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does his garnering. Thirty millions garnered from the people along the O. R. & N. within a decade shows what a past master he is at this practice.

It is high time the people were doing for themselves, instead of depending upon Mr. Harriman, or any other interest that manipulates railroads for what they can squeeze out of the public, rather than to develop the country and render a service worth the money charged for it.

TREIFING WITH THE PEOPLE.

THE Washington dispatches have it that there "is to be no prosecution of the O. & C. land grant matter until after the election of 1907." Why there should be a delay of action until after the election is just finding out. The country knows Harriman has these lands, that he is holding them (legally, and that he intends to continue to hold them, if he can. It knows that the whole transaction reeks with rotteness, and that it constitutes one of the most gigantic frauds ever perpetrated in Oregon. Not only without warrant of law, but in complete violation of law, an immense acreage of these lands was sold to illegitimate purchasers and at illegal prices, while, although the law is specific, plain and unequivocal, sale is refused of nearly three million acres held by the corporation.

Congress has directed that proceedings be instituted in the courts with a view of restoring these valuable timber lands to the public domain. In view of the bare-faced character of the fraud, it is inconceivable why there should be a postponement of proceedings until after election, or to any other time. It is by the delays of courts and by those charged with the administration of justice that violators of the laws are most and best served.

The issue in this case is perfectly plain since Mr. Harriman declares he intends to hold the grant-lands, and the country insists that he shall not. With the issue so beautifully marked, and Mr. Harriman so very bold, it seems impossible that he be excused or reason for delay for the presidential election or on any other account.

DIY AND HAPPY.

THE St. Johns Review, while sympathizing with the men who have been thrown out of business and suffered disappointment and loss, is pleased at the result. "Are we glad the town went dry?" is asked, and answers, "Well, we should smile." And it is not to be doubted that the Review expresses the sentiments of a large majority of the good people of that growing industrial city.

St. Johns will always be a city composed largely of workmen, most of them men of families. There or in that vicinity they will live, and a large proportion of them will or should have homes of their own. In a majority of cases these homes will have to be paid for out of carefully saved surplus earnings. There will be hundreds, after awhile even thousands, of children growing up to clothe and feed and educate and train to become good, intelligent citizens. What does a community like that want of a lot of saloons close to the scene of these men's work?

It does not want them, has no proper use for them. If none is there, many of these men will save many dollars in the course of a year for their homes and families that otherwise they would squander, and will be better off morally, mentally and physically besides. If a man must drink the stuff that "steals away his brains" and keeps him impoverished and unproductive, he can still obtain abundance easily gratified his desire. But we may expect that most of these men, the temptation not being right before their eyes, will get in the habit of going without the stuff, to their advantage.

As to revenue, St. Johns will manage without much difficulty, as other cities have done. Some additional taxes may be necessary, but most people will have more money to pay taxes with. The city will eventually find itself richer by a large margin, and better, in other ways. So let St. Johns smile with its editor.

HERO OF MARENGO AND AUSTERLITZ.

EVERYTHING relating to hero of Marengo and Austerlitz interests always, and it appears that as time passes the students of all countries have redoubled their activity in a search for even the most insignificant details, not only of his epoch but of the intimate life of the great emperor.

In the histories published to the present, the masterly work of Thiers, "The Consulate and Empire," are found details of inestimable value respecting the character and private life of the warrior of that exotic court, which the adherents of Bourbon royalty have found it convenient to ridicule with bitterness and at times with a certain appearance of truth. In the scene, "Madame Sans Gene," a very popular dramatic work, we are presented in a suggestive manner, the vanities and miseries of those lords and ladies, improvised with all the apparatus which characterizes adventurers.

Baron Fain, the private secretary, confidential friend and intimate companion of Napoleon, has given us in his diary, laid hidden in the family closet for 80 years, and now

Small Change.

Probably Taft won't like Bryan's platform, either.

Most suffering from heat is needless, in this region.

Let us be happy before the straw vote idiot gets busy.

It is supposed that Sherman will be a good fat fryer.

It is inferred that Senator Bourne is taking a vacation.

Nobody seems to know or care how Tom Watson is running.

Nobody seems to know or care what has become of Fairbanks.

Perhaps Taft intends to substitute the Big Smile for the Big Stick.

An artesian well or an irrigation ditch beats a saloon in any dry county.

It is time for Portland to organize herself into a "300 and in '10" society.

It surely would not do for a real Roosevelt man to preside over the senate.

By sticking to the farm through the summer and fall, Bryan might get as many votes.

If the president wants a right hard job, why doesn't he try to catch oysters in Oyster Bay?

One need not go far from Portland to find nice places to camp out—if there are any such places.

