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come into line after the fight has been won.
The argument for lower rates for the Columbia river points is based on the fact that the cost of service to the Columbia river is lower than to the sound because the freight hauled to the sound must go over a mountainous grade. The Journal would give Astoria lower rates than are given Seattle and contends that Portland should then be given an even lower rate than Astoria because of the shorter haul.
It is a very logical proposition and the advocates of that plan will be vindicated if in fixing freight rates the interstate commerce commission allows nature to take its course. There is only one just way for the commission to fix freight rates and that is on the basis of the cost of service. That involves consideration of distances, grades and perhaps other features. Since the haul to Portland and Astoria is along a water grade it naturally follows that freight may be hauled to those points cheaper than to Puget sound and the rates should be lower accordingly.

A beginning has been made, however, and that is something. For years past the census reports and the agricultural department have scrupulously kept the world informed as to the volume and quality of the crop at its every stage, playing into the hands of market manipulators and to the detriment of the farmer. The latter has been handed few or no compensatory features. He has not for instance, been given any official data of the dimensions of world's consumption, armed with which he might have kept his acreage within reasonable bounds and been encouraged to make sacrifices to hold his output until prices reached the level indicated by demand.
In other words, the farmer has been growing his cotton in complete light and selling it in absolute darkness. The anomaly is so unjust and indefensible that the wonder is it should not long ago have been dissipated. With broadening amendments, the Smith bill should be made law with the least possible delay.

WISCONSIN KNOWS.

If the sentiment in Wisconsin is any index to the popular feeling regarding Governor Woodrow Wilson the New Jersey man will prove to be by great odds the popular choice for democratic nominee for president. In Wisconsin the opposition to Wilson concentrated on Champ Clark. The Harmon headquarters were closed some time prior to the primary and no fight at all was made for Underwood. But even with the allies concentrated against him Governor Wilson won out in Wisconsin by more than a two to one vote. The final returns from the democratic primary show that Wilson received a total of 34,000 votes while Champ Clark drew but 16,000. Wilson is the choice of Wisconsin people and Wisconsin knows a progressive when it sees one.

By the same reasoning it can be shown that with reference to trans-continental freight towns in eastern Oregon and Washington are entitled to lower rates than are any of the coast cities. The cost of service from Chicago to Pendleton is plainly less than the cost of hauling freight to Portland or Seattle. The policy of allowing railroads to grant low rates to terminal cities is wrong in principle. It is nothing but favoritism. It is not just to allow such rates on the theory of meeting water competition. When water competition is met in that manner it is met at the expense of inland points. It also subjects steamship lines to unfair competition. It is inconceivable that such a policy will be allowed after the regulatory machinery of the government gets into good working trim.

AID THE GROWER TOO.

The following editorial from the Atlanta Constitution deals primarily with the cotton industry but it is reproduced here because the ideas set forth apply equally well to the wheat business.

The senate committee on agriculture the other day ordered reported favorably a bill the enactment of which would be a far step in redressing an immemorial wrong upon the cotton grower. Framed by Senator Smith, of South Carolina, it provides that the director of the census, in connection with the ginners' report of cotton production, shall publish the foreign and domestic consumption of cotton of American production, the surplus held by cotton manufacturers of the United States and the exports.

It would have been better had the measure included statistics of consumption of cotton wherever produced and foreign as well as domestic mill stocks. In this way only could complete information be gained of the cotton-status throughout the world, and the government has sufficient international machinery at its disposal to assure at least approximate accuracy in such an undertaking.

ATHENA GIVES UP IDEA OF LEAGUE

WILL HAVE A GOOD INDEPENDENT BALL TEAM

Plan to Engage in Two Games Each Week—Pasco and Dayton Do Not Enter Blue Mountain Organization.—Two Autos Wrecked.

(Special Correspondence.)
Athena, Ore., April 9.—Owing to the fact that Pasco and Dayton could not be in the Blue Mountain league there will now be no league team in Athena. However, Athena will have a baseball team. They will play two games a week, Saturday and Sunday and it is expected that they will put up good ball for amateurs. They will be known as the "Athena Cubs."

Thursday seemed to be an unlucky day for automobiles. Harold Githens, who is employed as chauffeur in the Athena garage, started to Pendleton with a load of passengers but just outside of the city limits the car skidded off a bank and turned turtle. Fortunately they were driving slowly and no one was injured.

