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The Germans say there is a new disease in the world. They call it "Americanism," and define it as "the incessant, exclusive and ruthless strife after property and wealth." A Berlin newspaper indicates its conception of the difference between the German idea and the American idea by declaring that "the German acquires in order to live; the North American lives in order to acquire."—Magazine.

ONE MISTAKE IN FAIR BILL.

It was a patriotic sentiment which suggested to the framers of the Lewis and Clark fair bill that the commission of the fair should serve without pay. But was it good business management to ask the citizens who are to serve on that important board, to give their valuable services to the people at the expense of private affairs?

The men who compose the fair commission, chosen from their business experience, wide familiarity with the great resources of the Northwest and technical knowledge of large business enterprises, are of necessity, busy men.

Their selection was made upon the ground that they were tireless workers, painstaking professional men, whose very activities fitted them for this high task.

To ask them to serve without pay, and yet neglect private business, almost constantly for the next two years, seems unfair. The people of Oregon would not ask this sacrifice. They are willing to pay for every legitimate service performed and the legislature miscalculated public sentiment when it imposed this "work without pay" burden upon the board.

So far as its operation has been observed this is the greatest mistake in the fair appropriation bill.

While those members of the commission who accept, will work just as hard, and make the triumph of the fair just as great, without pay, as with it, yet it is unfair to ask of them so great a personal sacrifice.

SAVE OREGON'S FORESTS.

The statement is made by San Francisco papers that Oregon pine lumber in the rough, is now worth \$21 per thousand in that city. Six months ago the same lumber in that market was worth but \$12 per thousand and it may be said that this increase in price, represents the rapidity with which the resources of Oregon forests are passing away from the people.

Without some decisive action on the part of the national government, the forests of the Pacific Coast will be stripped from the mountains, within the period of ten years. The rate at which lumber is being sent out of the state, and at which the destructive forest fires are denuding the mountains, is alarming. Last year over \$4,000,000 worth of damage was done to Oregon forests by fire. The amount of lumber manufactured was one billion feet, valued at \$10,000,000. The total value of the standing timber in the state is estimated at \$250,000,000. Each year the amount consumed by fire and removed by the lumber trade is increasing. In 1902 the value of forests thus removed was \$14,000,000. At this rate of decrease, with no systematic efforts to replenish forest areas, the present supply will last but eighteen years.

Oregon is not yet at the prime of her industrial life. Twenty years will be but a beginning for the splendid resources of the state. Yet the ruthless slaughter of that priceless treasure goes on, furiously.

What effort is being made to secure the future? What provision do we find in the creed of today, for the safety of tomorrow?

The people will have need of forests in Oregon after the government shall have ended its extravagant practice of forest denudation.

The forest reservation must be in-

stituted to protect that people in their rights. The generations that are to perpetuate the excellence of this state, will deplore the shortsighted policy of their nineteenth century forefathers, who destroyed without rebuilding, the heritage that nature gave them.

LIVING BY LABOR OF OTHERS.

The Evening Telegram, in a short editorial comment on "Values of Vacant City Ground," makes some pertinent remarks on assessment in general.

It says that a great amount of Portland city property which lies vacant in the midst of home building and progress, is assessed at but one-fiftieth of the true value of the land. The owners of this vacant land enjoy the fruits of other men's improvements. As property adjacent is improved and increased in price, the owners of vacant lots raise the prices to correspond.

They do nothing toward the material progress of the locality; their capital is busy elsewhere, while the labor and improvement of other men is constantly raising the value of their idle property. The vacant ground is assessed very low and the man who builds a home on a lot adjoining, and adds to the progress of the city, bears the burden.

The editorial closes with the assertion that the vacant lot in the heart of the city should be taxed just about as high as that lot adjoining on which a modest cottage has been built.

This practice would certainly stimulate improvement. It would encourage building, progress, advancement and home making.

If a man enjoys the labor of others in increased values that come to his idle property through the industry of his neighbor, it stands to reason that the burden should increase with the value; that the man who does not improve, yet who enjoys the benefits of it, should pay taxes in proportion to his benefits.

Portland can ill afford to suffer a three quarters of a million fire loss, on the eve of a phenomenal era of building preparation for the fair. She must tax her energies to meet the extraordinary demand, and remember that progress never enjoys clear sailing. Every step in municipal life costs money and work. Eastern Oregon sends a message of cheer to Portland in her loss.

The Telegram says from all indications the state of Washington is just now being "governed by grudges." Much better "grudges" than "grafts."

JOAQUIN MILLER ON POETS.

"Let me qualify everything I set down in his book," says Joaquin Miller, in the preface of the second edition of his complete political works, "by saying that the poet's trade is the hardest of all trades in the world. His compensation is the poorest, his triumphs the fewest, not one in ten thousand can earn his bread by it.

"Another thing to be taken into account before venturing upon the stormy seas of song, is that poets, like priests and preachers, are not in line of preferment, either at the polls or at the White House.

"Born a rover, I have wandered farther perhaps than any other living man, for my poetry has opened all doors to me, and made travel a delight. Then I was paid immensely for my prose. If I had depended on my poetry, I should have stayed at home and half starved. Take care!"

Speaking of the foundations of literature he says: "A great land without a great literature, were such a thing possible, must be to the end worse than spouseless.

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"The great poet of the westmost land of ours, the ultimate sea bank, so like the olive-set Syrian hills, will come when we too have learned to love and religiously love, the sublime and beautiful nature.

On July 4th, 1896, Joaquin Miller

read a poem entitled "The Fourth in Oregon," at the celebration in Pendleton. Of this poem, he says:

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"You bannered snow peaks point and plead
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Of peace! God's everlasting creed!
Of love and brotherhood of man!
Thou mantled magistrates in white,
Give us his Light! Give us his Light!"

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—Washington Star.

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