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A PORTLAND VISITOR

A PORTLAND visitor this week was Victor Murdock of the federal trade commission. He was here in the course of official duty. He is the type of citizen on which America must stake her best and most useful future.

The commission is needed in America. In this country, as in every country, there are four basic industries. They provide the necessities of life, and are: 1-The fuels—coal, petroleum and water powers. 2-The structural—iron ores, timber and cement.

The organization of vast trusts by consolidating large corporations under one head was for the purpose of concentrating the four basic industries in a few hands. The tobacco trust, the steel trust, the five great meat packers are all examples of the efforts of a few men to control the sources of production and distribution.

The partial failure of the Sherman law to meet the situation led, under the Wilson administration, to the creation of the federal trade commission. Its only means of dealing with the problem is publicity. It was given power by congress to examine the books of huge corporations, to gather all facts connected with the industry and to make a full report of findings to the president of the United States.

Such questions as this come before the commission: May a manufacturer of a nationally advertised article not only control the price at which he sells it but control the price at which the retailer shall sell it? After a very long and patient investigation the commission decided that with the passing of time in the article to the retailer the latter is at liberty to sell at any price he may fix.

The activities of the federal trade commission are much resented by Big Business. Senator Penrose denounced its members as socialists and bolsheviks. Threats as well as efforts have been made to abolish the body. A suit before the federal court at Washington, D. C., resulted in a denial to the commission of the right to examine a corporation's books to find out the cost of coal production.

The commission is the one great body that stands between the people and the efforts of small groups to gain control of the four basic industries on which the people must rely for existence. It is one of the most hopeful and most useful arms of the national government, and it is rendering an invaluable service to the American people.

amount would last only a short time, but unsold it creates a liability heavier than the dairymen can well carry. "Cheese Week" in Oregon has been ordained for June 20-26. All mediums of publicity will be employed to promote the consumption of cheese and to advertise the many attractive ways in which it can be prepared.

panisive boundaries not split into fractions of an inch by the steel tape, are to be had for rentals that seem nominal to the most harassed family budget. Vine maples, larch and cottonwood, fir and cedars, may shade and protect modest cabins built thereon.

The more inexpensive the construction the more consistent is the little mountain cot with its picturesque and simple environment. The only requisite is an imaginative inventiveness that will result in a sufficiently ornate name for the place. Trout may leap to the fly in one's very dooryard. In shallow spots the water may linger until it has warmed for the wading of childish feet.

It may not be long until we hear Oregon's great peak spoken of as Mount Hood, mountain of homes. STANFIELD'S MAIDEN SPEECH

When Robert N. Stanfield is running for the United States senate in Oregon The Journal asserted that, if elected, he would enter the senate as a defender of the "Big Five" packers.

Senator Stanfield made his maiden speech in the senate Friday, and it was a clean cut argument for the "Big Five" and a strong denunciation of the Kenyon bill, which provides government regulation of the packing industry.

"I am opposed to this legislation as a principle," he said. He added: "It is socialistic and tends strongly to nationalize the industry. Most unfortunately the proponents of this legislation have taken what I believe to be our greatest and most perfect of all essential industries for their experiment."

The bill against which Senator Stanfield made his maiden speech, defending the packers, was the outgrowth of a famous report of the federal trade commission describing the operations of the packers. The report declared that the vast organization of the "Big Five" was a public menace and recommended to the president that restrictive measures be applied.

The commission declared that the packers control the hide market, and through their subsidiaries they largely control the wool market; that they largely control the canned fruit, the canned vegetables, the canned salmon, the butter, the oleomargarine and the canned milk sold in America; that they control the prices of beef, mutton and pork and fix the price of money borrowed to finance these industries.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

Wayward girls need more of ward and less of way. The fuel dealer laughs up his sleeve as he looks on the furnace fire on chilly June mornings.

There is a new, pernicious doctrine—the new law which dispenses of the need not to be obeyed; whereas, the most proper remedy is repeal, if a law is really atrocious.—Hartley County News. Attorney General Daugherty is going to attend the Dempsey-Carpenter fight and in view of the decision in the Albert case a good many people hope he gets out of the state on a wild swing.—Medford Mail-Tribune.

