

PORTLAND HAS BIG ADVANTAGE; TRADE OF ORIENT LOOMS

Port Lies Between Overpopulated and Underpopulated Countries; Merchants Are Urged to Study Situation.

By J. B. B.

No great port is more directly between an over-populated and an under-populated country than Portland. No port is better situated for the exchange of the wealth of nature for the products of labor than is Portland. No Atlantic port is so well situated in this respect. China at least is sluggish and incapable of as large a development as that of the Transatlantic.

Recognition of this fact doubtless had something to do with the spurring on of the government to the Panama canal enterprise by the eastern and western states, as well as the lukewarm support of the same sections for the oriental colonial policy.

If orient and occident were on the same political or industrial plane, reciprocity would be all the incentive necessary to care for the trade. But they are not. China at least is sluggish and provincial. Her people are far more enterprising than her government.

She prevented, until lately, the spectacle of a patient industrial people, ruled by alien officials. That the people submitted so long is only a proof of their patience. That the Manchus were contented is only natural.

Situation Becomes Intolerable.

The one became sluggish, the other inefficient. With the pressure of occidental trade and the Japanese invasion the situation became intolerable and the Manchus dynasty fell. Chinese labor and enterprise are free, and the doors of her trade are open.

In the pageantry of the late festival, no feature received such favorable recognition as the Chinese part. It was roundly applauded all along the line, and the beaming appreciation of the Chinese countenance was exhilarating. Why? Because the populace felt at a glance that it meant something. They bore the appearance of a regenerated people, which they are.

Their pageant meant more than ours. It was symbolic of a most important movement. No one knows yet what tremendous importance it may turn out to be. They themselves, although acutely alive to the change, do not know. Speak to any Chinaman on the street and you speak to a warm-blooded republican.

Chinamen that never enthused over Tai An, Li Hung Chang or Wu Ting Fang enthused over Dr. Sun Yat Sen. Four hundred and fifty millions of people discarding despotism for freedom means something. There is a possibility of no consequent change in industrial and trade relations of the world is not possible.

May Find Outlet at Home.

It may be supposed that a mere change in political form is comparatively inconsequential, but China's lethargy has been due to her tremendous patience, which is in itself a potentiality, rather than to stupidity. The enterprise of John Chinaman, in evidence on all the frontiers of human advance, may now find an outlet at home. There, railroads are to be built, mines opened and manufacturers of all kinds established. John's ingenuity will find incentive in fields yet unbroken. Labor and the soil heretofore have been his almost exclusive resources.

In the future we will probably find it different. Upon his patience as a plodder will be engrained the ambition of the mechanic, the inventor and the scientist. What Germany has done in the last 40 years to uphold her national strength may be repeated in China.

John Chinaman, despite his enterprise, readiness and real acuteness of intellect, has always been treated by his neighbors with appreciable contempt. He and his kind have been the butt of many a four-footed joke, but this queue quietly disappeared about a year ago. Perhaps you hadn't noticed it.

It was done so quietly, yet so thoroughly. One day John slouched around as usual with his pigtail. The next day he caught your eye by its absence. You remarked how much more chipper he looked without, and looked around to compare him with his brother with it, when you found another shorn Chinaman. And, lo! all were alike. Not a pigtail!

Chinese Is Utilitarian.

One of the last acts of the deposed emperor was to yield to the modern spirit enough to order all diplomatic officers to cut off their queues.

The queue, a compulsory on the part of all Chinese by the Manchus, their entering and conquering the country, was long regarded as a badge of subjection, but its meaning had been lost, and John, faithful to habit, continued to wear it until, on the advent of the new republic, it suddenly and quietly went into the discard along with the despotism responsible for it.

Such slight things may help to break the spell that holds China a slave to custom. The Chinaman, with all his conservatism is a strict utilitarian, and actual needs may now take the place of formal ones.

The world changes, and so do men. A score of men, a ball and a bat present all the materials for a baseball game, but they do not always make a game. The men may not know the game or care to play it. Incentive and training must be there.

China's incentive may have arrived. Portland's incentive for trade should be here already.

Perhaps it is. When Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Ayer send out their cargoes of flour and lumber do they concern themselves with whether the vessels have cargoes to bring back? Does anybody

BURNS JUNE GRADUATE BRIDE IN JUNE WEDDING



Ludwig Johnson and Miss Ruby Dalton, both of Burns.

(Special Correspondence.)

