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The whole duty of man is embraced in the two principles of abstinence and patience; temperance in prosperity, and patient courage in adversity.—Seneca.

A TIMELY MESSAGE

THE SPECIAL message of Governor West with reference to the dairy and food commissioner's office is timely. There ought to be a correction of conditions in that establishment. It is not an issue of Mr. Bailey, but of Oregon.

A public office is not a private snap. No example ought to stand in this state in which a public office is conducted as a private snap. In any office in which such practices appear, correctives should be applied and conditions be changed. Such is the meaning of the governor's message.

In the case of the dairy and food commissioner, his deputies resigned, charging misapplication of public funds, by their chief. Their statements are specific. There is no way to misunderstand what they mean. There is not a solitary reason for impugning their motives. The fact that they voluntarily surrendered their positions and their salaries rather than be parties to current practices in the office is a perfect guarantee of their good faith.

The public wants effective service and honest service in the dairy and food commissioner's office. It cares nothing about whether Mr. Bailey goes out or remains so long as the office is doing the work set apart for it to do. Mr. Bailey is a mere episode beside the greater issue of making the position he occupies an effective agent for good in the affairs of the state.

The office was established to promote the dairy industry and to protect the public against adulterated and unwholesome foods. Is there a man in Oregon who believes that the office has been conducted in that behalf? Is there a man in Oregon who believes that the office has met a single one of the responsibilities confided to it by the state? If so, why did the deputies in the office resign? What do they assign as a reason for their resignations?

The public demands a fair and impartial investigation of the office. That is what Mr. Bailey himself ought to demand. Is public office in Oregon a private snap or a public trust?

EXPERT ROAD BUILDING

THE OPPOSITION being developed in the house at Salem against the highway commissioner proposed by the Good Roads association bill falls to take account of the experience gained in other countries in centuries of good road building.

The two European countries that have by far the best roads, and the best systems of building them and caring for them are France and Norway. In France all roads are built by trained engineers of the government department of Ponts et Chaussées (roads and bridges). In Norway also road building is carried on by engineers of the same grade and qualifications as railroad civil engineers. In both these countries road building is treated as a science. The people would as soon think of omitting to have wagon roads properly laid out, with curves and grades defined and adhered to, and construction carefully supervised, as they would of going on to build railroads without the same provisions. Our need in Oregon is not less but greater than in those older countries for roads scientifically planned and built.

THE WHEAT OF THE WORLD

THE INTERNATIONAL Institute of Agriculture is constituted of 47 nations and has headquarters in Rome, Italy, where the delegates meet. Its functions are to collect from and through the several governments crop statistics from each country, month by month. The total acreage of each year's crop is recorded with comparisons from previous periods, and the total yield and also the yield per acre for each of the countries reporting is published. These figures are tabulated each month, and a crop reporter, otherwise called a bulletin of agricultural statistics, is issued monthly.

In November, 1910, the National Grange of America passed resolutions endorsing in strong terms the work of the institute, ending thus: "Its scientific investigations and its valuable publications promise to put a stop at no distant day to all disastrous and demoralizing speculation in agricultural products. We urge our own government to that conspicuous support of its activities which benefits the greatest of agricultural nations, and we urge more generous and practical provision for the wide spread of its regular bulletins and various publications.

among the farmers of the United States."

The Canadian department of agriculture has already undertaken to publish this information freely among Canadian farmers.

The increasing support given to this institute is seen in the facts that in its six bulletins, issued in July, 1910, six countries were represented; in August, 11; in September, 14; in October, 22, and in November, 23. Today, it is said, all the great wheat producing countries of the world know, with reasonable exactness, how they stand as to possibilities of export and import. Thus the speculator, the organizer of corners, is deprived of his chief weapon—since knowledge of actual conditions is being spread broadcast.

The figures as to wheat are of special interest to Oregon. In the 47 wheat producing countries of the northern hemisphere the acreage in wheat in 1910 is returned at 222,284,407. The total production is placed at 3,165,864,329 bushels. Of these enormous figures the United States is credited with 48,787,226 acres and their production at 691,573,838 bushels.

The average of the northern hemisphere is, therefore, 14,242 bushels per acre. The average of the United States is 14,1753 per acre. The king of Italy has been from the first the chief supporter, if not the first moving force, that brought this International Institute into being. He is a thorough and practical agriculturist by general report.