Wages of two million railroad employees are to be increased by the price of wheat, to take effect July 1. The poor devil always gets it in the neck first, and then the rest of the world. Wheat is noticeable.—Pendleton East Oregonian. The Fordney emergency tariff, passed with the announced purpose among other things of maintaining the price of wheat, is now in full effect, but no one has noticed it.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Random Observations About Town. Fifty years of service as a telegrapher and three-score years and ten as a dweller on this troubled earth doesn't make one a specialist in anything, according to Gilbert McGilvray of Canyonville, who came to Portland to spend a few days with his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Dunlap, at Fifty-first street north, only to find his instrument in the Postal office at Canyonville sounding the "O. S." for his return. McGilvray is a descendant of a Scotch Highland family of Inverness. He did his first telegraphing in Trempealeau, Wis., more than 50 years ago, for the Mutual Union, a company absorbed by the Western Union. Later he went into the C. B. & T. telegraph lines, and for 15 years has been a general operator, lineman and general factotum at Canyonville. A brother, Angus McGilvray, is a well-known timberman of Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Observations and Impressions of the Journal Man. An almonster addressed to all who wish well to all mankind and who would like to see the native American face a present article, which is known and to which more heads should be given.

Letters from the People. [Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on separate sheets, not exceeding 300 words in length, and must be signed by the writer, whose name and address in full must accompany the communication.]

Education The Solution. Prescribed by "Christian Education." The Journal—June Editor of The Journal—I have read Roger W. Babson's article presented under the heading "Christian Education" on the 25th of May. This writer evidently assumes that a proper education of the people based upon the "plain teachings of Jesus" would solve all our social, scientific, economic or industrial difficulties.

Uncle Jeff Snow Says. A "tain" a little matter of \$400,000,000 taken from the railroad warrenmen's each on habits of the "widders and orphans holdin' a few billions of watered stock. Some of the widders and orphans has been sufferin' worse'n the Armenians, for new autos and trips to

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Northwest Harpings in Brief Form for the Busy Reader. OREGON NOTES. The Corvallis Women's Club has undertaken the task of buying a site for a Benton county library.

A new industry has been launched at Astoria by the organization of the Columbia Fruit Canning company with a capital of \$100,000. There will be a loganberry crop of approximately 100,000 pounds in Marion county this year. An increase of 2,800,000 pounds over last year.

WASHINGTON. The May pay roll of the reclamation department in Yakima county, amounted to \$32,840. The Spallia Beach hotel, near Aberdeen, is in ruins, following a fire which totally destroyed the building.

IDAHO. More than 12,000 names appear in a new Lewiston-Clarkston valley directory just issued. Construction has been started on the new Plymouth Congregational church edifice in Boise.

CHARLES DRURY. Charles Drury was acquitted in his trial at Tacoma of the charge of having killed a woman in 1919. He was a member of the Scandinavian-American bank of the Spokane Falls, was drowned in Hangman creek.

INDIAN WOMAN. The other Indian woman, in answer to my question, said: "I was a student my name was Katie Loulin. I was born at Sitka, Alaska. I left Alaska when I was 12 years old. When I came here to school, 23 years ago, the school was located at Forest Grove. David Brewer, my husband, owned a boarding house. He was the first of the first group of 18 students to come to the school. Brewer hall, here, is named for him. He was a disciplinarian man. He had a high standard of conduct as laundress and as cook, but for many years past I have been assistant matron. My husband and I were the first Indians ever appointed as employees in the Indian service. It was an experiment. We were appointed by Dr. H. J. Minthorn, who now is at the school. The experiment was deemed a success, and now there are hundreds of Indians employed in the Indian schools."

KNOW YOUR PORTLAND. (Continued from previous.) Where the tree is removed from some of the hillsides that seeker after natural beauty finds near the summit of the hill a large, spreading bush that in fruiting season has a deep purple berry. If your steps stray from the trail, hard going begins immediately. The bush is not high. Its stems are slender. But it is tough and stiff. An expedition through sals-gaultheria shallon-scent ceases to be a joy tour.

FLORIDA AND EUROPE. For several years. Some of 'em has almost been compelled to economize by cuttin' out half their servants, and some of 'em actually done it. They have had to make do with a whole lot, and it'll help powerful to make ends meet for the widders and orphans holdin' a few billions of watered stock. Some of the widders and orphans has been sufferin' worse'n the Armenians, for new autos and trips to