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The Republic spells more than a partnership in pork and leather, else lie within her no seeds of permanency. Tie a people together by their pockets—that fabric of union will tear easily. Tie their heart-strings together—no blade has yet been tempered that could sunder such a bond.—Bourk White.

Pendleton's Labor Day celebration was a success, now for the Merchants' Carnival.

The conventions billed for Portland in 1908 will make the city hum, beside the crowd that will come without credentials.

If the Merchants' Carnival is not made the means of bringing outside visitors to Pendleton, it will not serve the purpose intended.

Portland has just appointed 30 extra policemen. There is no money left in the county to guard, now. Ringings and labour have both passed through.

An exchange made a mistake when it said that the "home-coming of Sir Thomas Lipton was sad, indeed, and his cup of bitterness full to the brim." He had no cup with him.

No opposition has yet been made to the establishment of the Pulitzer school of journalism, in Columbia College. Everybody admits that the newspaper man needs education.

That Baker City clergyman who refused to pay a 25-cent storage bill on a valise, and as a result of a trial had a judgment of \$140 lodged against him, will probably learn to leave lawyers alone.

The Baker City papers proudly point to the fact that there has not been a case of gout in that city this year. In the same proud tone, Pendleton announces that there has not been an automobile accident in this city this season.

Panama now talks of seceding from Colombia, as a result of the defeat of the canal treaty. Of course something will have to be done to keep the revolution moving in South America. This excuse will probably be sufficient to furnish a year's fighting on the isthmus.

The La Grande boy who made his way through an Eastern conservatory of music by selling pigs' feet and sausages on the street corners, is not the only La Grande man who has attained prominence in the musical world. Knowles can play second fiddle.

Of course, it is rather humiliating to the owner of a thousand-acre wheat farm to milk cows for profit. The Union county farmers thought the same way until they began to feel their pocketbooks swelling with creamery profits. Milk money is easy money. Your wife and the boys do all the work.

Boise City and Spokane both want woollen mills. Prosser and north Yakima want beet sugar factories, and La Grande wants a packing plant. There is only one way to get these things, and it is to go after them. Business is a shy creature, and won't force herself upon a community. But she comes upon the slightest invitation.

Eastern Oregon is left in the cold, and the State Mining Association.

ation was made up of Portland business men, only one Eastern Oregon mining man being given an office. The trouble with Eastern Oregon is, that she does all the work and furnishes all the money, and the other fellow holds all the offices and draws the income.

It is a pleasure for Willamette valley papers to build railroads with editorial pencils. Some optimistic editor makes a swipe across the map and to Salt Lake City, Salem and Coos Bay are instantaneously connected by rail. At odd times, between hop crops, all that several of the enterprising valley papers do is to cut imaginary passes through the Cascades and conjure up visions of excursion trains.

If the O. R. & N. makes a success of the scheme of planting grass on the right of way, to prevent sand from drifting upon the track, it will be a lesson in railroading which older systems could imitate with profit. If grass will prevent sand from blowing, it will also prevent dust from flying, and those roads which have been sprinkling roadbeds with crude oil, to prevent dust, can spend their money for grass seed, instead of oil. It is worth watching. All the agricultural experts are not on farms.

The effort to make the coming municipal campaign a partisan fight seems to have gained no headway. The people want deeds, not creeds. In the management of the city. No matter what the politics of the city government, if it gives the people a clean, and business-like administration, its political color will not be questioned. Adherence to party does not always cut down expenses nor give the best public service in local affairs. Who cares what the politics of the council may be, just so it performs its duty toward every citizen alike, and administers the city government with justice and economy?

It may seem strange and unaccountable that while England is taking steps to destroy land monopoly and restore the land to the people of Ireland, the United States, the boasted land of the free, is encouraging the creation of land monopoly; but this is nevertheless true, says Maxwell's Talisman. By retaining upon the statute books the desert land act, the timber and stone act, and the commutation clause of the homestead law, our government is permitting millions of acres of the public domain, which ought to be reserved for home-builders, to pass into the hands of speculators and land-grabbers. No more important question faces the people of America today than this monopolizing of the remaining public lands, and the people should be aroused to see the necessity for the future welfare of our country to have these vicious land laws repealed. Whenever the people will arise in their might to demand a repeal, congress will act; but this demand should be made before it is too late, or it will avail nothing. If these pernicious land acts are permitted to remain laws a few years longer, the entire area of government land worth taking will have been acquired by the land-grabbers. Now is the time to act, and stop the looting of the public domain.

REFORMS AT THE STATE PRISON

The most important work being done in this state at present is the cleaning up and rehabilitation of the Oregon state prison. With the old out-of-date prison building it is impossible to get the most satisfactory results. But great improvements have been made in the buildings, in the commissary and beat of all, in the humane treatment of prisoners. Governor Chamberlain has taken a deep personal interest in these matters and deserves great credit for his reformatory labors. The partisan press of the state has begun an attack on him and The Journal takes pleasure in showing some of the good things he has done. A state prison is a difficult place to bring about reforms through newspaper agitation without doing more harm than good. But when real improvements are being made it should be a pleasure on the part of the press to notice them. The Bible enjoins all men to visit those who are in prison and it is probably one of the most neglected Christian duties. The reforms at the state prison are the result of direct personal interest in the condition of the prisoners and of their welfare.—Salem Journal.

Improvements to cost \$500,000 are now being made to the Vancouver barracks.

LIVESTOCK STATISTICS.

Internal commerce conditions in the United States are quite satisfactory. Receipts at five markets this year to the end of July amounted to 17,734,847 head. Last year 17,232,004 head were reported to the corresponding date, and 18,590,383 head in 1901. In 1901 a total of 374,976 cars of stock arrived at the same five markets, 305,419 cars in 1902 and 341,002 cars in 1903. The total receipts of the stock for this year were divided as follows: Chicago, 8,577,847 head in 170,565 cars. Kansas City, 2,650,337 head in 54,210 cars. Omaha, 2,831,458 head in 46,225 cars. St. Louis, 2,901,945 head in 37,773 cars. St. Joseph, 1,773,260 head in 30,029 cars. The state of the provision market as indicated by stocks on hand at the five cities on July 31, is significant of lowering prices. On that date in 1901 there were 297,801,345 pounds of cut meats reported on hand. In 1902 the reserve was 209,889,057 pounds, compared with 262,438,440 pounds in 1903. Backwardness of the season is reflected in the figures of wheat receipts during July, the first month of the new crop year. At the four winter wheat markets of Kansas City, St. Louis, Toledo and Detroit, 11,344,148 bushels were received in July, 1901, as compared with 11,000,000 bushels in July, 1903.—Livestock World.

IN THE SOUTH.

The attempt to carry out the recent decision of the American Federation of Labor to organize the unskilled negro laborers of the South into labor unions is encountering a great deal of resistance on the part of the white race in Mississippi and Louisiana. Organizer Leonard has been driven out of Vicksburg and it is reported that the federation will appeal to President Roosevelt to interpose and assure to him protection in that town. The New Orleans States, which has been a strong sympathizer with union labor, declares that the organization of negroes into labor unions ought not to be tolerated by the whites.

It predicts that persistency on the part of white unions in encouraging such organizations will bring about the ruin of labor unionism in the Southern states. It expresses the conviction that the most insidious and dangerous movement made toward the amalgamation of the white and black races in this country is the disposition of the Federation of Labor to organize negro unions. There is, in the judgment of the New Orleans States, but a step between industrial fraternity and social equality, and a very short step at that. It denounces the experiment undertaken by the federation as not only a foolish, but a perilous one.—Harper's Weekly.

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