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Men and statues that are admired in an elevated position, have a very different effect upon us when we approach them.—Greville.

AS OTHERS SEE US

IT IS a psychological truth that we usually underestimate the men and the things with which we are most familiar. A prophet is not without honor in his own country, and that is literally true. That is why Oregon people, in order to give proper credit to the advantages and beauties of their own state, must hear it described by others.

EDITOR AND POLITICIAN

IT IS an old story—that of ex-Governor Geer. Newspaper work and personal political ambition are inharmonious. A man cannot serve two masters, and the proprietor or editor of a newspaper cannot as a rule successfully go into politics.

possible ways serve. Mr. Geer has a strong taste for politics, for office; he has held various offices and has striven for some that he did not get; but if he expected that his purchase or control of a newspaper would aid his political ambition, his recent experience must have disillusioned him.

IDLE MONEY AND IDLE LABOR

MR. HARRIMAN'S recent saying that idle money and idle men were two great evils of a country seems nothing new or original, yet—perhaps because it was said by Mr. Harriman—it has attracted a good deal of comment and caused many suggestions.

A SAMPLE OF DEVELOPMENT

COMMENTING ON the increasing number of school children in the Milton-Freewater district, now amounting to 686, the East Oregonian easily explains the growth by saying that "people are now doing more with their land than they ever did before."

VALE PORK BARREL

THERE IS promise that the "pork barrel" is to go and that future appropriations for rivers and harbors will be based on the merits of the project. Many appropriations in the past have been mere sop thrown by members of congress to their constituents.

This act of self-help is illustration of how federal aid for this river has never been a grab from the odious and malodorous "pork barrel," but a meritorious and intensely practical human project.

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

From the American Lumberman. The Pacific northwest makes a wonderful appeal to every visitor, and as he tarries the appeal brings conviction. It is a marvelous country. It is a land of living waters, of golden soil, of mineral wealth which will bless mankind when other lands are desolate.

MINES NEED ONLY CAPITAL

The following article, setting forth the need of capital in southern Oregon in connection with local mines, is from the issue of the Oregonian of last week.

CIGARETTES AND EDUCATION

THE EUGENE high school board, according to a statement made in the Register, is trying to stop cigarette smoking in that institution. The wonder is that such an effort should be necessary.

way in which a Statement No. 1 legislator can get out of voting for Chamberlain for senator," said a prominent Republican yesterday who holds an important state office; and he added thoughtfully: "It is the only way I can see by which he can do it."

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