Burns, Or., June 21.—Among the June weddings here was that of Miss Ruby Dalton of Wednesday evening, June 11, to Ludwig Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dalton, of the city, Mr. Dalton being the active head of one of Burns' largest business firms. The bride was one of the Harney county high school graduates this year, and a particular favorite among all classes here. Mr. Johnson came here several years ago from Wisconsin, and is bookkeeper for the Harney County National bank. He is also prominent in Masonic circles, manager of the Tonowama band, and a singer of merit.

What cooperation is there in this most essential particular? Do our merchants study this problem with the same assiduity that they exploit the more obvious and handier resources at home? Developing a country by promoting real estate prices or useless trading and activities is like lifting oneself over the fence by the boot-strap.

But the developing of essential industry in China and this country is a healthy expansion for them and for our trade also. A moderate profit and a useful foreign business is better than an exorbitant profit on an over-stimulated domestic business.

In return for lumber and flour, we get from China and Japan sulphur, rice, teas, silks, matings, fibre goods, fire-works, brick-a-brac, many small manufactured articles in which labor is the predominant element. They are also large importers of American cotton, some of which comes this way and much more should. Insufficient traffic of this character for Portland signifies neglect on the part of somebody. Then there is American machinery and tools, iron and steel, glass and leather and leather goods. Are these exports handled through Portland as they might be?

DOOLY BREAKS DOWN AND COMMITS SUICIDE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., June 20.—Found dead in his room at the Frye hotel here with a bullet hole through his head and a revolver by his side, E. W. Dooly, 46 years old, capitalist and promoter of the Green River Hot Springs resort, a resident of North Yakima, was taken to his home today. Dooly, who is supposed to have ended his life because of despondency resulting from years of ill health, was here as a witness in the suit between the International Fire Insurance company and Northern Pacific Railroad company. The trial proved trying to him and Wednesday he complained of a breakdown. He was last seen alive Wednesday night, but his body was not found until late Thursday evening. His wife and family of three children, who accompanied him here, had returned home Monday evening.

WAREHOUSE RUN BY SILKGROWERS WINS ADMIRATION

American Commission on Agricultural Cooperation Finds Lesson for Grain and Cotton Growers in Italy.

Milan, Italy, June 20.—Members of the American Commission on Agricultural Cooperation were shown through the largest silk warehouse in northern Italy today. The enterprise is financed by the silk growers of the district, and represents one of the most successful cooperative adventures undertaken by Italian landowners. It gives the farmers the dual service of affording cheap storage and of securing for them sufficient credit to enable them to control the marketing of their silk. The stock ownership of any one farmer in the warehouse is limited, and the business is conducted on a cash basis, the profits being distributed as dividends at the end of the year. Many members of the commission declared that the visit suggested ideas that might be profitably adopted by American farmers, especially in the case of cotton and grain growers.

At the season when the silk cocoons are gathered they are sent by the farmers to their warehouse. A number of the cocoons are taken from each sack and tested in order to determine the quality of the silk obtainable from each lot. The process of testing was thoroughly explained to the members of the commission. The cocoons are first soaked in boiling water and the coarse outer covering is removed. This is sold for the manufacture of spun silk. After the removal of this cover the cocoon represents a spool of extremely fine silk thread. A foot or so of this thread is unwound from several cocoons and the thin threads are run through a needle and wound over a spool. The thicker thread thus produced is tested in various ways for durability, and is put under the magnifying glass to show up and defects. Similar tests are also made with silk from oriental and other cocoons and in this way an accurate estimate is made of the market value of the crop which the farmer has placed in the warehouse. Armed with the certificate of the warehouse, the farmer can go to a bank and secure a loan for 75 per cent of the value of his goods in storage.

Of course, with 75 per cent of the total value of his crop in his pocket or placed to his credit at the bank, the farmer does not need to sell his crop for some time. If the market is bad he can hold his produce for a rise. The necessity under which the farmers of many sections of the United States labor, of disposing of their crop the moment it is harvested in order to get money enough to keep themselves going, is entirely eliminated and as a consequence the Italian farmers secure a much better price.

The bankers find the warehouse deposits of the silk farmers adequate security for the advancement of 75 per cent of the value of the crop. With so large a portion of their possible profit in their pockets the farmers are inclined to hold their produce even beyond a reasonable length of time and to play the market. No way has been found to prevent this practice since the bankers of course have no interest in whether the farmer's crop is sold or not. The only thing that can be done is to appeal to the good sense of the farmers. Members of the American commission admitted if the cotton growers of the states built cooperative warehouses and accepted too large a percentage of credit with the idea of playing the market, the results might be serious.

