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THE NEW-MADE WORLD.

I.
The Lord, He makes the world so new
Each brightly-shining minute,
It's all the time a joy to you
To thank the Lord you're in it.

II.
The river, as it sings to sea,
Winds to the blossoms given—
That bird, nest-building in the tree,
They give their thanks to heaven.

III.
Joy to the country and the town
Where light and love have found you,
Blessings and blessings rain
Like wind-blown blossoms 'round you!
—Atlanta Constitution.

WHAT WILL THE OUTCOME BE?

AN issue of decided interest to all is that presented by the request of the transcontinental railroads that they be allowed to make interior terminal rates with a view to offsetting transportation competition through the Panama canal.

Instead of standing hand in hand with the coast terminals as they have done in the past the railroads now appear anxious to build up interior distributing points in the back haul zone. The idea seems to be to

give such places as Spokane and doubtless Pendleton such low rail rates from the east that these towns will be able to compete with the coast jobbers who secure their merchandise via the canal.

What the outcome of the move will be remains to be seen. The contention is reasonable that the charge for a short haul should not be greater than for a long haul and therefore it may be argued with good sense that interior points are entitled to rates as low as those given the coast cities, if not lower. Yet the same arguments will apply all along the line. So if rates are reduced to this territory wont points farther east demand similar reductions?

The whole matter seems to hinge on the extent to which the interstate commerce commission will permit the railroads to alter their rates so as to save themselves from loss of business through the canal. If allowed to do so they can protect themselves. Also they can seemingly protect their traffic more effectively by building up new interior terminals than by reducing rates to the coast terminals. It is easy to understand why. If they had to meet water competition at the coast they would probably have to do so at a loss. By meeting the enemy some distance inland they place him at a disadvantage because of the rail charges from seaport to interior. It is good strategy.

If Pendleton is given rates from the east lower than those granted Portland and at the same time connects with the open river so as to secure the advantages of the low ocean rates this will become the most favorable situated town in Oregon from a transportation standpoint.

The developments in the transportation game are going to be worth watching.

SETTLED AT LAST.

THE strangest thing about the decision as to who is mayor of Pendleton is that such a decision by the supreme court was made necessary.

To a layman the wording of

the city charter makes it very plain it was intended the chairman of the council, who at Mayor Matlock's death was Mr. Dyer, should take the mayor's chair if for any reason the mayor should be unable to serve out his term of office.

On the theory that law is common sense there should never have been any question as to the right of Mr. Dyer to take the position on the death of the mayor. The fact the point was raised indicates there was some doubt in the minds of certain eastern lawyers as to whether judicial decisions would follow the dictates of common sense in Oregon. There may have been some grounds for that suspicion but happily all doubt is now dispelled and we may proceed with the city's affairs as usual.

AS ONE FOREIGNER SEES US.

IT is interesting to note the comments made upon our country by people from other lands, even though we may have little regard for what they say. Here is what one "interned" foreigner thinks of our country:

"America cannot last longer than two centuries (1776-1976), and that is a short life for a land. America cannot last because it is no nation. It is a loose conglomeration of various nationalities. It is a mob of money-making masters and would be money-making slaves. Firmness of foundation, soundness and solidity of construction are lacking in this building. It has been built in haste and hurry to appear grand and mighty even as a skyscraper that lasts but half a century. It has faced no storm in its present form and experienced no earthquake. I am afraid that the first storm and the first earthquake that come will reduce its height and shake its foundation irreparably."

It is surprising what this particular foreigner means by staying in such a pesky country. Why does he not fly at once to Europe where according to his notions the foundations of society are firm and sound. Firm until someone comes along

with a cannon and shoots the foundation off its pins or moves the national boundary lines.

It is a poor time for foreigners to talk about the inability of this country to endure. If the gods should prepare an international table of mortality just now Uncle Sam would get a high rating for life expectancy. If not who would?

MAKE SURE OF A FREIGHT ROAD.

IF the Good Roads executive committee wish to put up a proposition that will win let them look first of all to a road to the Columbia that will reduce freight rates.

When the bonding proposition is before the people it will be attacked on the ground we cannot afford so much money for road work. The most effective answer will be to show that the road work proposed will lower freight rates sufficiently to more than justify the expense. It is an argument that will carry conviction with it.

It would be difficult to pass a bond issue in this county merely to provide roads that would make travel more comfortable. The people would be excusable for refusing to go into debt for the sake of a luxury. But they will gladly go in debt if they can make big money by doing so and this they will be able to do if they build a hard surface road to the Columbia.

CURRENT THINKING

THE CENSUS OF HELL.

The Rev. William A. Sunday recently taking a census of hell, reported he found among its population the following: Pharaoh, Voltaire, Nebuchadnezzar, Huxley, Jesse, John Stuart Mill, Nero, Tyndall, Judas, Thomas Paine, Attila, Ingersoll, Louis XIV, Rousseau, Louis XV, Ivan the Terrible, Mme. Pompadour, Catherine de Medici, Mme. de Montespan and Mme. de Maintenon.

It is wondered how he came to overlook the claims of Caligula, Stephen Girard, Napoleon, Dr. Channing and Alaric the Goth. And what of Cain?

But the subject is not altogether without its serious aspect. Such

methods as this are nothing more than a cry to the mill of the skeptic. Those Christians who are at all schooled in the faith may well plead to the jurisdiction of the court in this case. It can know nothing of the state of those whom it condemns to torment. But the worst of such judgments is that they show an utter lack of Christian temper. A good many years before Mr. Sunday was born, a great poet dealt with the same theme, thus:

Let not this weak, unknowing hand Presume thy bolts to throw,
And deal damnation round the land,
On each I judge thy foe.

Teach me to feel another's woe,
To hide the fault I see;
That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me.

It is all very foolish, of course, and as wrong as it is foolish. The prayer of Alexander Pope should be the prayer of every Christian, especially when he is disposed—as unfortunately few people are—to anticipate the decrees of the Almighty. "We still have judgment here," and that is quite enough. It is, and must be, based very largely on actions, for of motives little can be known. As these are an important factor a character, an absolutely just appraisal cannot be made by fallible man since he is not able to search the heart.

PEACE DELEGATES ON WAY TO THE HAGUE

HOBOKEN, N. J., April 13.—The American delegates to the Woman's International Peace Conference, called by Queen Wilhelmina of Holland to meet at The Hague the latter part of this month, were scheduled to call today on the Dutch steamer Ryndam. Jane Adams of Chicago is chairman of the Woman's Peace Party of this country.

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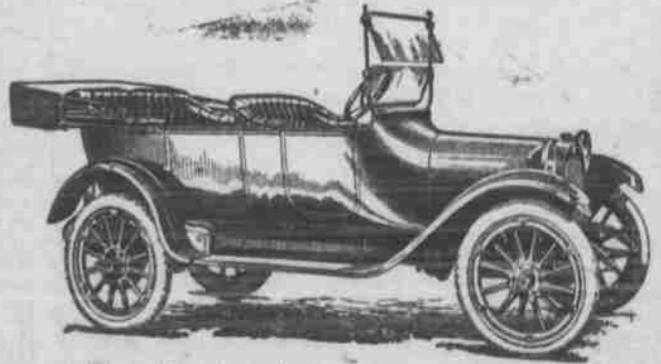
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