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—Bernarr McFadden.

The anxiety displayed by James J. Hill in the South American situation may lead to the discovery that the trans-continental railway lines are interested in keeping up a war there, to delay or defeat the construction of a canal.

The Federation of Women's Clubs won a signal victory in the legislature Tuesday, when the bill providing female attendants for insane women, from their home to the asylum, passed the senate by a vote of 23 to 7. Senators Pierce and Smith made another record that Umatilla county is proud of, on that occasion.

The acrobatic movements of Paulson, of Clackamas county, in Wednesday's senatorial vote shows the strength of character possessed by some men. Too dumb to grasp the last scheme presented by his generals, he made a mistake in his vote, and was subjected to the deserved humiliation of being corrected by the "boss." Paulson has no choice of his own. He is a machine and runs when oiled.

No higher tribute could be paid the character of the coal miners than that opinion expressed by Judge Gray in which he said the testimony throughout the investigation has shown that the miners have always been willing to obey the laws. In this one magnificent sentence Judge Gray sweeps the entire foundation from under the false accusations of the operators. The sole burden of the operators' side has been to prove that all lawlessness originated with the miners. Each day uncovers more rascality among the barons.

With appropriations footing up \$2,500,000 for this session of the legislature, the members must necessarily provide for larger income to the state through taxation, to meet the expenditure. Will the corporations be taxed to help bear this burden, or will the people, as usual, pay the bill. The corporation lobby at Salem is telling an awful tale of hard luck and poverty. The 4000 corporations of Oregon should pay a graduated tax to the state, according to their capital stock and also a license tax. Every profit producing industry in the state should be assessed, and made to bear its just share of the burden. Farms and livestock cannot be hidden bear a double burden.

When W. W. Cotton opposes the Celilo portage road, he is not fighting a few "raw recruits," as the railroad employees were called two years ago, but he finds that he is facing the entire population of the Inland Empire. The freight rates on wool between Arlington and The Dalles, 54 miles, where there is no competition to the railroad, is \$1.95 per hundred. From The Dalles to Portland, 88 miles, the rate is 25 cents per hundred pounds or less than one-fourth the rate charged for 54 miles. This fact in sufficient argument to refute any grammatical array of stock logic at Mr. Cotton's command. Competition to the present transportation facilities will unfold the resources of the great idle domain in Central and Eastern Oregon. If the legislature listens to the selfish appeal of stockholders, in preference to the people of Oregon, it should pay the penalty at the polls, two years hence.

CARNEGIE'S IDLE TALK.

Andrew Carnegie, in a short address to the Glasgow students this week, reiterated his statements, made many times in the United States, that wealth constitutes no part of happiness.

Carnegie don't know, because he never tried it. He is talking upon a subject of which he is entirely ignorant. He is simply theorizing and building word-castles. His arguments are pretty, but they are hollow.

In the first place, happiness does not consist in the simple occupation of spending money, as Mr. Carnegie suggests, in the poor man's theory it does not consist in the selfish desire to out rival the world in the possession of riches that cannot be used in a lifetime. It is not embodied in abnormal appetites for notoriety, show and power.

Happiness that is craved by the masses is simple freedom, security and enlightenment. A moderate amount of wealth is absolutely necessary to the enjoyment of this state and the total absence of wealth is the cause of all the moral and mental degeneration of the age.

The workingman whose very existence, whose family's education, training and care, depends upon the tiny thread of the daily task, cannot be happy, no matter how many delights there may be in the home.

The spectre of need stands at his threshold hourly; let but a slight accident interpose and the income stops, the little saving begins to leak, the substance melts away and the family stands face to face with want. When the man stops the pay stops, life and comfort depend upon the "job."

Not an hour of freedom in which to follow the individual inclination, to build upon individual designs. A simple task performer, a machine; he may take a delight in his work and be a source of pride to his employer. Well and good. Does that remove the spectre of necessity? Does that widen the horizon or lessen the certainty that the pay stops when the man stops?

He cannot feel secure, he cannot lay his head upon the pillow with the conscious feeling that tomorrow is provided for. The task is always before him, never complete. He begins to dwindle to fit his enforced condition. His natural leadership vanishes. He grows to resemble the machine he operates and the task he performs. There can be no genuine happiness in that condition.

Mr. Carnegie has a misconception of the ideal of happiness held by the masses. Because he is burdened by an accumulation of riches, he views life from his standpoint.

Let him stand upon another vantage ground. Let him imagine Andrew Carnegie shorn of his wealth, his titles, his world-wide acquaintance, friends and all resources except his mind and strength. Let him stand at the wheel of labor and know that his daily bread and raiment were to be wrung from the endless task. Let him go home at night with transient joy that the day is ended, and face each succeeding morning, bound as a serf to chain-gang, and he would mix a little filthy lucre with the ingredients of his theory of happiness.

ONE STEAL TURNED DOWN.

On Monday the national house of representatives defeated a bill, introduced by Bates, of Pennsylvania, providing for the relocation of railway land grants.

The object of the bill was to permit the companies holding the remnant of old grants which they cannot sell, to turn these lands back to the government, and select a like amount in one body, at some other point.

It was the most barefaced steal that congress has defeated at this session.

The companies have sold out the choice land from all their splendid grants; they now own the mountainous and cheaper grade and cannot

dispose of it rapidly. They sought by this bill to turn this refuse land back, and in exchange relocate a like amount in one body at some point where their interests were greatest.

In fact, it was a scheme to trade the people the "rag-tag" and refuse of once magnificent tracts of public domain, scattered in small bodies over widely separated portions of the country, for a like number of acres of present public domain lying in the timber belts of the West. They have skimmed the cream from one price-less gift and seek to "trade" the "pickings" and "leavings" from that feast for a more invaluable possession that belongs to the people.

If the Venezuelan affair is referred to The Hague tribunal, it may be the means of making public some of Germany's inhuman cruelty and thirst for blood.

ELECT HARVEY SCOTT.

The Statesman would be pleased to see the senatorial contest in Oregon end in the election of Harvey Scott, editor of the Oregonian, who is one of the best equipped men on the Pacific coast for a seat in the highest law-making body in the world.

Harvey Scott is one of the giants of that school of journalism to which Horace Greeley, Richard Dana, Thurlow Weed and Joseph Medill belonged and of which he and Henry Watterson are the most notable survivors. As a senator he would reflect honor upon his state and the nation. There are too many light-weights and nonentities in the United States senate and the presence there of such a brainy man as Editor Scott would tend to restore to that body its lost dignity and to renew the confidence which the people formerly felt in its wisdom and integrity.

Unless the Oregon legislature is delaying the settlement of the senatorial contest until some millionaire comes along with a sack, there is no reason why a happy solution of the problem should not be found in the choice of Harvey Scott as the colleague of John Mitchell.

Scott has never sought the office and has repeatedly declared that he would never be a candidate for the honor, but the fact that he is not a self-seeking politician is one of the strongest arguments in favor of his being sent to the United States senate to labor for the interests of the people of both old and new Oregon.—Walla Walla Statesman.

The Absent Present.

"Absence makes the heart grow fonder" Is an axiom most pleasant. But affection rather flickers. If it's absence of a present.
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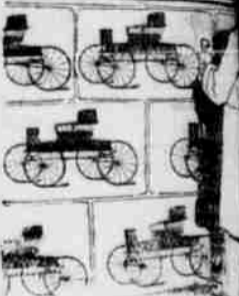
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