About the same time the accident happened to Sam McBride. While returning from Walla Walla Thursday afternoon Mrs. H. I. Watts in company with Mrs. Hawks, was driving her Ford runabout at a high rate of speed, when the car struck a rock, putting the engine out of com-

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A PHILOSOPHER OF LIGHT.
I.
Asked how the world was going,
He never shook his head;
"Well as could be expected,"
Was all the word he said.
II.
"There's night enough to lead us
From the valley to the hill,
And the rivers sing in music
When the mockingbirds are still.
III.
"The seed we sow in sorrow
Still to the light was led;
Our daily prayer was answered;
The green fields gave us bread!
IV.
"Not even in the darkness
Of the night we had to roam
For Love was at Life's windows
And lit the lamps of Home.
V.
"And so, we walked contented
Along the worldly way;
The night is ever singing
Of the sunlight of the Day."
—Frank L. Stanton.

THE COST MUST DETERMINE.

An interesting controversy is on in Portland just now regarding freight rates to Portland, Astoria and Puget sound. The progressives led by the Journal are urging the claim of the Columbia river points to lower rates than are awarded Seattle. The Oregonian takes the old time narrow view of the question and opposes the scheme just as it opposes most other moves for advancement. It will

Healthful Hospitality

Elbert Hubbard has defined true hospitality as "the gentle art of making folks feel good," and—the shortest road to a man's heart being through his stomach—he argues that hospitality consists largely in providing palatable, wholesome, digestible, well-cooked food. To this end, the shortening medium used plays no small part. Cottolene makes food that accords with all the principles of hospitality. It makes things crisp, short and palatable, and wholesome and nourishing as well. Food cooked with Cottolene makes you feel good and makes you keep on feeling good.

mission and they were compelled to return to Walla Walla and have the car repaired.
Dr. J. E. Sharp has moved to the Grove's place on Fourth street.
Mrs. Dave Lavender and daughter of Weston, were Athena visitors Friday.
V. C. Burke was a Pendleton visitor Sunday.
F. B. Boyd left Friday on a business trip to La Grande.
F. B. King of Weston, was in Athena last week.
F. B. King of Weston was in Athena during the week.
Sheldon Taylor has returned to Athena after attending school in Portland.
Miss Mable McIntyre of Adams, was in Athena Saturday.
Wm. Ferguson and family have moved to town and are occupying the Dell cottage.
Miss Emma Hopkins, one of the teachers in the Athena high school, is in Spokane attending the teachers' institute and visiting her brother.
F. Benn who is employed as book-keeper by the Mosgrove Mercantile company, spent Sunday in Milton.
Mr. and Mrs. D. N. McDonald of Walla Walla, were in Athena last week.

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The State Hotel, corner Webb and Cottonwood streets, under new management. Furnished rooms by day, week or month. Phone Main 503.

Teams wanted—For street improvement work at Pendleton. Apply at Room 11 Smith Crawford Bldg. Wages \$5 per day and wagons furnished.
For sale—Big white eggs, full blood S. C. Black Minorcas, the kind that lay big eggs and lots of them. \$1 per 15. J. G. Miher, 704 E. Court street.
We have on hand several cigar show cases and counter show cases that we will sell very reasonable if taken at once. Pendleton Planing Mill and Lumber Yard.
Notice to Members Terpsichorean Club.
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For rent—Furnished housekeeping rooms. Apply at 502 Water street.
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Large stock of telephone poles at

THINKS SENATOR BOURNE IS REAL PROGRESSIVE

Submitted by O. D. Teel, Member Peoples Party League.
Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon is opposed for reelection by Ben Selling of Portland. A circular letter sent by Mr. Selling to the voters of Oregon contains this sentence:
He (Senator Bourne) is identified more with the class of "Aldrich Republicans" than any other republicans, while he claims to be a progressive.
This sentence makes Mr. Selling an easy man to classify. Either he is too ill-informed a man to represent any community in any legislative body or else—and, unhappily, one is compelled to accept this as the more probable assumption—he is willing to use a palpable falsehood to further his own political fortunes. Few men in the senate have a better title to the term progressive than Mr. Bourne. With probably one exception he has done more than any other man to further progressive measures. In doing so he has only been consistent with the character of the community he represents. It is well within the truth to say that no single act in immediate future would be such a calamity to the progressive cause or give so much hilarity to the stand-patters as the repudiation of Senator Bourne by his constituents in Oregon. Oregon has done powerful and impressive things for progress; it can now do an equally spectacular thing against progress, but no reasonable person believes it will.—Mark Sullivan in Collier's Weekly.
Every standpatter in the state of Oregon is for Ben Selling.
O. D. TEEL.
(Paid Advertisement.)

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All we ask is a comparison. When the questionable hot air sales are on you will be told in glaring headlines of so-called sensational savings. But gentlemen, they are only a bait and should always be taken with plenty of salt. The people of Pendleton have become tired of those hot-air events. They have learned that our regular prices are lower every day of the year, that we give them only honest merchandise and that **WE ARE HERE TO STAY.**
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