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### AN ANSWER TO "ONE WHO KNOWS."

The CHRONICLE has made as thorough an investigation as time and circumstances would permit of the charge made in the letter which appeared in the Oregonian on the 25th inst, reflecting on the management of the construction of the state portage road at the Cascades, with the following results: No disrated railroad man has ever been employed as a superintendent or in any other position; none of the superintendents has ever been discharged from former employ for incompetency; one alone, a foreman, was discharged from the service of the Union Pacific owing to a change of management, after having served the O. R. & N. Co., for six years, at a salary of \$250 a month. (His present salary is \$125 per month.) The time and money "spent on land to which the state has not as yet secured title," have been wisely and necessarily spent. The right of the state to take the land, under the law of eminent domain, is absolute. The only thing about which there is any uncertainty is the price and even that may be settled outside the courts. The superintendent has fitted up no dwelling for himself. His wife and family reside here as he will when the work is finished. There have been no "building and rebuilding lines of railroad" and not a yard built for which there is not use, present or prospective. It is not known that the purchasing officer received commissions and the prices at which certain staple supplies, such as rails, lumber, ties and other things were furnished, forbids the suspicion. It is not true that "one officer and his relations were drawing \$16 a day, the majority of the relations being boys of 15 and 16 years."

The only officer who employed any relation on the works was the superintendent who employed his step-son, a boy of 16 years, for 14 days and no more, as "water boy," at the same wages and no more that other boys received for like service. It is not true that "25 per cent. of the money expended has been wasted in mistakes." That no mistakes were made is not claimed but they were so inconsiderable that they cut no figure, and the fact that the appropriation is sufficient to complete the works is itself a proof that no serious mistakes could have been made. It is not true that "the salaries paid are extravagant." We have spoken of that paid to Mr. Hobart. Mr. Walsh receives \$150 a month. The same gentleman worked for ten years for the O. R. & N. Co., at a salary of \$250 and resigned of his own will, and has in his possession the response that Mr. Crocker made to his letter of resignation, in which that gentleman expresses regret that the company should lose his services. Mr. Farley receives \$150 a month. The sum fixed at his own request, when the board of portage commissioners offered to pay him \$250 a month, which would have been a reasonably small salary for the responsibility assumed. Governor Pennoyer will bear witness to any who chooses to enquire that Mr. Farley refused the higher salary offered by the board, on the ground that he had not accepted the position to make money out of it, but to benefit the state and to see that the appropriation was judiciously and expeditiously expended.

On the other hand it is known that the name sent to the Oregonian, as the author of the article is, in his absence, suspected by his own father to be a forger, but, if not, the writer is a person who was discharged from the works, both by Mr. Walsh and Mr. Hobart. Mr. Farley never hired any employe except the two foremen, who assumed the responsibility of hiring or discharging all the men who worked under them.

The Sunday Welcome wants the legislature convened for the passage of a maximum freight law to reduce the rates of transportation on the Union Pacific road so that the Union Pacific shall "not be permitted to retain anything in excess of eight per cent. net on the actual or possible cost of the road, economically administered." What assurance could the Welcome give us that the present legislature, if convened, (which it will never be,) would give the people the relief demanded? The last session did not treat a maximum rate bill with such

consideration as to give much hope in that direction. A portage around The Dalles rapids will do for the country east of The Dalles what the Cascade portage has done for Klickitat county in Washington and the country tributary to this city on the South. So far as we are personally concerned the Union Pacific can charge a dollar a pound for freight and Uncle Sam can continue for ever making appropriations for the Cascade Locks. We are practically independent of either and the only practical way of placing our neighbors east of us in the same position is by a portage around the Dalles rapids. Opposition will bring the company to its senses in less time than all the legislation ever devised.

The school book question is now receiving considerable attention throughout the state and the dissatisfaction so frequently expressed at teacher's institutes and other places with our present series of text books and the manner of selecting them indicates that a strong demand will be made to induce the next legislature to abolish the law that places their selection in the hands of a number of poorly paid county school superintendents and place the furnishing of these books entirely under state control. And this, we believe, is what ought to be done. There is no sufficient reason in the world for giving the contract for supplying these books into the hands of an outside book publisher, when the state itself could undoubtedly furnish them at much less cost to the people and keep the money at home. We have not a doubt in the world that the state could easily furnish a set of books, in every way more satisfactory to the teachers of the state, at a cost of fully one third less than what is paid for the present series.

The line is located south of the canal, and passes through an excavation which belongs to the canal proper, and instead of half a mile of track needed, the road is nearly three miles long. The right of way north of the canal, secured years ago by Coe & Co., seems to us to have been the proper place for this portage road.

