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The Heppner Gazette says: It is said that a railroad can be built across the tablelands, back from the Columbia, between The Dalles and Celilo. If such is the case, it certainly adds another feature to the open river question, and places it in the power of the state to put in its own portage. It would have no interference from the Union Pacific, because the portage right-of-way would be far from the U. P.'s tracks.

The Gazette's information is correct. The line referred to was surveyed by a competent engineer last summer and it was pronounced entirely feasible and practicable by two experts from Portland, who viewed it at the request of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. More-over these experts roughly estimated the cost of construction at an amount considerably less than that of the government estimate for a road on the Washington side. It is fully expected that other careful surveys and estimates will be made before the meeting of the next legislature, so that our representatives may go before that body armed with facts and figures to show precisely what can be done, and how large an appropriation will be required. If the estimates already made are nearly correct, a road can be built and equipped across the tablelands referred to by the Gazette, for less than the amount called for in the Raley bill.

Col. Ingersoll says the ideal home is in the country, where "every field is a picture and landscape; every landscape a poem; every flower a tender thought, and every forest a fairy land."

Yes, yes, and every kicking cow an epic and every overturned milk pail an elegy and every kick a tragedy, and every balky mule a jeremiad and every foot of mud a threnody and currying horses and doing the family chores in the dim vista of a four o'clock lantern, with the thermometer 20 below zero—a howling nuisance.

The platform adopted at the democratic state convention calls the McKinley law "the blighting iniquity of the age." This is good rhetoric but bad history. If there ever was a period in the career of this nation more marked than another by rapid strides in material advancement it is the period that has elapsed since the McKinley law went into effect. The country can stand an immense amount of "blighting iniquity" of this character.

The following most deserved compliment appears in the East Oregonian: Uncle Linus Hubbard of The Dalles is working unselfishly and effectively for an "open river." His photographs of the whalebacks going up and down the Columbia and straight to sea, which he is circulating, are evidence of the right sort. They convince even the blind of the good of an open river to the people. Hurrah for Uncle Linus and an open river!

The Telegram thinks the late democratic state convention "slapped Governor Pennoyer in the face when it refused to send him to the National convention. The Telegram says: "It was bad politics, to begin with; so bad that we have an idea that it was of republican origin." It is a mighty convenient way of apologizing for a convention's sins of omission to lay the blame on the other party.

The Portland Dispatch (Dem.) says: The democrats will never win a permanent success in this country until they are fully in harmony with the producers and consumers of the great west. Nor—the Dispatch might have added—will this success ever be attained by a policy of free raw materials and taxed manufactures.

The Oregonian says: "When in the legislature Mr. Veatch objected to every appropriation." This is not correct. There was at least one notable exception. Mr. Veatch made a rousing speech in favor of the Raley bill and voted with the majority when it passed the senate.

The editor of the East Oregonian says there are two things he has no use for, namely, a white necktie and a bar of soap.

A pamphlet containing the new Australian ballot law adopted by this state is for sale at the CHRONICLE office at ten cents a copy.

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