A THIRTY FOOT CHANNEL

AS IT PASSED the senate, the rivers and harbors bill carried an appropriation of \$520,000 more for the lower Columbia and Willamette than when it passed the house. The added items are \$200,000 in cash and an authorization for the expenditure of an additional \$320,000 for two dredges to be employed in maintaining a 30 foot channel from Portland to the sea.

Neither item was in the rivers and harbors bill when it came from the house. Shall we now be told that Hawley and Ellis did it, and that the Oregon senators did nothing? It recalls the Willamette locks appropriation of \$300,000 which did not appear in the appropriation bill when it came from the house, but was added in the senate and then agreed to by the house.

It is now regarded as certain that the house will agree to the added \$520,000 secured by the Oregon senators in aid of a 30 foot channel from Portland to the sea. The provision is so meritorious that the house will hardly reject it. It has the indorsement of the engineers, and the sanction of sound national policy.

The present action is of immense value in that by it the 30 foot channel to the sea is officially recognized by congress as an authorized project. So recognized it becomes at once and for all time the subject of a settled policy and appropriations will without challenge be provided to keep the improvement moving until there is a final completion of the plan. This fact makes the late action in the senate an event of first rank importance to the state.

The last analysis of economic ocean transportation is the vessel of large tonnage. It is the vessel of this type that will come into large vogue when the Panama canal opens to commerce. Portland's efficiency as a port will be almost infinitely furthered by a channel that makes it accessible to the biggest ship of any nation, and eminent service in this behalf has been rendered by the senate's late action.

MORE FREE DOCKS FOR LONDON

ANNOUNCEMENT IS made that the port authorities of the ancient city of London will begin at once to spend sums totalling \$70,000,000 on improving the docks and harbor facilities, and that the works will take 20 years to complete. The first object is to deepen to 30 feet the channel of the Thames from the city to the ocean, and to widen that channel to 1000 feet. The avowed purpose is to "prevent London from succumbing to the competition of other British and foreign ports."

Now, for the outline of the project three new public docks at Tilbury, opposite Gravesend are to be excavated. The sizes are to be 65, 126 and 138 acres. Also existing docks are to be enlarged and deepened and the entrances widened. New railroad lines are to bring the docks within easy communication with all parts of England. A passenger stage, like the Princess landing stage at Liverpool, is to be constructed. Thus freight and passenger traffic will be amply provided for.

In the old east as well as in the new west there is no stopping place in the wonderful growth of commerce in this century. The same methods are in use the world over. In the memory of living men the ships that made London the biggest and richest port in the world found their slow way to private docks. Trade outgrew those narrow limits. The community took up the work and one after another public docks were taken in hand. Still another stage was reached when sailing ships and clipper gave place to the great world-traversing steamship lines, and the public docks had to keep rank with these developments. Now the giants of the ocean are demanding dockage and wharfage. The port that falls to respond falls to the rear. Her competitors take instant advantage of her slowness.

No quarter of this world is exempt from this necessity. Big docks, free

docks, cheap docks, docks reached by abundant railroads, these are the conditions on which commerce thrives and cities grow. There is no exemption in this war. Portland has shown her purpose by taking the initial step—and it is the first step that counts.

THE INCOME TAX AMENDMENT

ONE-RESULT of the political upheaval last year is an increased prospect of the ratification of the requisite number of states of the income tax amendment. Last week the North Carolina senate ratified the amendment by a vote of 42 to 1, and it is certain to pass the house. Ohio, that last year rejected the amendment, ratified it this year by an almost unanimous vote. New York may yet reverse its last year's record, when the amendment was rejected by a very narrow margin. Vermont went against the amendment, but favorable action is expected in Maine, where the legislature is Democratic, and in New Hampshire, where the new progressive governor, Bass, is strongly in favor of it. The prospect in Massachusetts is not bright.

The waning power of standpatism, as evidenced in the late election, is the most favorable sign that the necessary 34 states may ratify the amendment. This, with the reversal of former adverse verdicts in several states leads to the belief that the taxation of incomes may yet be realized under the federal system.

