

SELF-GOVERNMENT.

ONE of the best features in the new governmental models in Oregon, and one that argues powerfully for their retention, is that they appeal strongly to the citizens of other states to come to Oregon to reside.

The desire to govern himself to the uttermost, and to exercise large control of public affairs, is as innate in men as it is for them to eat, drink and sleep.

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REDUCTION OF FREIGHT RATES.

THE Oregon Railroad commission has ordered certain reductions of freight rates on the O. R. & N. railroad. Can this order be enforced? This is a very important question.

The O. R. & N. railroad has been very prosperous; it has made a great deal of money from the toll and enterprise of the people of Oregon; it has been making, as it seems, more than a fair profit on the investment.

They have made the owners of this road very rich. They have paid high freight rates these many years to Mr. Harriman. Now, through their railroad commission, they say that certain freight rates must be lowered; that the owners of the road are making more money than is reasonable; that the people of Oregon are paying more than a reasonable price for the service rendered.

But can the commission's order be enforced? Perhaps the railroad will yield and obey. More likely it will resist, and take the matter into the courts, we presume into the federal courts.

Yet this may not happen. Many decisions have upheld the doctrine of the right of a state railroad commission to regulate freight rates. The old line of fight was against the right of "delegated power."

After some conflicting decisions, it seemed to be settled that such power might be delegated. That is now the supreme court law. But now the railroads have taken a new tack; asserting that any such action as was undertaken in Minnesota and North Carolina is per se unconstitutional, and the supreme court of the United States has so held, and settled that question—for a time.

NATIONAL HARMONY ON THE AMERICAN CONTINENTS.

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If we study a map of the southern continent, we find a great central region, designated "despoblado" (unpeopled), while colonies and the powers of governments have been confined to the coasts or a few of the more accessible regions of the interior.

FALSUS IN UNO, FALSUS IN OMNIBUS

SOME hundreds of thousands of readers scattered all over the United States have been told through Lincoln Steffens' article in the March number of the American Magazine that Harvey W. Scott, editor of the Oregonian, was a party in 1903 to a disgraceful deal with Jonathan Bourne, whereby Mr. Scott expected to purchase his own election to the United States senate.

Mr. Scott has denied, through the editorial columns of his paper, that any such agreement was made, but he has offered no proof to substantiate his denial nor has he instituted libel suits against Mr. Steffens and the American Magazine.

For years the Oregonian has been the ready vehicle of all manner of charges and accusations against men prominent in the affairs of this state. The people of Oregon have not forgotten the malignity with which that paper hounded Senator Mitchell while he was living and pursued him even after death.

But it is said that Mr. Scott alone is concerned in refuting the charge of Mr. Steffens and that if he sees fit to allow it to pass uncontradicted save by his own editorial denial, it is nobody's business but his own.

Under these circumstances the voters of the state have a right to question Mr. Scott's motives and to demand the reasons for his attitude. Why does he advocate a return to a system that was sodden with corruption, honeycombed with bribery and fraud?

These are pertinent questions and in the opinion of The Journal they must be answered fully and convincingly before Mr. Scott can expect the voters of Oregon to be guided by his advice in this campaign. "Falsus in uno falsus in omnibus" is an ancient maxim of the law. If Mr. Scott was false to the people in 1903, is he not equally false in 1907?

urated by the American contractor, Meiggs. This overflow of stalwart labor on the narrow strip of land occupied by Chile meant for that government either a civil or a foreign war. It had no enterprises to occupy so many laborers, and was at the best an excessive producer of the kind, its principle staple being an impoverished peasantry.

Improving the Home Acre. Portland, March 31.—To the Editor of The Journal—What a beautiful spring day this has been. The grass is growing, the birds are singing, and flowers are blooming. Just the kind of a day that it would be a sin to waste by staying in the house.

and everything is in readiness for the annual house warming. This little wreath has been a source of much pleasure from next spring till the last day of the year. I missed a little curly headed tot from his bed one morning last spring, but soon found him safely tucked under the covers of the house watching Mrs. Wren feed the youngsters.

Portland, March 31.—To the Editor of The Journal—In Saturday's issue I notice a letter signed "Small Taxpayer," seemingly criticizing Mr. Sigler for assessing small owners and taxpayers, and wanting to know how he treats the large ones.

Reaction From Drunkenness. In the April American Magazine "The Interpreter" delivers himself of a tremendously interesting temperance talk. He says, in part: "It is not in drunkenness itself and alone that I find my chief objection to the use of alcohol—although the sight of a reeling, sodden creature in the street is a sight that makes me shudder."

A Joke on the Judges. From the Syracuse Journal. Remember how surprised we all were when the supreme court of the United States rendered its decision on the Oregon law limiting the number of hours per day a woman may work in a factory?

The Great Work of the Jews. To the April American Magazine Charles L. Williams, Episcopal Bishop of Michigan, has written a most extremely interesting article on "The Bible: Have We Lost It?"

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A Check to Gold Production

From the San Francisco Chronicle. According to statistics gathered by the New York Financial Chronicle the gold production of the world has increased with some check. There was some little increase in output during 1907 over 1906, but it was the smallest year's increase since the resumption of operations in the Transvaal mines following the Boer war, and the smallest for several years prior to the outbreak of that war.

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