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BENEFITS OF THE CANAL.

Quoting the East Oregonian's comments upon the necessity for building the Nicaragua canal, the Astoria News adds:

Will the brainy editor state, tersely and briefly, the exact benefits to be derived by us from this canal? The News thinks it would be abdication of commercial supremacy.

The first principle governing advocates of the Nicaragua canal in general is this:

Water transportation is the great leveler of freight rates.

This principle is recognized by every student of the economics of transportation. It is not often disputed, and then only by those who differ from all who have won places of honor in the demonstrations of that science.

Control of water lines is most difficult to obtain by trusts, or those who strive to eliminate competition from the business of carrying freights.

This is illustrated by citing the fact that it always has been conceded that "tramp" steamers have been the feature of shipping on the coast most favorable to the producers, whenever plentiful always easing the charter market and lowering rates. Even with syndicates controlling the big lines, independent owners have always had profitable business in carrying in all parts of the world.

Opening of the canal will free the producer from the necessity of paying so great tribute to the trans-continental lines.

That this is true, seems scarcely to need argument. Also:

Considerations broader than those of this nation, alone, broad as the earth itself, argue for facilitating in every manner possible the passing to and fro and the carrying hither and thither the produce of the world's countries.

Just now, we are three times so far from New York, by water, as we would be were the Nicaragua canal in operation. Just now, we are at the mercy of the railroads, by reason of the fact that water transportation round the horn is too slow; while it would be true that hundreds of purchases in the east by the west, or in the west by the east, could be carried with sufficient dispatch via the Isthmian route, were the canal in operation, and, lastly:

No economic argument for a permanent condition or status can be accepted as valid, or consistent with sound science, which proposes isolation of a region from the remainder of the world; or which is based upon deprivation of the human race of the great natural advantages offered by geographical situation or potential betterment of the natural conditions.

Here in Oregon is the best possible illustration of this last proposition's meaning: Stockmen in the interior countries of Oregon want no railroads. Why? Because, by the present isolation, they have a monopoly and no one else but they can live and labor there profitably. Their policy is a policy of repression; the Oregonian of opponents of the policy of the merchant in the country town who wants no growth because it will bring him competition; the policy, in short, so it seems to the East Nicaragua canal, because its operation would work "abdication of commercial supremacy" by the Pacific coast.

We want no supremacy depending upon the denial of the right of events to march onward. We want no false prosperity arising from prevention of progress. We want no isolation.

Rather, we want development, evolution, advancement, forward marching of everyone everywhere.

We of the Pacific coast need to depend upon no repressive policy for our commercial supremacy. It is of a kind with the attitude of the dog in the manger.

A South Dakota lawyer was disbarred from practice before the interior department at Washington by Secretary Hitchcock, for having spoken ill of the late president. These incidents are unfortunate, in the extreme. The death of President McKinley caused many a man to believe that we often have been too virulent in commenting upon political opponents, and the men who were made to think in that vein belong to all the

political parties in the country, republican, democratic, populist, socialist, and labor. However there is no warrant for disbaring a lawyer from practice before a federal department, and Secretary Hitchcock will not generally be supported in his action.

St. Wilfred Laurier, premier of Canada, abandons his position in opposition to a protective tariff. Apparently, he believes it to be futile longer to fight against the tariff system, because, as it is, by the gigantic trusts.

CAN FARMERS COMBINE.

This question, if answered by the results of attempted combination for years past, among farmers in many sections of the west, including some more or less disastrous experiences in Oregon, would receive a negative reply almost without qualification. Qualifying the answer, however, it might be said that perhaps farmers can combine successfully in handling their crops, but they have as yet in the main failed to do so, though many attempts in this direction have been made.

The problem of middlemen's profits in the handling of agricultural products has long been a vexed one. Farmers have generally felt that too great a proportion of the receipts from crop production has gone to swell the profits of transportation companies and dealers, and to obviate this manifestly unfair distribution, Grange stores and warehouses and farmers' waterway transportation lines and purchasing and handling syndicates have been attempted—sold with profit, often with loss, to the incipient agitator. Resulting in the organization of the populist party wrought disaster where relief was sought, while radical legislation, distasteful in rural interests, has been tried with very little beneficial effect.