HEAD MEXICAN INSURRECTOR

FRANCISCO I. MADERO as head of the Mexican revolutionists presents a peculiar spectacle. He is a millionaire many times over, a member of one of the leading families of the country, has received a liberal education in foreign countries and is noted for philanthropic works. He could have been a governor, but would never accept office, and has held himself strictly aloof from politics. He is a man of mature age and conservative habits, yet in this matter he has taken a step that, unless the revolutionists win, means confiscation of his vast property, estrangement from life-long friends, persecution of his family and relatives and banishment, imprisonment or execution for himself. And it is said that many other Mexicans of wealth, respectability and more or less distinction are either openly or secretly giving aid and comfort to the revolutionists. Credence attaches to this report because it seems impossible for Diaz, with all his vast and arbitrary power, to put the insurrection down without inviting opposition from various sources.

WANING MAN

NATIONAL BANK in New York state has made a woman its cashier. She had been but three years in the institution, and when the directors looked over the available material for a successor to the late cashier, the woman was chosen unanimously.

Twenty-two thousand women have registered for the recall election at Seattle. With a moral question involved, women are expected to be a large factor in determining the contest. It is to them that the opposing candidate is making his strongest appeal.

At Tacoma the other day, a jury of six women heard an assault case in which an 18 year old boy was defendant. They listened attentively through the tedious processes of the trial, and liberated the boy within 15 minutes after they got the issues into their hands.

Man has been running things on this planet for a long time, but he is less majestic in his sovereignty than he was before careers began opening up to lovely woman.

pleaded guilty the judge released her. This family may not be able to agree that the times are very prosperous.

Increasing the allowance of the state board of health is a case of wise expenditure. Disease is costly, not only to those immediately affected but to the public. Nothing is more important to the whole people than good health, and intelligent warfare against disease. This money, well expended, will be one of the state's best investments.

Letters From the People

Would Regulate Gear of Autos. Portland, Or., Jan. 31.—To the Editor of the Journal.—While all these good roads bills are being introduced and the discussion relative to them going on, will you kindly allow a suggestion in your valuable paper along a line so far apparently overlooked; at least nothing has been publicized, at least it is this: Let some sincere good roads advocate offer a bill or an amendment to one of the good roads bills providing that it shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a heavy fine and by imprisonment for the second offense, for anyone to be found in possession of an automobile on any public highway within the state, geared so it could run more than 20 miles an hour.

The reasons for this are obvious and may be stated in the order of their importance, as apparently viewed by the average taxpayer.

First—It would save the roads. This argument must appeal even to the automobile enthusiasts themselves, for they are all good roads advocates, and each is earnest and honest in his belief that it is to the advantage of every farmer and taxpayer to tax himself to provide roads for the joyride. It is well known that as the speed of an automobile is increased its destructibility of roads increases with an ever increasing ratio, and this being so, they would be saving the roads against themselves and keeping down the repair bills and taxes accordingly.

In addition to this may be offered the old fashioned argument that it would very greatly decrease the danger to human life and limb, besides the danger to horses and vehicles. It is still true that there are some horses and vehicles in Oregon that represent a considerable outlay of money. They may traverse the public highways—at least those not frequented by automobiles. Good highways, like the Base Line road, are reserved for the autos, and when they can't find farmers' families or driving horses to run down, they smash into each other occasionally. And, as a matter of fact, the property as well as life of an autoist, it ought really to have some weight with them.

It might be suggested that a law merely prohibiting greater speed than 20 miles an hour would be sufficient, but this is a mistake. We have stringent laws in the cities requiring slow time and slow turning of corners, when there are scores of law officers to enforce them, but they are not enforced. Seldom is an arrest made, and when one is, "influence" is brought to bear.

Second—It would save the lives of the children. It is a sad story where an autoist has been convicted for ruthlessly running down even a child? Of all the harrowing "accidents" of this nature in Portland and other coast cities, not once has the guilty perpetrator been meted out full justice. It is a sad story where an autoist has been convicted for ruthlessly running down even a child? Of all the harrowing "accidents" of this nature in Portland and other coast cities, not once has the guilty perpetrator been meted out full justice.

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college president on record, says a writer in the February Hampton's Magazine. Job Beauchamp Clark was born in Kentucky 61 years ago "some early March." He was trained in the faith of the Disciples' church and the Democratic party, and when he was 22 he went over into West Virginia to be a college president. He was a member of the Methodist church, and when he was 22 he went over into West Virginia to be a college president.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

He could see it yesterday. Winter came back, but only weakly. The bill to double the inheritance tax is one of merit.

Cheer up! Every day brings spring and baseball nearer.

