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TAKE IT ALL ROUND.

Take it all round. It's a pretty good country. Just "covers the ground." Though prices may rise. To the blue of the skies. It's a pretty good country, good people! Take it all round. It's a pretty good place where the lovelight is found. Where sunshine is gladden. And Joy leads the dancin'. It's a pretty good country, good people! —Frank L. Stanton.

BAD FOR BALLINGER.

It is going hard with Ballinger. The charges made against him by L. R. Glavis were sufficient to convince most people that he was false to his trust in handling the Alaska coal cases. The Glavis charges have since been corroborated by Horace T. Jones, the government agent who first looked into the Cunningham cases and then recommended that a capable and courageous inspector be detailed to look fully into the character of the claims.

Saturday Gifford Pinchot went upon the stand before the congressional investigating committee and made some strong charges against the secretary of the interior. He pointedly accused Ballinger of having taken his present office with the intent of jobbing the conservation movement, though avowedly an advocate of conservation. He charged Ballinger with having made misstatements to the president and with having been disloyal to the administration.

The reputation of Mr. Pinchot is such that he is a damaging witness against Ballinger and the men who are back of the secretary of the interior. Gifford Pinchot is an earnest, patriotic and far-seeing man. He has rendered valuable service to his country. His work has not been confined to the detailed management of the forestry bureau. He has worked in a broader field. It was Pinchot who evolved the conservation program though it took Roosevelt to put the breath of life into the movement. This movement aims to bring about as far as is possible the development of our natural resources in the interest of the public instead of in the interest of multimillionaires who want to establish monopolies in such things as the supply of lumber, of coal and water powers. The conservation theory seeks to bring about in a measure at least equality of opportunity. It works to make effective the great American doctrine that all men are created free and equal and have a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It does this because it tends to make men equal in an economic sense and economic matters are of chief importance these days.

Naturally Pinchot is being abused and ridiculed in certain quarters. Corporation attorneys and newspapers representing interests that are adversely affected by the conservation policy have long been after him. But in spite of this criticism and in spite of the fact that the president ruled against him there are millions of people in America who believe in Pinchot. They admire him for the work he has done and for the courage with which he stands by his convictions. The fact that Pinchot accuses Ballinger of having been unfaithful to his trust as secretary and with having betrayed the cause of conservation is going to have weight with the country. Especially is this true in view of the mass of damaging evidence submitted by Glavis, who is supported by Jones and others. If the congressional committee exonerates Ballinger it will be necessary for that body to use a vast quantity of white wash.

WEATHER STATION NEEDED. About a year ago Mr. Besle, the chief of the weather bureau at Portland, was in the city and while here some local people tried to convince him of the need of a regular weather station in this city. However nothing has come of the recommendations made at that time. Though Umatilla county is the greatest agricultural county in the state and though it has a vast acreage devoted to fruitraising the weather forecasts for this section are made in Portland. Sometimes they prove correct. Frequently they miss the mark. The data as to rainfall and temperatures at this point is gathered by an obliging young man who serves without charge to the government. The records for past years are incomplete and are often inaccessible. At times they are carried about in someone's vest pocket. Again they may be stored away in a woodshed. A newcomer looking for accurate information as to the climate of this section will look for it in vain. This situation is not right. There should be some sort of a permanent weather station here with a paid man in charge of it. The irrigationists, the stockmen and the farmers of eastern Oregon are entitled to better service than they now receive. They should be given closer warning of climate changes. The records as to temperatures and rainfall should be kept so as to be accessible to all. There is now no weather station whatever between the Cascade mountains and the Blues. In view of Pendleton's central location and the proximity of this place to the government irrigation project this should be a favorable point for an eastern Oregon station. Why not see if Congressman Ellis cannot do something for us along this line?

G. W. HUNT.

By the passing of G. W. Hunt, the northwest loses a man who did considerable towards bringing about the development of this section. He built many miles of railroad and thereby worked to turn eastern Oregon from its frontier ways to the walks of civilization. His greatest task in this particular section was the building of the branch line from Pasco to this city. The Hunt road was his scheme and he carried it out successfully in spite of the obstacles that were in the way. Because he built that road Pendleton now has connections with the Northern Pacific system as well as with the Harriman lines. This connection is advantageous to Pendleton and this town's position as the greatest railroad center in Oregon outside of Portland is partly due to the enterprise of Mr. Hunt.

