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The man who catches a fish, grows an apple, raises a calf, builds a house, makes a coat, paints a picture, constructs a machine, has to any such thing an exclusive right to ownership, which carries with it the right to give, to sell, or bequeath that thing. But who made the earth that any man (or number of men) can claim such ownership to it, or the right to give, sell or bequeath it?—Henry George.

If the tilt between the mayor of Portland and his acrid critics amounts to nothing else, it furnishes soul-satisfying "ceases" for the reporters.

The critics of the Pendleton high school heating plant are wrong in saying that it does not heat the rooms. "There is always some fire where there is so much smoke."

Spokane cites the prosperity of the Pendleton Woolen Mill as an inducement to Spokane capital to build one there. Spokane could not imitate a better institution.

Several enthusiastic meetings have been held in La Grande lately for the purpose of agitating the search for artesian water in Grand Ronde valley. There is everything else in Grand Ronde; there must be artesian water.

If the chain of land frauds unearthed in Oregon courts recently, is followed up and titles investigated rigidly, it is safe to say that there will be more vacant land in Eastern Oregon a year hence than there is today. Without doubt two-thirds of the titles completed in the state during the past three years would fail to stand the test. The band wagon of investigation is evidently approaching Oregon.

The shippers who are censuring the Southern Pacific because it is unable to furnish cars enough to handle all the products as rapidly as it should, forget that the company has kept empty cars standing on side tracks in dull times in the past, for lack of products to fill them. If the company must be forced to furnish an unusual number of cars for a rush, the same rule should force shippers to load all cars furnished.

A farmers' institute should be held in Pendleton some time this winter. There are several important subjects that would properly come before such a meeting. A farmer's wheat pool resembling the wool pool would be a live theme for discussion. Umatilla county needs a creamery and a county fair organization. The Pendleton Commercial Association could do nothing more valuable to the city and county than to get the farmers together and invite a discussion of these subjects. Where is "Farmer" Judson of the O. R. & N.? Ask him.

SCHEDULE NOT SATISFACTORY.

The people of Pendleton, backed up by the entire population along the branch road from here to Walla Walla, have already registered an emphatic kick against the change in the time of the arrival of No. 41, the afternoon mixed O. R. & N. train from Walla Walla.

This is the accommodation train for fully one-half of the settled area of Umatilla county, by which the people reach the county seat every day for the transaction of necessary business, involving business with banks, stores, county offices and every other branch of business in the city.

On the old time card this train arrived in Pendleton at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and departed at 6 in the evening, giving the residents of the towns along the branch ample time to come to the county seat, transact their business and leave here at 6 o'clock in the evening for home.

This time was changed on the present card from 1 o'clock to 1:55, and the leaving time from 6 o'clock to 5:20, cutting short the time for the transaction of business almost two hours, and on the new card going into effect on next Monday this time is further greatly reduced by changing the arriving time of this train from 1:55 to 2:35 in the afternoon, making it impossible for patrons to transact their business and return on the evening mixed train, which, on the new card, is scheduled to leave at 5:50.

It leaves but three hours and fifteen minutes between the arrival and departure of the branch train, brings the train in too late for the patrons to reach the banks, before closing, and makes it impossible for people to reach all the errands which bring them to the county seat.

Under the old schedule, this train was highly appreciated by the residents of Adams, Athena, Weston, Milton and Freewater, as it enabled them to come to Pendleton early in the afternoon, attend to all the business coming from those busy points to the county seat and return on the same evening, in good season.

Fully one-half of this travel will be prevented by the new schedule, which will drive people to the use of teams, in coming to Pendleton, by which they can come and go at will, and save the expense of remaining over night away from home.

The business men of Pendleton and the residents of the busy county towns along the branch road are joining in a petition to the officials, asking them to reinstate the old time of arrival for this train, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, in order to accommodate its great number of patrons, who are practically barred from patronizing this train on account of the short time it remains in this city, and especially on account of the late hour at which it arrives.

The train is always more or less late, on account of the large amount of work done by the crew along the line, and by this delay the time in which people arriving on it are allowed in which to transact business is still further reduced.

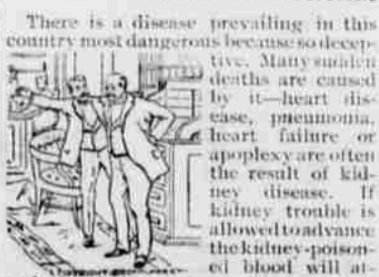
The officials will be made aware

of the serious results of the proposed schedule, and every effort brought to bear to have a change in the schedule made before it goes into effect next Monday.

There will be objections to the formation of the Little Walla Walla Irrigation district on December 21, but if the interest of all the people and all the land area in the proposed district is rightly considered, there should not be. The different phases of irrigation must be organized and systematized in Oregon, before the fullest returns can come from it. Laws are needed to regulate rights and distribute the waste water. Every community in which a common system of irrigation prevails should be glad to grasp the opportunity of organizing under legal form, offered in this district law. It saves money wasted in litigation. It makes each stream reclaim the greatest possible area of land and is a step toward the perfect irrigation age.

Secretary Hitchcock reported to congress yesterday on the reclamation department for the past year, without suggesting any changes in the national irrigation law. So far as can be judged now, it is wide enough in scope and just enough in its provisions to meet all the needs of the government and of the homesteader. It represents 20 years of patient labor of the master minds of the West, and should be satisfactory to the people of the West. The arid land will pay for itself, and all that is needed from the government is a little more speed in executing the provisions of the law. Caution is commendable, but there is a difference between caution and sluggishness.

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