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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.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Barley is better than bullets. Greatest fruit prospects ever. Who and what is, or are, "the party"?

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."

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.

Representative Westerlund suggests a special session of the same legislature. There are many good men among the present legislators, but would it not be better to submit the case to the people?

A news dispatch from Spokane describing the city election there says: "With about 20,000 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."

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BARBAROUS MEXICO

Portland, Or., March 8.—To the Editor of the Journal—Being a constant reader of your daily paper, I will publish the following: I understand the United States is rushing troops across the country into Mexico.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

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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.

Tillamook Herald. The governor has vetoed the Tillamook County Fair bill, which fact will be a disappointment to many of our citizens.

What is education? A large question, not easily answered, but an education isn't necessarily gained at a university.

SEVEN LITERARY WOMEN

George Sand. "A foot more light, a step more true, Ne'er from the heath furlow dashed the dew."

When Aurora was only four years old her father was killed by a fall from his horse. She went to live with her grandmother at her country home near Nahant.

George Sand died in 1876, nearly 72 years of age, having neglected an illness which she deemed unimportant until it had reached a fatal stage.

Religion is Universal. Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis in the Columbian Magazine. Religion is universal. The man who is not religious is not normal, and by this use of the word "religion," I do not mean saying your prayers and reading your Bible and going to church.

THE WORLD MOVES

From Comment. It is often charged that the courts are slow in acknowledging conditions which are well known to every one. It is therefore a matter of public interest to take note of instances showing that judges really do see things other than precedents announcing general principles.

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THE DAIRY INDUSTRY?

To the Editor of The Journal—A statement just published reads as follows: "The dairy industry of Oregon is languishing, the consumers are complaining of quality and price. It is charged by each interest that the other interests are working at cross purposes; that cooperation is lacking."

FARMERS AND GOOD ROADS

Thomas, Or., March 2.—To the Editor of The Journal—An article in The Journal of March 1 was headed, "Roads Men Survey Wreck With Grief," and Dr. A. C. Smith says, "Farmers Did It!"

It would be a hard matter to get as many brainless farmers together in one body as was assembled in Salem, posing as law makers, in this last session of the legislature.

These Danish farmers, besides supplying the national food, exported to England in 1906 butter valued at \$45,000,000, bacon at \$23,000,000, eggs at \$7,000,000, making a grand total of \$75,000,000.

APPETITE

How sweet it is to take your seat, when hungry, at a groaning board, and loosen up your belt and eat! The man thus gifted is afforded to grin at his life's little bits, at fortune's frowns, however grim, at druggists and at doctors' bills—this world is just a snap to him! Dyspeptic people, driven daff by foolish fads, look on and say: "He ought to try the Fletcher graft, and chew his food a half a day. To swallow smoking food like that, is nothing better than a sin; yet he seems strong and healthy, and we are bilious, weak and thin!"

THE NEW RAILROAD

There is a rainbow in the railroad sky, promising peace and fair weather, says the well known writer on railroad topics, C. M. Kays, in the March World's Work. It is nothing more nor less than a fair and open arena on the part of the heads of many systems that the cardinal error which underlay the period of public hostility toward railroads was committed by the railroads, and a fair promise that it will never happen again.

A statement recently promulgated by Judge Lovett, head of the Harriman lines, caps the general confession of many other heads of systems. The very promulgation of such a belief in regard to the railroads, however, has met public opposition with defiance. The usual reply has been a challenge something like this: "Oppose us, attack us, or criticize us, and we shall stop our extensions, withdraw our builders, cut down our equipment order, lessen the number of our employees. You, not we, will pay for it. Now get ahead and do your worst!"

In one form or another the country has heard that challenge a hundred times in the last few years. Judge Lovett and Otto Kahn—one a Harriman lawyer and officer, the other a Harriman banker—have expressed the new principle. The good faith of the two speakers cannot be judged by promises, and it remains to be seen how far facts will fit principles. Yet the very announcement of the principles is so startlingly new and so full of rich promise that it must be hailed with enthusiasm.

When other railroad heads in public speaking are increasing articles in interviews, give tongue to the same conviction. If a man have patience to read these new outpourings of the railroad heart, he will note in them all a fervid desire for publicity—not the old selfish brand of publicity, but the new publicity. He will note also more or less veiled admissions of railroad fault in the past. Above all, he will note that, in the minds of the railroad men, the railroad has again become a public servant, a public utility.

It is a new spirit of cooperation. Let the railroads of the west sweep away the tangled webs that they have woven for their own ends, about the state capitals. Let railroad lobbyists become extinct from the halls of the legislature. Let a few of the big systems look to it and see whether or not the men who run them are men who care a little about the public and its rights and powers. There is a school of railroad officers that must be swept from the house before a new and better order can be the dawn of day. The railroad whose head is a reactionary will deserve all that it gets from the new democracy of commerce.

TOMORROW—HARRIS BEECHER STEW.

Produced, other than his own productive labor? If Dr. Smith does not think farmers know how to build roads, if he will come up into Linn county and visit the Forks of the Santiam, we think we can show him some as good and substantial roads as any in the state.

We went to work by donation and subscription of our own money and time and raised about \$357. The county put up dollar for dollar against this amount, and we graded and gravelled about one mile of road, and it appears for itself, Dr. Smith, whether farmers can build roads or not. And don't forget, doctor, that the amount the county gave included about 78 1/2 per cent of the farmers' money already collected in the general county fund state tax.

THE OREGON DAIRY INTERESTS WILL DO WELL TO STUDY THAT LITTLE KINGDOM OF DENMARK WHICH IS SO RENOWNED FOR ITS DAIRY AND EGG INDUSTRY.

The Oregon dairy interests will do well to study that little kingdom of Denmark which is so renowned for its dairy and egg industry. The country has an area of only 5,375,493 acres, of which one third is arable, and one third in dairy pasture.

The population is about 2,500,000, of whom over 50 per cent are the cultivators and suppliers of food from the soil.

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The use of the rural telephone throughout Denmark has done much for the economic development of these industries. For a complete article within each district, the cost is only \$13 per annum, and trunk or long distance calls are on an equally low scale.

THE DRUMMERS ARE COMING INTO LAKEVIEW THICK AND FAST THESE DAYS.

The drummers are coming into Lakeview thick and fast these days, getting orders for "writing" machines, typewriters, and other office supplies. The business outlook for the coming year, and believe that we have bright prospects for landing a railroad before many months have passed by.

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And other fanatics, who have the law, and keep the law, with their own hands, try to eat his victims raw, or take them to eat in capsule form. He loves to hear the dinner horn invite him to increase his weight; he laughs the idle fads to scorn, and sits as Father Adam ate.

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