There is deep snow in the mountains and should it all disappear with a rush we would have an unprecedented flood. But fortunately the snow is melting gradually and as long as the weather continues as at present there is no need of anxiety. It usually takes several days of incessant rain to get the Umatilla upon a real rampage.

According to a biographer of the late G. W. Hunt a favorite motto with the aged railroad builder was "He that ruleth himself is greater than he who taketh a city." Mr. Hunt's own life proves that the man who controls himself is generally one and the same with the man who succeeds in relation to others.

After having caused some of his friends and neighbors much anxiety Mr. Mentzer calmly came down to Pendleton Saturday and bought his family some provisions. Apparently he did not need the sympathy that was manifested in his case.

The Washington-Oregon traction company is getting busy and it will be a good pastime for people to guess where the line is to go.

Think of the water now going to waste and then of how thirsty the adjoining land becomes in the summer time.

A London man has sort of a monopoly of asbestos mines. Is he looking to the future?

By the calendar tomorrow will be the first day of spring. Hooray for that.

Has it seemed like a short month?

Without stretching the truth some men's talk is long drawn out.

SOMETIMES you are careless in your manner of eating, thus bringing on a spell of indigestion and kindred ills. It is then you will appreciate the value of

HOSTETTER'S CELEBRATED STOMACH BITTER

THE REAL BEGGARS.

Pendleton, Ore., Feb. 26.—(Editor East Oregonian.)—Under the cloak of the New York chamber of commerce Elihu Root, J. Pierpont Morgan, Senator Debus and many other distinguished gents sat down at a great feast. German and English ambassadors were there, together with many other desirable gentlemen of high office. Most of you will be surprised when I tell you that at that dinner there was assembled the biggest collection of beggars that ever sat down together. Yet the New York office did not disturb the gathering and even the agents of the Charity Organization society made no attempt to run them in.

They met this time to beg for a ship subsidy. Senator Root made a most pathetic appeal. He said the great commercial communities of history, the Phoenicians and Athenians, Venice and Genoa, Holland, England and Germany, have sent their ships to every port. Commerce has carried their flags to every shore and has made their merchant princes known to the people of every land. And then he asked tearfully, "Is it so with us?" He then pointed out that our merchant marine is on its uppers, that it is in a tragic state of helpless destitution. Competition has crushed it. The survival of the fit, that inexorable law, has put it on the bum.

Morgan and all his crowd are helpless and the senator with hoarse, choking voice, pleaded for a little charity, at which his soup house comrades applauded violently. Morgan wept with joy and even the aged Debus wiped a tear from his eye.

The facts are, Germany and England made ships of their own, being most of the ocean carrying for the entire world. America has nothing and all the power of our merchant princes cannot create a merchant marine. So, Mr. Root, standing at the head of the New York chamber of commerce, puts out his little sign to the people. Please help the poor. He wants the rich farmer, stockman and day laborer through the government to give him and his friends a ship to buy them a few ships and set them up in business. He wants you to do again for these same gentlemen what you have done many times before. Through your government you helped them to build their railroads, your government has given them immensely valuable rights and privileges, it has turned over to them the richest mines, forests and lands. It has given them grants to help them start to work and it today gives them millions to keep them from bankruptcy. It placed a tax upon every man, woman and child in America to protect these gentlemen. It brought them up on the bottle, supplied them with every attention and care and now at a time when they ought to be self-supporting they still stand begging for alms. And it is the same old cry of all beggars, just give us a little more and we will soon get on our feet.

Give us another start. A little ship subsidy now and then we will be all right. We will stop begging and go to work. Now, in my opinion, we ought to deal severely with these habitual rounders. They are really becoming a menace to the country and this continual begging is most annoying. I believe we ought to say to these gentlemen that we do not intend to have a paternal government. We are opposed to all this socialistic talk of dividing our wealth. We are everlastingly opposed to having the government support the people instead of the people supporting the government. It is ruinous to the character of the people for them whenever they want anything to run to the government and ask for it. They must learn to depend upon themselves, on their own energy. If they do not we shall be encouraging the development of the unit. Really our alms are pampering these gentlemen. Why not let them get out and earn their bread instead of advocating government aid whenever they fail to support themselves?

Aims from the government destroy their incentive. They are becoming idle and shiftless, living riotously when they get a little ahead and begging of the government when they are in need. I am not sure that a labor colony where these men could be put to work would be the best thing, but something should be done by the good citizens.

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