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NOT A TIME FOR COMPLAININGS

THE population of Alaska will double within a short time after work begins on the Alaska railroad. That is the claim of the governor of Alaska, who was in Portland yesterday.

The federal government, by the Chamberlain act, will spend \$35,000,000 in building the Alaska railroad. The leasing law opens the great coal deposits of Alaska to mining operations.

The building of the railroad will mean vast sums of money spent for the subsistence of the workers, spent for tools and machinery, spent in wages, spent for lumber, spent for clothing and supplies.

The northern states of the Pacific coast will be the commissary headquarters of this vast enterprise. From the fields and factories of this region the Northland will draw its necessities.

Three million feet of lumber was carried from Portland mills into the north country by the Portland-Alaska line the past season. With the building of hundreds of miles of railroad line, the opening of coal mines and the installation of plants, there will be an enormous demand for lumber.

Railroad building will mean that towns will spring up, houses will be built, settlements be established and a new and vastly extended trade be inaugurated. This will mean demand for flour, for meat, for clothing, for fruits, for tools and for all the things incident to a newly installed civilization.

Nobody knows the extent of material fortune that lies buried in this northern kingdom of gold and coal. Nobody yet realizes the extent to which the migration of people to Alaska will go when the new activity begins.

In all Portland there is not a single interest but can expect profit from the new situation. An empire of minerals that has lain dormant under American ownership for 47 years is suddenly on the threshold of an extraordinary development.

A FEW SMILES

Prospective Father-in-Law - You've got some nerve to ask me for an advance payment on your daughter's dowry. I think you are a fortune hunter.

Mrs. Timkins was taking her son to school for the first time, and after impressing the necessity of his having a thorough education, finished up by saying: "And I learned Latin."

"Well, Willie," said the teacher. "At the hind end of the rear car, ma'am," answered Willie.

Letters From the People (Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on one side of the paper, should not exceed 500 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender, who will be glad to receive the name published, he should so state.)

Free City Market. Hillsboro, Or., Nov. 11.—To the Editor of The Journal - I believe the farmers will ruin the best friend they have—the city market—if they ask too much for their produce.

Declares Hatchet Not Buried. Gervais, Or., Nov. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal - I speak again for the prohibition and when I speak my voice is the voice of our thousands.

Notaries. Portland, Nov. 11.—To the Editor of The Journal - Please answer the following questions in The Journal: What are the necessary qualifications for a notary public in Oregon?

The Bird on the Hat. From the Memphis News-Sun. "Audubon's new hat is offered in the shops at prices to suit the tastes and purses of purchasers, or as fine material and make as any costume.

A CALL FOR TEACHERS. HARRY G. SELTZER, American consul at Breslau, says Germany furnishes an unusual opportunity to American teachers.

Underfed School Children. From the Chicago Herald. Mrs. Florence Vosbrink and Mrs. C. O. Setzler, who were after a personal study of the situation, have recommended to that body the opening of "penny lunchrooms" in certain schools.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Many trains of thought carry no freight. Women are always sincere when they say "I'm sure."

OREGON SIDELIGHTS. The department of journalism at the University of Oregon has established a museum of freak newspapers.

HOOD RIVER NEWS. When winter arrives one of the familiar figures which will be missed will be W. M. Stewart.

WOODBURN INDEPENDENT. There have been many inquiries for farms, but the inquirers have been waiting, upon advice that they consider emanating from the county.

THE TWILIGHT SLEEP. From the Detroit Tribune. Detroit has heard its first word-of-mouth news of "dammerschlaf."

EMPHASIS ON THRIFT IN SCHOOLS. By John M. Okelson. In 1910 Massachusetts put thrift instruction into her public schools.

A British Estimate of Wilson. From the London Daily News. There is no statesman throughout the world whose reputation has risen as steadily as President Wilson's.

Left and Right on Shipboard. From the Boston Globe. The joke is on those marine humorists who once laughed long and uproariously at Honorable Josephus Daniels for cutting the words "port" and "starboard" out of the list of nautical terms.

ARMOR FOR SOLDIERS. From the New York Times. Metal covering for soldiers' feet was worn out of use—and forever, it had been assumed—soon after gunpowder came to be used.

THE SUNDAY JOURNAL. The Great Home Newspaper, consists of five news sections replete with illustrated features.

IN EARLIER DAYS

Russia has her Siberia, England her Botany Bay, and if the United States should ever use a country to which to banish its rogues, Oregon will be demonstrated.

After living for a while in Arkansas and Missouri and Texas, we settled in Dade county, Missouri, not far from the town of Liberty, Mo.

The first winter we were here, in 1843, was a very hard one. McCarver and Peter Burnett thought there would be a big city some day on the Willamette, so they tried to start a city at Linton.

My father, who was 5 years old, and my mother, who was 15 years old, were about the same age as Martha Burnett. Letty and Willie and Andrew were the other children.

I always look back to that winter at Linton with great pleasure. The men and women of that time were different. The women folks did house and cooked over an earth fireplace, and did the housework.

On the proved efficiency of the thin armor plates with which motor cars are now protected, but even these safeguards are of such weight that an analogous defense would hardly be practicable for men.

From the Kansas City Star. "All Europe is one great slaughterhouse," writes an American woman who has just returned from France.

Forward. From the Utica (N. Y.) Observer. The thing which has been accomplished by the Wilson administration in the past few months can be undone.

THE BETTER TONE

THEY say there is a better tone to Portland real estate. There would have been a better tone all along but for the wildcat boosting of values and sales of \$40 lots to poor people at \$500 per acre and upwards.

Values cannot always balloon on mere wind. If buyers would consult the assessment roll to see what the holding is assessed at before they make the purchase, they can protect themselves against unfair prices.

OWN social health. These are future citizens, the children of the state. On grounds of public welfare as well as of human sympathy they must not be permitted to grow up under any physical and mental handicap.

It is to be hoped, however, that their movement will not stop with mere feeding of underfed and ill-fed children. All that is merely palliative, though necessary, is the condition of these underfed children is not wholly due to poverty.

From the Troy Record. "The devil and the deep sea, Scylla and Charybdis, the upper and the nether millstone—all these comparisons are but mild compared to the reality of Persia's dilemma.

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