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THE MAN AND THE DOLLAR

IT IS NEARLY fashionable to claim that the "agitation" for pure milk has reduced the volume of dairy products in Oregon.

Who knows and what is their authority for stating that there is a less volume of dairy products in Oregon? Were former estimates used in comparison authentic?

To resist reform has been the habit of the race from the beginning. A faction has always decried "agitation" and agitators.

They dragged William Lloyd Garrison through the streets of Boston and stoned Owen Lovejoy, but nobody lifts a hand in defense of slavery now.

Every step forward has been resisted. Every move for betterment has been opposed. Sometimes it is based on the cry that "it hurts business."

CANADIAN RAILROADS

THE GREATEST examples of railroad construction in advance of population and traffic ever seen are the roads now being carried to completion across this continent in Canada.

Practically the whole of the enormous sums of capital required is provided by the British investor, whose resources seem to be unlimited.

Justification for the enormous railroad expenditures is found in a few facts. Within ten years population has grown in Canada from 5,371,315 to over 7,500,000.

As fast as the rails reach a new station on these railroads, new groups of tents and shanties spring up as by magic.

Such conditions will not last long when the Grand Trunk Pacific is completed.

completed. The summary of its line must make Mr. Hill's mouth water. Tangents of 150 miles, grades held within one half of one per cent.

The cheaper freights to which water transportation and cheap milling contribute have made Minneapolis and Duluth markets better by about five cents a bushel than those on the northern side of the frontier.

WHERE'S KELLY?

WHERE IS THE city assembly? Why doesn't somebody issue the call? Where's the chairman of the city central committee?

The city election is coming on. With the warmer weather candidates are preparing to swarm. Many have already filed their declarations and entered the field.

Where are all the boys? Why do they stand idly by, cogitating about tight-legged trousers, the harem skirt and other vain and foolish trifles with the city election at hand?

NOT THE WAY

THREE DEPUTIES resigned their positions in the dairy and food commissioner's office on the ground that the acts of their chief were irregular.

In this crookedness in public office in this country? Is public office so sacred, and the public official so holy that irregularities must be hushed up or spoken of, only in whispers?

Commissioner Bailey prepared his biennial report to the legislature before his deputies resigned. In that report, he says: "These deputies have proved themselves to be careful, earnest and capable workers."

But the senate rejected the bill. "If you will vote to pass the Bowerman assistant secretary of state bill over the governor's veto, Senator Bowerman will vote to oust Bailey."

ALASKA COAL LANDS

IT SHOULD NOT take as long to determine the rights and wrongs of what are called the Alaska-Michigan company's dealings in Alaska coal lands as has been the fate of the Cunningham claims.

Probably one of more test cases would determine whether their alleged defense is well founded in law. The action taken by the Michigan-Alaska Coal company, its constitution and its dealings with stockholders would in all probability settle the legal aspect, and, when followed to actual transactions in Alaska, would fix its status as honest or fraudulent.

then go into winter quarters and "hole up" as soon as snow flies.

OUR CITY ENGINEER

THE CITY ENGINEER is out of humor with Portland people. Citing the change of certain property owners from petitioners to remonstrators relative to a city improvement, he says, "The people do not know their own minds from one month to another."

There are times when it is well for people to change their minds. And the same thing is true of city engineers. Such a change at the psychological moment would have saved the city and certain property owners from the dilemma over the Hall street improvement, in which work that the engineer estimated would aggregate \$13,000 actually cost \$30,000.

A further question that is widely asked in this city is, are property owners getting value received for the money they are pouring into paving? How about the East 21st street pavement which was accepted by the city engineer but rejected by the executive board?

NOBODY WANTS THEM

NO MAN IN OREGON has appeared in print in advocacy of bad roads. No farmer wants bad roads. No merchant wants bad roads. Nobody wants bad roads.

Twelve easterners came out to Oregon to locate several years ago, but on account of the bad roads, all went back but one. The one who remained is Representative Westerlund of Jackson county, who tells the story elsewhere on this page.

The legislature of Washington has just appropriated \$2,000,000 of state money to aid road building. Two years ago, it appropriated a similar sum. It has found that the plan pays.

Incidentally Washington, the child, has more than double the population of Oregon, the parent. Oregon once had more than double the population of Washington. The more rapid growth of Washington is due to the greater alertness of her men.

California at the last election, voted \$17,000,000 for road building. Every other coast state is going ahead in the endeavor to move products to market at the least cost. Oregon is standing still.

A news dispatch from Spokane describing the city election there says: "With about 20,900 votes cast, the citizens have selected by this method (second choice) four other men, not one of whom was the real choice of more than 7000 and two or three were the real choice of not more than 5000.

Probably, the hostile interests at the dairy banquet last night did not harmonize their differences. But each knows more now about the viewpoint of the other. All speakers, including the dairy commissioner, agreed that a first essential is clean milk, though Mr. Nottingham did raise question as to death of bacteria from bad milk.

It is said that the troops are sent to the Mexican border to preserve a stricter neutrality. Also, to be handy in case of Diaz' death to prevent disorders. Also, to warn other nations that we are going to handle the situation under the Monroe doctrine, so they will not become meddling. Also to show with what celerity we can mobilize troops for the effect on critics of the army and on other powers. All these reasons appear in one dispatch and are stated to come directly from the president. It raises the question of why it is necessary to dissemble in such a matter.

Would a just cause be harmed by taking the country into executive confidence?

Letters from the People

Nobody Wants Bad Roads. Medford, Or., March 2.—To the Editor of The Journal—As a member of the last legislative assembly, I did my best for the passage of such road laws as would enable Oregon to improve her highways.

Washington, to the north of us, and California, our neighbor to the south, fully appreciate the importance of the great road movement, and are spending millions to build highways. California voted a road appropriation at her last election of \$17,000,000. Washington is not only using her prison labor, but at the present session of the legislature appropriated over \$1,500,000 in cash for the building of her roads.

It would be safe to offer a million dollars for a true and complete definition of a Democrat—or a Republican. What is education? A large question, not easily answered, but an education isn't necessarily gained at a university.

SMALL CHANGE

Barley is better than bullets. Greatest fruit prospects ever. Who and what is, or are, "the party"? O well, this is March; it will be June soon. Good for Dr. Cook. He has paid his cook.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

East Oregonians. Indications point to a wonderful development in the west end of the county this summer and to a healthy increase in population for that section. Dallas Observer. The McMinnville telephone office is to be equipped for superannated use by the poor man who operates Brother Martin's typewriter is due to lose what little hope of heaven he ever had.

Correspondence of Albany Democrat: Halsey, which is known as one of the best shipping places south of Portland. A city will be a disappointment and poultry, has the promise of electric lights within 30 days, for which her people are rejoicing.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

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