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FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1903.

"I retire from the executive office bearing no malice toward any citizen of Oregon, imbued with a feeling of charity toward those who, having misjudged me without understanding, have misrepresented me without reason. If time has not already scintillated those who have aspersed me, it will accomplish this end in the future. My best wishes are for the prosperity of every citizen of the state and, therefore, of the commonwealth itself."—T. T. Geer.

Uncle Sam would present a noble spectacle as conductor of a coal train, peddling priceless lumps to his shivering customers.

Umatilla county is just now beginning to get in shape to take care of her indigent. The excellent poor farm bought by the county court is a valuable, if costly, addition to her resources.

Sixteen Oregon senators voted yesterday to impose a useless expense of \$150 a day upon the people, by giving each senator a private clerk. In addition to the regular quota afforded by the Kuykendall bill, Umatilla county did not assist at the hold-up, thank heaven.

C. J. Mills writes from the National Livestock convention at Kansas City that the supply of apples taken along by the Oregon delegation is about exhausted, as all their visitors fill their pockets. Oregon can afford to send them a trainload, if it will lend the 1904 convention.

Congress will investigate the charges brought against prominent Eastern immigration agents, who are accused of decoying innocent girls from various European countries, into houses of ill-fame, in American cities. The Pacific Coast has its beastly Chinese traders in slave girls, but it has not found a white man yet, so unutterably debased.

One corner of the county poor farm might be utilized as a nursery for useful and ornamental trees, to be planted along county roads, and to be presented in lots of from 10 to 100 to each citizen who builds a new residence in the county. The way to improve appearances is to begin to fix permanent ornaments in the country. Nature will do the rest.

For twenty years the trust evil has been strengthening itself behind national legislation. It feels secure in its position and doubtless believes the people too blind to see its true form, in the maze of deluding laws, its defenders have passed. But necessity will cause the people to out their "specs" on. When they are once awakened by the cruel touch of its claws, farewell, trust.

The Chinese admitted into the United States for the purpose of superintending the Chinese exhibit and of forming part of the Chinese village at the St. Louis fair, will be held under bond, in the sum of \$500 each, in some reliable security company. They will also be required to return to that part of Oregy through which they came into the country, within thirty days after the close of the fair. This very much resembles the conditions under which a kicking mule would be led into a parlor, but it is a necessary precaution.

BE IN ORDER, NEIGHBORS.

The Inland Empire cannot afford to spoil the promise that lies before it, by internal dissension. The great industries that are now on their feet and others that are struggling, in the effort to stand alone, need and demand orderly, harmonious effort on the part of all.

There is no room for the knocker or the croaker. There is no room for the prejudiced nor the selfish. There is no place for the industry which puffs itself up and tries to occupy all the breathing space within the borders of this splendid domain.

There are demands now being made upon the nation by Eastern Oregon and Washington which only harmony and united effort can win. Irrigation is the bow of promise that spreads from one border of the Inland Empire to the other. It will be the life-giving elixir to the waste places in that vast territory.

The open Columbia River from the Washington and British Columbia borders, to Astoria, stands as the introductory chapter to the closed book of the Inland Empire's needs and hopes.

The gradual change from the old order of the pioneer settlement in Oregon to the new adjustment that must inevitably come, will be fraught with much friction and conflict of interests. It is the history of all great changes.

A dozen words, spoken by W. D. Ketchum, of The Dalles, in a recent interview in Portland, expresses a world of meaning.

"The day of the open range is past," said Mr. Ketchum, "as too many homeseekers are coming into the Inland Empire to make it feasible much longer. But let the settler come. He is welcome."

Let the settler come, let the old be replaced by the new, and let perfect harmony accompany the transformation.

The little flurry of the range law agitation is one of the side lights that will flutter for an instant as the life pulse of old Oregon ceases and the new Oregon begins to live.

Settlers will crowd down into the canyons of the foothills, plant their homes upon the borders of the desert and soon the herd will not be found at large upon the public domain. That condition is approaching. It will be the next step in the progress of settlement. The West should prepare for it.

So as these changes come to Oregon, her citizens should meet them without bitterness. No transient conflict of settlement should disorganize the united efforts now being made for the betterment of the state at large.

An Indiana representative in congress has introduced a constitutional amendment to prohibit private fortunes of over \$10,000,000. If the same energy that is spent on such jokes as this, was devoted to tearing the curse of the trusts from American soil, the \$10,000,000 fortune would be forever settled. The combines are the root of ninety-nine per cent of the evils borne by the people, yet they clasp the same old politicians to their breasts, at each succeeding election. If it were not that the innocent suffer, a coal famine would be a good campaign of reform. Some of the voters who shouted so loud for trust candidates might be converted.

The British mineowners of South Africa, chafing under the demands of white miners for wages proportionate to their living expenses, are now contracting for 100,000 Chinese coolies, under a system of indenture, which

makes it impossible for the Chinaman to quit, complain, or ask for higher pay, on penalty of forfeiting his accumulated wages and being turned adrift or punished for violation of his contract. The labor contract will hold good for a period of 20 years, or until the Chinaman becomes too old to work, when he is to be shipped back to his native land. This is the system that supplants the civilization of the Boers.

The union label bill before the legislature should pass without a dissenting voice. If union among railroad presidents, sugar manufacturers and coal magnates is good, it certainly is all right for printers, prune raisers, sheepmen and tradesmen of every class. The union label should be found standing at the head of the page on all the state printing of Oregon hereafter. Certainly the men who contribute to the support of the various industrial and mercantile associations in this state do not object to seeing the union encouraged.

The Montana state senate did an ungalant thing last Wednesday, when it voted down, by an aye and nay vote of 13 to 12, the proposition to submit the woman suffrage amendment to the people. The people, and not a few politicians, should decide such momentous issues as this.

MISTAKE OF A LIFETIME.

The intent of the republican leaders to approach the trust problem with any other purpose than the preservation and gratification of the trusts—we neither affirm nor deny. We are, as we say, in doubt. But on one point we are not all in doubt.

If the republican leaders fondly imagine that the desire for justice from these voracious corporations, laying about them upon helpless independent producers and equally helpless consumers; with special privileges from iniquitous tariffs granted them generations ago as infants, and from unjust railway rebates obtained by fraud, violence and perjury; with inordinate fortunes gained from underpaid labor in factory and mine—if they fondly imagine that the desire for correction of these evils is a trifling populistic or socialistic mania that will pass away in a few weeks or months, or if they hulk themselves to security with the thought that they can pass a counterfeit anti-trust measure that will do the duty as the genuine with American public sentiment—then they are making the mistake of a lifetime.

They will learn their error when a whirlwind of popular disapproval has swept them and their belongings from the temple of justice which they have defiled with their traffic in the public weal.—Oregonian.

A MILD CASE

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