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FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 1902.

ELECTRIC LINE FRANCHISE.

A franchise is asked for along the public road from the state line in the east end of Umatilla county into Pendleton for an electric railway for a term of fifty years. It is proper that this franchise be granted under such restrictions as will prevent it from being made a speculative venture and at the same time not injure it as an enterprise acting in good faith.

The authorities of Walla Walla county have granted the franchise with several provisions, among them the requirement of a bond for faithful performance, agreed upon by the promoters of the railway. A time limit is placed upon the commencement of work on the line, which shall not be begun later than six months from the time the franchise is granted, as well as that the road shall be in operation within two years from date.

If the authorities in Umatilla county and Pendleton require similar guarantees, and the further one, giving the county or state the right to purchase the road after ten or fifteen years, or even twenty years, at the appraised value of actual cost of construction, plus from ten to twenty-five per centum profit, they will have protected the interests of the public about as fully as appears necessary. These provisions, with the power to levy taxes in the ordinary way upon the property of the company, will insure the public against any great over capitalization of the rights and privileges granted the company, which proposes to invest a large sum in the road's construction. None of these provisions will hinder or stand in the way of a proper bonding capitalization or in any way deter capital from investing in the securities of the road, in the event that the proposition has merit from a dividend standpoint.

In short the people of Umatilla county and Pendleton desire to show the right spirit toward legitimate capital and capitalists seeking investment among them, but they have no disposition to aid speculative and stock jobbing ventures that aim to secure franchises with the view of capitalizing to extortionate lengths the public utilities contained in them, strictly at the expense of the great mass of the people to the enrichment of the few to whom these privileges favoring franchises may be transferred. In short it should be our purpose as a progressive people to favor and encourage industry and enterprise in every possible way, remembering that we cannot do this to any better advantage than by seeing to it that privileges are not conferred upon any one in the granting of franchises, for so far as capital secures these privileges it will enslave labor and break down American institutions that owe their solidity and strength to the maintenance of equal rights to all men.

SUNDAY EXCURSIONS.

Reverend Austin Rice, of the Congregational church of Walla Walla, adorned a tale and pointed a moral in a recent sermon by using Sunday excursions as a theme, the baseball excursion from Pendleton to Walla Walla being considered as illustrative of his point.

The East Oregonian does not care to over encourage excursions on any day, but it does believe that if they

are harmful when occurring on Sunday they are equally so on other days as well. However, there are reasons why an excursion is more to be excused on Sundays than any other day, for on that day so many more people are at liberty to enjoy its benefits, whatever they may be.

The reverend gentleman's main objection to Sunday excursions seems to be that they empty the churches and cost so much. In other words he estimates the one he used as illustrative of the force of his comment as costing \$3,000, at which he exclaims: "Three thousand dollars would pay the yearly expenses of the First Congregational church, or it would support four ministers preaching in Walla Walla county missionary appointments, or it would buy 1000 pairs of shoes for the poor. The delegation from Athena and Pendleton by a moderate estimate squandered on that one day's debauch nearly or quite enough money to pay the salaries of all the public school teachers of Athena for a month."

Here the reader has the measure of the depth of this preacher's thought. He seems to infer that the people on the excursion referred to literally drank the money up, took it out of circulation and criminally threw it away, out of reach of the hungry ministers and deserving churches with empty benches and still emptier coffers. Rev. Rice appears to entirely forget that this sum of money is as gettable after the excursion as it was before and that it is possible to engage preachers, carry on missionary work, feed and clothe the poor, pay public school teachers and do good in other ways with the money spent on Sunday excursions after the excursion as before, and that such a frolic in no way limits the performance of good or the saving of souls, which appears to be the all important work of some people, who make it so barren of result and so narrow in aim that the crop of souls they might save are driven to as narrow pursuits in other directions. One of Rev. Austin Rice's moral dissertations for instance is ample to drive most any ordinary man or woman from town on a Sunday excursion or to other immoderation. Let Rev. Austin Rice remember that excess is crime, that those only who run to immoderate ways are lost! It matters not whether they be disciples of the church or citizens of the world, for in moderation only their is virtue, salvation! Somewhere it is written: "Moderation is the all-keen string that runs through the pearl chain of all virtue."

"Avoid excess, be moderate! And one will be happy and good, in spite of those who see through a glass darkly and views no good in anything unless it comes through their particular kind of quill.

THE FUTURE OF OREGON.

Popular Mechanics, published at Chicago, by H. H. Windsor, has the following to say of Oregon and Portland:

It San Francisco to be the future metropolis of the world and Oregon one of the most populous and important states in America? Such a prediction was once made by a noted English scientist, and recent developments lead many to believe there were good grounds for his theory. It looks as if Portland, Ore., is destined to become the Liverpool of America and all the world is now turning its eyes on the state of Oregon, where the wheat crop is never known to fail.

The trade with the Philippine Islands and Hawaii, carried on through Portland and San Francisco, is growing to enormous propor-

tions. Alaska with its many sources of commerce, is hourly growing in importance and our rapidly increasing trade with China is causing many eyes at this time to turn to the "land of the setting sun." Some mariners declare Portland, Ore., to have the finest natural harbor in the world and it may be that this is to become the great shipping center of our enormous trade with Alaska, the Pacific islands and the Orient. At any rate it is certain that Portland's shipping interests are bound to increase many fold and the prospects for her becoming a rival of San Francisco as an ocean port are not in the least remote.

Oregon's splendid agricultural resources, the richness of her soil, healthful climate and advantageous location make this state of first importance to the investor when considering the wonderful changes of conditions brought about by our recent wars, acquisitions and stupendous increase of trade. Knowing of these things it is rather surprising when we noticed a short time ago the glaring announcement:

"Two hundred and fifty thousand free homes in Oregon." The announcement is made in good faith, too, and all any one has to do to fail, as if that state had been but newly discovered. The Wonderful Board at Salem, Ore. The free homes are of 160 acres each. They are government lands situated in every county in the state and can be obtained under the general rules pertaining to government lands. Besides there are now 400,000 acres of school lands which may be purchased at the remarkably low price of \$1.25 per acre. That these offers will long await acceptance is not probable in this day when every American is ready to recognize a good opportunity for a good and profitable investment.

"The first shall be last and the last shall be first." Often it has been said and often it has come true. So it is with Oregon, the last of our states to attract any great amount of attention, may soon become first in commercial importance. It seems that providence has reserved this land of many charms for a certain people and that people is now about to take possession.



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