Several members of the commission said that this same plan had been placed in operation by the grain growers of the middle western states, and that the grain placed in such cooperative warehouses was used as a means to secure credit for the farmers.

10 BECOME CITIZENS; SEVEN REFUSED PAPERS

On the ground that his witnesses did not possess knowledge of the character of the applicant, the naturalization petition of Henry G. Krieger, a Russian, was denied. It was strongly hinted by Special Examiner Hazard of the government naturalization bureau that B. Sobolewski and John Kosciolk were professional witnesses.

Sobolewski and Kosciolk were witnesses for seven applicants for citizenship Wednesday in Judge Gatens' circuit court. Every one of those applications was turned down because the two witnesses were proved to be not creditable.

Charles Azar Joseph, a subject until this morning of the sultan of Turkey, a Mohammedan, was one of the very few of his nationality to become a United States citizen.

Other applicants made citizens were John I. A. Carlson, Finland; A. I. Anderson, Denmark; Fritz Jacobson, Sweden; Axel O. Johnson, Sweden; Kark E. Lind, Sweden; Louis W. Johnson, Denmark; Alfred Leifegren, Sweden; Martin Solsberg, Norway, and John D. Waisanen, Finland.

Eugene Pouchet was told to go to Washington for his citizenship application, as he has taken up a homestead in Cowley county.

RAILWAY DAY AT MONROE IS SET FOR JULY 10

(Special to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., June 20.—Arrangements are being made to hold the celebration in honor of the completion of the new electric railway of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern between Eugene and Monroe at the latter place on July 10. Robert E. Strahorn, president of the railway company, has written to the officials of the local commercial club, suggesting that date, and it is agreeable to them. A large excursion train will be run from this city over the completed track to Monroe, where a crowd of Corvallis citizens will be met and the formal ceremony of driving the last spike will take place.

ERNEST RINGO BECOMES SPECIAL AGENT ON VICE

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., June 20.—Governor West has appointed Ernest Ringo, who recently came to Salem from Portland to practice law, as a special agent of the state to have general supervision of vice crusade matter that comes into the executive office. The governor said there was more than he had time to look after. Attorney Ringo was appointed as a special prosecutor in Portland last year when the governor was campaigning in that city. It was generally reported here that if the county attorney law had gone into effect, Ringo would have been appointed county attorney for this county.

HUNDREDS OF NEWSIES MAKE WILD RUSH FOR NEW OFFICIAL BADGES

That human nature is pretty much the same in all walks of life and that the love of power is not monopolized by the great or the near-great, was demonstrated to the complete satisfaction of members of the license committee of the city council and other city officials who yesterday afternoon observed the wild rush of nearly 300 Portland newsboys on the license department of the city auditor's office.

The onslaught was occasioned by the first distribution of official badges provided for in the ordinance passed by the council nearly a month ago to regulate the sale of newspapers and periodicals on the public streets.

The ordinance prohibits boys under 10 years of age selling papers on the streets and requires the young paper salesmen who are permitted to operate under the ordinance to procure badges of office. These badges are furnished free by the city. There was a noticeable elevation of chests among the newsboys as they left the hall yesterday decorated with insignia of authority.

Chairman Daly of the committee issued 287 badges during the afternoon. A dozen or more boys who have registered for badges arrived late to get them, but were told to call this morning.

I. W. W.'S GET BACK AT ABERDEEN INDIRECTLY

(Special to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., June 20.—Settlement has been made by the city with Michael Hunland for \$1000 for damages caused by a collision between a street car and an automobile during the I. W. W. trouble last April. Hunland sued for \$2,000. Hunland was sitting off a car when an automobile operated by the city was going to the scene of a riot with strikers. Hunland was knocked down and severely hurt.

Fur bearing otters have been seen at North Beach the first time in years. One otter taken will bring the fisherman \$1200. Time when otters were plentiful and outlooks were located all along the coast by Indians.

Some time ago J. S. McKee, a wealthy real estate owner of Hoquiam, brought suit for alleged slander and damages in the sum of \$10,000 against F. A. Gillette, a druggist of that city. A jury in the superior court yesterday acquitted Gillette.

Wife Not at Funeral.

Mrs. Charles D. Surface, at Good Samaritan hospital, severely injured, was unable to attend the funeral of her husband, killed Sunday night, when a motorcycle on which they were speeding was hit by a street car. Funeral services for Mr. Surface were held Wednesday afternoon at the Skewes undertaking chapel. Burial was at Rose City cemetery.

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