The above refers to the Cascade portage road line and is quoted from the Oregon Express. Our esteemed contemporary makes a big mistake when he says "the road is nearly three miles long." The road is not one mile long, inclines and all. 125 tons of rails sufficed for the whole work—main track, side track, switches and all. About 90 tons cover a mile. If the tract had been built on the old Coe right of way, its western terminus would have been nearly 50 feet above the river, and right at a place where no boats on earth could make a landing. The whole dump of the canal excavation has been piled up on this old right of way, which has undergone considerable change since Coe & Co., had anything to do with it. It is safe to say the Express man never examined it for himself.

The esteemed Dalles Times-Mountainier is happy because Lieutenant Governor Jones of New York howled a little when Flower was nominated for governor. When Editor Jones bucked Jim Blaine the term "mugwump" was coined for him and the T. M. man squawked at the great journalist like an angry goose. Mr. Michell will not feel so joyous after Flower's majority is footed up.—Sunday Welcome.

The Welcome deeply wrongs Brother Michell. At the time referred to our esteemed contemporary was a mugwump himself and he has been one by fits and starts, ever since.

Robert Garrett has presented Johns Hopkins university with a large collection of old books and newspaper files of much historical value. The emperor of China retires to bed at sunset every evening, rising at 3 in the morning. His breakfast is served at 7 and his dinner at 3 in the afternoon.

Robert Buchanan is a very nice man, but when he charges that George Henry Lewes wrote George Eliot's books he mustn't expect to be put alongside of Ignatius Donnelly, who insists that Shakespeare's proper name is Bacon.

The citizens of Meppen, the little town of Hanover which the late Dr. Ludwig Windhorst represented so many years in parliament at Berlin, have commissioned the sculptor, H. Pohlmann, to make a statue of His Little Excellency.

Commissioner Raum seems to be working overtime. He has 929,426 pending claims on hand, but thinks that if the bottom had not fallen out of the treasury he would have been able to get over the million mark without straining himself.

It is said that Dr. Heman Lincoln Wayland, of Philadelphia, who has just married Miss Mary Frances Green, of Providence, sought her hand in marriage forty years or more ago, but her mother would not consent. They are now both over 60 years of age.

Norwegian papers have announced the engagement of Dr. Ligurd Ibsen, the son of the author, and Mile. Bergliot Bjoernson, the eldest daughter of the Norwegian poet and politician. The young woman, who possesses great musical talent, is at present a pupil of Mme. Marchesi, in Paris. She is said to be beautiful and clever.

### BRIEF STATE NEWS.

A singular accident befell Frank Kryon at Astoria. In falling he struck a sharp-edged piece of sheet iron, completely severing his upper lip, which had to be sewed on again.

The Vancouver Independent hears that in addition to the Ocean Wave, Jacob Kamm will soon place the Lurline on the Astoria route, and will run the U-dine clear through to the Cascades only.

Hillsboro will soon have direct telephone communication with Portland, and no longer be dependent upon the railroad wire. The western Union is now putting in an office, and will permanently locate an operator there.

Washington county claims the banner in this state for prosperity. While every other county in the state has increased its indebtedness, with the exception of Multnomah and Marion, Washington county has entirely wiped hers out.

The new town of Whiteson, Yamhill county, two months old, has a fruit and vegetable cannery, a good livery stable, a first-class blacksmith shop, a new commodious hotel, two store buildings, barber shop and confectionary, one dealer in cigars and tobacco, and last but not least, a first-class newspaper and job printing office.

James A. Yates, one of Polk county's pioneers, who lived on the little Luckamute near Bridgeport, Polk county, died on Thursday, Sept. 17, from the effects of a bone cancer. Uncle Jimmy, as he was familiarly called, had a tooth pulled and about a year ago the cancer commenced to eat into his jaw; and when he died it had eaten away the greater part of his jaw and up into his nose. He was well known and had a large circle of relatives living in Polk county.

L. L. Burtenshaw, of Myrtle Point, Coos county, who has been indicted by the grand jury of Jackson county on the charge of embezzling funds of Mrs. Moore, of Ashland, was taken to Jacksonville last Monday by Sheriff Birdsey. At the preliminary examination held here at the time he was discharged, he was placed under \$500 bonds, furnished by the bank at Albany, and then he fled a demurrer to the indictment, which will be argued at a special term of the circuit court, and the case will be laid over until the December term.

Professor Franz Bruennon, the astronomer, who died a short time ago in Heidelberg, was well known in America as he was the occupant of the chair of astronomy in Ann Arbor for many years. He left America to accept the directorship of the observatory in Dublin. Bruennon's most important work is his "Text-book of Spherical Astronomy."

Frederick H. Seward, son of the late William H. Seward, has finished the biography of his father. He has been engaged upon the work a long time.

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