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Be still, my soul; he still, and yet be sure thou shalt taste of free-

dom. Thou shalt be. learned thy lessons, as the storm That praises God on ocean and on land.

Thou, too, shalt taste of freedom; thou shalt see The harvest of the heavens. countless suns, all the gentle sisterhood

of stars strew the distant highways like white pearls.

A little while, a little while, my soul

And thou shalt years no long-As white as is the radiance round the sun.

As free as is the oldest of the winds! -Howard V. Sutherland, in San Francisco Star.

WEAKENED WHEAT LAND.

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The San Francisco contains the following account of an investigation which is soon to be instituted wheat is not so strong in gluten as formerly, and why it is necessary to import new wheat from Kansas and the Dakotas, with which to vitalize and invigorate California flour.

California has raised nothing but wheat on her farms for 50 years. She iruits of others' labors. Oregon is behas sapped the very life from her virgin soil by pursuing one crop method, and now finds herself producing a the railroads would feel more free to grade of wheat and flour far inferior further reduce excursion rates to the to other states. Her land cannot now state to stimulate travel. produce a strong grade of wheat without years of rest and recuperation from other crops.

Wheat takes strength from the soil and replaces none, so nature finally rebels against this destructive drain upon her strength and calls for a change. California has reached the point where she must either adopt rotation of crops or go out of the market as a producer of first-grade wheat and flour. The Call says:

"The California State Board of Trade has appointed a committee to find out how California wheat can be so improved in its percentage of gluten as to insure to itself exclusively the home market afforded by flour mills of this state.

"The fact is announced that it is necessary to import to California from South Dakota and Kansas large quantitles of their wheat to mix with California grain in the manufacture of strong flour for the Oriental trade. By strong flour is meant that which has sufficient gluten.

"Not all the wheat produced in this state is deficient in this force, but enough is lacking in it to make wheat importation unavoidable as the matter now stands.

"There are vast areas in California that are capable of producing wheat in large quantities. The soil is adequate to the growing of strong wheat. The difficulty would seem to be, in large part, as represented by Horace Davis, who was called in to advise with the State Board of Trade, that the farmers are not using the proper seed to raise the right sort of wheat for milling purposes,

"In a preamble that the Board of Trade has adopted it is set forth that wheat is brought from Dakota and Kansas to be mixed with the California; that California flour for export to the Orient would bring a higher price if it contained a larger percentuge of gluten than can now be obtaind from California grown wheat; and hat if California farmers would mainain their position in competition with wheat grown in any other state it is mportant that the quality of their

roduct be made as high as possible. "There are few topics of more live terest at home than this. From the quiry good effects reasonably may expected. In some sections, so it said, the quality of the wheat can

be easily raised by fertilizers

"The wheat of former years in Calfornia had more gluten, as a whole ecause it was of other stock. Club wheat, so called, does not fill all the requirements, although it is popular

"Horace Davis informs the State

is reached as to the exact requireproviding what is needd. The fact that gluten was not formerly lacking and that it was sufficiently abundant for nearly half a century of farming in California conclusively prove that are at fault. The sooner the remedy to the farmers of the Inland Empire. is applied the better for the state at Start it now.

protection against ticket scalpers is legislature. No other one agency can stimulate interest in the state and its resources so widely and actively as the railroads. It is true the roads have selfish ends, and yet while they are serving themselves they are serv ing the state at large. Every bona fide settler who brings his family to Oregon and makes a home is a direct benefit to the state. The railroads should be encouraged to bring this class of people to settle the idle land. add property to the assessment rolls and thereby reduce taxes. It is not fair to the companies to permit their unfulfilled tickets to be made merchandise of by sharks who produce nothing to build up the country. It may be argued that a purchased rallroad ticket becomes private property. but there is another feature of the case. The ticket is practically a conbetween the company and the purchaser and the purchaser buys it on the understanding that it is not transferrable. The company agrees to fulfil its contract with the original purchaser, but not with a third party. More protection to companies in this matter would result in still lower scalper makes a commission and still undersells the company on return tickets, taking legitimate business away from the company, defrauding unsuspecting people and living on the coming a railroad state and should pass a stringent law regulating this unfair traffic. If she would do this,

The delay of the portage road is one of the most enigmatic public prob lems ever produced in Oregon history. The people want the road and logged, pleaded and voted it. The legislature Indorsed it, voted money for it, created a highly author itative commission to build it, piaced the money available for its construction at the commission's disposal, gave the commission the entire machinery of the state to work with and capped the powers of the commission by a public sentiment in favor of the road so strong that it is frenzied at times. And yet despite all this, the project lingers. Everybody is in tavor of building it. Not a public ex-

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at a standatill. People press, officials -everybody is willing to proceed. Yet the wheels refuse to turn. Why is it that this paralysis, this locomoamong farmers for various reasons, the portage road in its tracks? Why one of which is that it is less easily do not the wheels of state machinery whipped out by high winds than other move toward its accomplishment. The has greased the axles, the commis-Board of Trade that there is not sion sits on the front seat, whip in enough new seed brought in to keep hand, and yet the vehicle does not up the gluten. The tendency of wheat move. Something is wrong someand is being harvested, since the road was authorized and yet no river transportation for the Inland Empire. Anments there will be little difficulty in other crop will soon be planted and Why is this work not begun? Who is holding the "chock block" under a wheel, to prevent the forward movement of the band wagon? Every year wasted means a million dollars loss

THINGS IS LOOKIN' BULLY.

All years is good years. But some of them is better. And this one's extra fine Rains come when they orter, Early ones and late, All down the Golden State.

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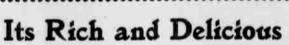


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