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AUGUST.

Neath brazen skies, with interspersing showers
The hot earth prostrate lies as in a swoon;
There is a hectic brightness of the moon
Which floods the land as if with magic dowers
To weave weird phantasies and spectral flowers;
Like desert-blast comes sultry breath of noon:
The latent natural forces are efflorescent
To waken to fresh life with Autumn's powers.
The earth must rest and thus her strength renew—
Must store her energies for future need:
Thus Man his soul steepes in Nephelitan dew
To rise refreshed from noble thought and deed—
That hours of happiness may yet accrue
If he but go where high ideals lead!

—Dexter Smith.

CHEAPER RATES ARE NEEDED.

The statement of President Mohler, of the O. R. & N., to the effect that there is no need of cheaper transportation rates in Oregon, will cause many people interested to hunt up some figures on the subject of transportation in the territory affected by the portage road.

The Inland Empire, the territory which will be vitally affected by construction of this road, produces annually 40,000,000 bushels of grain, 16,000,000 pounds of wool, 80,000 head of cattle, 520,000 head of sheep and hogs for market, 3,800 carloads of fruit, 2,405,000 pounds of hides and pelts, and 367,000 tons of hay.

The natural and inevitable market for this volume of produce is Portland and the Puget Sound cities. Fully two-thirds of this immense output goes to Portland, over the lines of the O. R. & N. Whatever is produced in excess of the needs of this great territory must be shipped out of the interior over this road, owing to the condition of the Columbia river and the absence of other rail lines.

It is natural for the O. R. & N. to oppose any invasion of its carrying trade, and it is just as natural for the producer to seek to reach the market by a cheaper route. The statement of the head of the O. R. & N. Company, to the effect that there is no need of cheaper rates from the Inland Empire, causes thinking people to wonder why rates are so much cheaper on territory covered by river competition than that not so affected.

It is only necessary to quote rates from Arlington to The Dalles, where there is no river competition and from The Dalles to Portland, where there is river competition, to convince the candid-minded man that there is a need of cheaper rates from Eastern Oregon to Portland than those now in effect.

The present rate on wheat over the O. R. & N. from Arlington to The Dalles, a distance of 54 miles, is 11½ cents per 100, on wool, \$1.96 per 100, and on cattle, hogs and sheep, \$24 per carload.

The rate over the O. R. & N. from The Dalles to Portland, a distance of 88 miles, where there is river competition, is 7½ cents per 100 on wheat, 25 cents per 100 on wool, and \$38 per car on cattle, hogs and sheep. The four classified rates from Arlington to The Dalles are first-class, 53 cents; second-class, 48½ cents; third-class,

42 cents, and fourth-class, 36 cents. From The Dalles to Portland, the same rates are 25, 20, 18 and 15 cents per 100 pounds.

It is estimated that a reduction of freight rates, east of The Dalles to correspond with those west of that point, would result in a saving to the producers of the Inland Empire, amounting to \$1,000,000 annually and would stimulate the production of grain and livestock until the output would be doubled within two or three years.

Mr. Mohler is opposing fate, when he opposes the construction of the portage road by refusing to sell a right of way. The country will settle up and demand more transportation facilities, in spite of any opposition and the sooner all who oppose the road come to see this inevitable outcome of civilization, the better it will be for the state. It is rather incongruous to advertise for homeseekers and then lay a barrier in the way of the complete settlement of the idle lands upon which the homeseeker is invited to locate.

Portland should export 50,000,000 bushels of wheat instead of 15,000,000 bushels, and if the rate from Huntington to Portland were reduced to correspond with the rate west of The Dalles, it would do more to stimulate immigration and settle the idle country than any other agency that could be called into action.

The resignation of Ahio S. Watt, as tax and real estate agent of the O. R. & N., removes one of the most trusted and able officials from the service of the company. Mr. Watt has been a familiar figure in the West for the past quarter of a century, and perhaps no other man in the state enjoys a wider circle of friends nor a business record of more pleasant relations. He has dealt with residents of Eastern Oregon for the past 20 years, and in all that time he has been the same just, considerate, genial gentleman, and will be missed in this section by all who have had occasion to meet him, especially, or in the transaction of the business of a large and busy department. However, his successor, J. W. Morrow, of Heppner, will adapt himself gracefully to the position and the company is to be congratulated upon securing such an able and practical successor to Mr. Watt.

Only 911 persons were arrested in Chicago in 1902 charged with carrying concealed weapons against the peace and dignity of the city and so far this year the record is 244 only. It is safe to say that Portland can show up a greater number than that just now. It is said the gun stores in the Oregon metropolis have done a "land office" business during the past five weeks.

Readers of Eastern Washington papers are wondering what kind of firewater was taken into the huckleberry patch near Walla Walla, the past week, to cause the correspondent of several well known papers to see a double-headed snake.

BUFFALO FOR THE ISLANDS.

Messrs. Keylock & Pratt, of Shanghai have been awarded the contract of furnishing 10,000 water buffalo to the insular government, says the Manila Times. All the animals are to be in good condition, sound, and free from any disease, between the ages of four and eight years, and weighing from 900 to 1,200 pounds each.

Fifty per cent of the 10,000 will

be oxen, 35 per cent females, and 15 per cent bulls. All of the animals will be immunised against rinderpest by the "Simultaneous Reinoculation Method" before being shipped from China, under the direction and supervision of a representative from the insular laboratory. The whole number will be divided into lots of 500 each, and the shipments will be made once each month until the total number will have been landed in Manila. All are to be delivered over the ship's side, at Manila, Cebu, Iloilo and Cullon as the government may direct. In case the exportation of the animals should be prohibited by the Chinese government or in case, through the existence of a state of war, their exportation is impossible, the contractors will be allowed to withdraw their contract, which will become void.

Mr. Davies, the purchasing agent, has had considerable trouble in securing stock in China, owing to the few firms which deal in cattle exclusively. He has been compelled to make small purchases from different individuals.—Hong Kong Gazette.

"THE FOOL AND THE MAN."

A fool and a man of wealth, they say,
Once met in a garden fair,
And the fool he laughed in his foolish way.

But the man looked worn with care,
Quoth the man, "Oh, fool why laughest thou so?"

"This world to me is dead,
You have found a purse or drunk, I trow."

"Till the wine affects the head,"
"Oh, no," the fool then made reply,
"No purse I've found today,
Nor drunk of cheering wine have I."

The reason I am gay
Is this: I've earned my keep—no more—
Since yester's sun declined
And I've besides no wealth in store,
But I have peace of mind."

Then the fool passed on with smile and nod,
Through the garden fair and cool,
Quoth the weary man of wealth "Oh, God—
Would I were but a fool!"
—Bide Dudley.

California's display in the agricultural building at the World's Fair, St. Louis, will cover 40,000 square feet of floor space.

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