"The rooster is half the flock," says a poultry journal. He thinks he is very nearly the whole thing.

Ninety-two degree heat would cause many deaths in an eastern city, but kills nobody in Portland.

There is no sign that Cortelyou is ever going to tell all about that Harriman et al campaign hoode.

Since the Tafts are going to Hot Springs for the summer, it will doubtless be hot enough for them.

One thing we don't understand is why President Roosevelt doesn't preach on Sundays during his vacation.

A big thing to be thankful for every summer is Bull Run water. In a year or two, more of it will be needed.

All Oregon, Portland leading, should determine most positively to break loose from the Harriman tyranny.

A burglar stole \$33 from the room of two college girls. He knew better than to look in college boys' rooms for cash.

A keeble thing about Taft is that he seems not to over-estimate himself; he is daily modest, and always natural—himself.

If Roosevelt would move down to Mexico, he might find a job, but there for 20 years or so after President Diaz dies.

The people who over drank on June 30 and did not lay in a private supply of wet goods are suffering terribly from drought now.

Bitter and uncompromising is the Oregonian's opposition to the growing party of the law, but it is kicking against the pricks.

Any man who attempts to open the campaign in the good old summer time should be made to know that he is regarded as an undesirable citizen.

"The Bartenders and Saloonkeepers' Total Abstinence Society" of Chicago has 2,000 members. It is supposed they are assisting in the party of the law, looking daily at the horrible examples in front of the bars.

"It is very warm," said a friend to Mr. Taft. "Yes," was Taft's reply. "But it is quite comfortable for a cool man." Which was very proper answer to one of that innumerable lot of hores who as soon as it gets a little warm are constantly complaining to everybody that "it's awful hot, ain't it?"

Forty-three Hoo-hoo black kittens had their eyes opened one evening lately at North Bend.

Wallawa county has never owned its courthouse, having rented, but may build one soon.

Flora in Wallawa county is to have a flour mill (not a flower mill, as its name might indicate).

Lakeview has limited the number of saloons there to eight, and requires them to close at midnight.

Many of Corvallis' streets are in a deplorable condition, but some are being improved, and others will be.

A Coosworth creek, Lake county, man has been very successful raising fruit, and says that is going to be a great county for certain fruits, especially apples.

A Jacksonville man has a limb of Royal Oak chestnut, 10 inches long, with over 1,000 large, perfect red apples. With the exception of a few spoiled by a few worms, they demand the highest price in the market.

A new artesian well on the hill near North Bend, says the News, gives positive assurance that artesian water is to be had here. And gives plenty of water, which carries a heavy load of time until the town is a bower of roses and shrubbery, green trees and gardens.

Corvallis Times: A buyer was at the cannery yesterday, offering to take large quantities of canned vegetables. The cannery manager, who has been lumbering establishments of the northwest. He indicated his desire to use several carloads. The management has also offers from several other buyers, some of them being in the east.

Astoria Budget: A depth of 300 feet has been reached in the well which is being drilled at Deep river to prospect for oil. The drill is running through a shale, which carries a heavy load of oil. In fact, judging from the indications, there is almost absolute certainty that oil will be found at a depth of from 1,000 to 1,500 feet, the great question being whether or not it will be in paying quantities.

Wederburn Radium: The planting of the first radium in the world was begun Saturday and concluded Tuesday. 1,000,000 bary salmons being transferred from captivity and artificial feed to liberty and a life of hustle for grub. The husky bunch of little fellows were placed in the water of the Rogue close to the mouth of Indian creek, and were out of sight in a twinkling.

Canyonville Echo: With a view to taking measures to keep other railroads out of southern Oregon, and northern California, R. H. Miller, general freight agent for the Harriman lines in Oregon, and other officials are making a tour of the country to study possibilities for railroad projects and secure control of the strategic points. The Southern Pacific has long held undisputed dominion over this region, but the determination to break its power is steadily becoming stronger, and there is little doubt that the Harriman line will be fought over this territory not many years hence.

Mr. Dunbar Begs to Differ.

Astoria, Or., June 30.—To the Editor of the Journal.—In the last issue of The Sunday Journal, in an editorial entitled "McMahon vs. the Governor," you make the following statement:

"The action is based upon the fact that the secretary of state member of the boards created by the legislature (the governor) received fees as provided in the constitution, in addition to his constitutional salary of \$1,500 a year."

McMahon's actions against former Secretary Dunbar and Kincaid were based not upon the fact that they had received large sums in the aggregate as fees for services rendered, but upon the fact that no statute provided any compensation for them. Much of the emoluments of the secretary of state and state treasurer prior to the flat salary law on January 1, 1907, were without any direct warrant of law.

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