A late phase of this effort, however, is reported, the method of which is attracting considerable attention in the grain-growing section, of which Kansas may be said to be the center. Clamor is eliminated from this latest proposition, and revenge forms no part of it. Simply stated, it is a business proposition, and it is briefly outlined as follows:

Fifty farmers near the town of Solomon, in central Kansas, embracing men in all political parties, last summer formed a co-operative grain-buying company. Their number included 50 per cent of the wheat-raisers of the section, some producing as much as 20,000 bushels and most of them having at least 5,000 bushels as the season's yield. Their investigation showed that the local buyers were paying 14 cents a bushel less than the Kansas City market, while 8 cents margin would meet the expenses. Their company had but \$2500 capital, each member had but one vote; the officers elected included a banker, a former member of the legislature, and as manager, a practical grain-buyer and miller. They bought a small elevator, instructed the manager to pay within 5 cents of the market, this margin meeting the transportation charges, and began business. As was to be expected, the rival buyers sought to take away the business by paying more than the farmers' company, and did so for several weeks. Here was where the farmers met the situation. Under their agreement, whenever more was paid elsewhere, the members were instructed to sell in that market, but for every bushel thus sold 1 cent was paid to the company treasurer.

As a result the farmers' elevator stood still, but the treasury was kept full and the members gained from 5 to 7 cents a bushel on their wheat. One day a railroad blockaded their

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elevator with coal cars. They made no complaint, but transferred their shipments to another road. The cars were soon moved, and since then plenty of transportation has been furnished.

As the rival buyers ceased high figures the elevator began business, and during the summer and early fall has purchased 80 per cent of the wheat marketed at that point. Profits have been enough to pay dividends amounting to about 50 per cent on the original investment of the members. The success of the plan has resulted in the organization of many other similar companies.

This shows what can be accomplished in the interest of crop producers when the effort is directed, not by politics or revenge, but by business principles. Overwhelmed by the weak varieties of self-seeking politicians in past years, farmers' combinations have failed to accomplish the purpose that their name implies. The management of this latest scheme has in it all the sagacity of the manufacturers' combinations known as "trusts," and being divested of the paternal and political element and bias, it should succeed.—Oregonian.

THINKER VERSUS POLITICIAN.

One does not need to search far in politics to find the difference between the thinking, sincere leader and the practical politician. The trade mark is plainly visible. It is as the brave old John Hancock said in putting his name to the declaration of independence: "The King will not need his spectacles to read that name." We do not need glasses to read the distinction between these two men.

The thinker has an ideal which he believes in. He wants to win if he can win on a certain dignified, logical basis. He has an aim and is struggling to gain a point, but he does not swerve from a certain fixed line of action which he carefully and sincerely lays out. His conduct is the result of thought. He charts his voyage before starting upon it, and then follows its landmarks. He has a steadfast purpose in view, which he continually before him. He has studied his object, shorn of all its superfluous edges. It is a principle rooted in his mind and he never loses sight of its cardinal points.

But the politician is a man of policy. He has an object also, but he is willing to sacrifice part of it here and part of it there, as conditions change. He is ready to change tactics if his way is not winning. He is at the mercy of surroundings. If one rule doesn't promise success, he jumps onto another. He plays for popularity. He only wishes his foundations to last until he can sell his house, if it still stands, well and good, but if it doesn't, it served the purpose for him, and that is enough to satisfy him. The end is the principal thing, the means will take care of themselves.

If one wins that is sufficient, he thinks. But his works are doing society no permanent good, because he builds only for the moment. His workmanship is not substantial because it is only meant to serve a transient purpose. In the ancient phrase, he is willing to "wade through slaughter to a throne." He is willing to flatter, to buy, to sell, trade or give away, if it will win. The great difference between the thinker and the politician is the thinker is willing to win, if he can win right; the politician wants to win—without the "if." BERT HUFFMAN.

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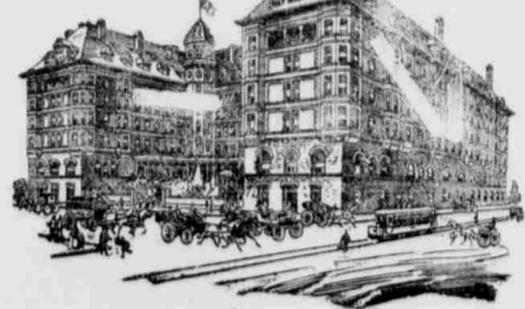
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