Like other good things, the parole policy may be overdone.

What could society women have done before "bridge" was invented.

Some congressmen are doubting that President Taft is a Republican.

President Selling has the Douglas county senator sized up correctly.

This great famineless country must always lead in helping victims of famine.

Unfortunately, the people of Idaho cannot exercise the recall on Senator Heyburn.

What a talkfest Wu and the barber must have had when the diplomat had queue cut off.

Some people don't care whether tax is single, double or multiple; only the tariff gets to them.

Lobbyists cannot be suppressed, and some lobbyists, those who lobby for the people, are desirable.

Can't some of the physicians in the legislature prescribe some sort of anti-toxin for Bourgeoisism?

A law against deficiencies in public expenditures is like building a mud fence against the ocean tide.

Every winter, according to some reports, the snow is deeper in the mountains than it ever was before.

To paraphrase slightly a remark of a local contemporary: Great is humbug, and the Oregonian is its prophet.

If not on account of seeing his shadow, the groundhog probably scurried back to keep his nose from being frost bitten.

There is always a scramble for the offices at certain salaries; next a scramble of the officers elected for higher salaries.

If he should veto the Sulloway pension grab bill, President Taft will have a splendid excuse of a backbone in his official anatomy.

Boston Globe: Abe Hummel has become a British subject, and we haven't felt such a sense of loss before since William Waldorf Astor left us.

Portland is also going to develop very rapidly from a manufacturing and shipping city. Many big factories will be established here within the next year or two.

A cruel Chicago ordinance is designed to compel father to work and support or at least help support his wife and children after a while married men will have no rights left.

The country is obliged to Senator Carter for announcing that he will not become secretary of the interior if Ballinger should give up the office. To change Ballinger for Carter would be no improvement.

King George of England easily won his case against a man who had circulated a slander about him, and seems to have been entitled to his victory. Time was when a convicted defendant in such a case would not have got off with a year's imprisonment.

Unless congress passes some bills besides appropriation bills, it will have to back track, threaten Senator Brown and other insurgents. If the standpatlers don't want more trouble next spring and summer, they would better get busy and pass a few laws that the people are demanding.

SEVEN NOBLE WOMEN

The Mother of Washington.

The mother in her office holds the key of the soul; and she it is who stamps the coin of character, and makes the being who would be a savage.

But for her gentle cares, a Christian man.—Old Play.

Just as Washington is inevitably to be known as the "Father of His Country," so the mother of Washington may be appropriately named the "mother of our nation." And that she is worthy of the title, as much so as her son is of his, was shown in all the noble deeds of this great American woman. Mary Washington's life was one unbroken series of praiseworthy actions. In the Revolutionary drama, in which she figured in many of its earlier scenes, by her noble and inspiring womanhood her example went far towards making and molding the character of our nation.

Mary Washington's whole life was so strikingly grand, she was uniformly so gentle, so amiable and so dignified, that it would be difficult to fix the eye on any one act more striking than the rest. The illustrious son, naturally, so overshadowing the modest and unassuming mother, that we are very prone to forget to give credit to the woman to whom he owed much of his greatness. Always absorbed in the domestic duties she discharged so faithfully, she made her great gift to men, and then passed from the stage as quietly and as modestly as she had lived and labored.

But Washington never forgot the real source of his greatness. He was always mindful of the woman whose virtues had earned him his own, and had fitted him to become the man of unbending integrity and heroic courage. Washington's father having died when George was a young man, it fell to the lot of the mother to rear her five children with that untiring hand which guided so many widows through this perilous Federal era, and as the richest reward of a mother's solitude and toil, she had the happiness of seeing all of her children come forward with a fair promise into life, and lived to witness the noble career of her eldest son, till, by his own rare merits, he was raised to the head of a nation, and applauded and revered by the whole world.

Had Washington failed, the cause of liberty would have failed also. But, thanks to the great mother's teaching, he looked within when all was dark, took courage and fought on until the clouds had disappeared and he stood

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Many lambs dying in Lake county.

A Coquille man has a new Humbug.

A Dallas man has several books more than 100 years old.

Southern Oregon people will soon be planting garden stuff.

Several women are taking the Farmers' course at O. A. C.

New Baptist church at Cottage Grove will be dedicated Sunday.

Oregon Power company at Dallas is making extensive improvements.

Man in Summer Lake valley has struck artesian water at 115 feet.