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THE RIVER'S SONG.

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

It sends a song of welcome o'er the fields and flowering sod,
 To the valleys and the hills that feed the famished flocks of God;
 "I am fresh'ning all the green land of the canon, corn an' wheat;
 I am singin' of the summer an' the summer days are sweet!"
 So, why should we be growlin' in the country 'round about,
 When even the clouds above us all, send the sunshine out?
 Be thankful for all the weathers—just let the seasons roll,
 While sunshine sends the bright light through the windows of your soul!
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RAILROAD RATES AND HOME PRODUCTS

INCREASES in freight and passenger rates on the railroads of the United States are due to take effect a week from next Wednesday. In this section freight costs will mount 25 per cent. Passenger rates, here as elsewhere, will be advanced 25 per cent and Pullman car fares 50 per cent. The buying public, which includes virtually every citizen in the United States, will pay this added cost out of his pocket.

The effect upon living costs which these increases will make should not be great, authorities have pointed out. The wage increases granted call for an annual payroll of \$600,000,000 more than at present. Estimates place the per capita burden at from \$12 to \$15 a year additional.

Oregon, like every other state, will be obliged to bear its share of the added cost. Whether this burden is high or low depends largely on the articles consumed. Some articles must be imported into this state and even on articles transported within the state from one community to another the freight item enters. The cost of living can be held to a minimum of increase, however, if attention will be paid to the consumption of home products.

This state is fortunate in being a producer and manufacturer of many necessities of life. It is well known that Oregon goods have just as high quality as goods shipped in from a distance. The food stuffs, household necessities, wearing apparel and other manufactures of Oregon can be sold in the communities of the state reasonably if goods from the east and middle west are not invited in competition. The cost of living cannot go down rapidly with railroad rates going up. Home products consumption may keep the H. C. L. from going higher.

PEDESTRIANS TO THE LEFT

UMATILLA county was shocked a few months ago by the tragic death of a woman near Freewater, struck by an auto while she was walking along the state highway. The woman, with her husband, was going in the same direction as the car which struck her and was on the right side of the road. In keeping to this side her back was to the vehicle which struck her.

Cases in point frequently come up where pedestrians are obliged to use the edge of a highway as a walk. Vehicles by law are required to keep to the right. It is the safe thing for pedestrians to keep to the left of the road, thus permitting them to face the vehicles which overtake them. A decision of the Washington supreme court Monday declares that there is no law requiring a pedestrian to keep to the right of a highway, and adds:

It is a matter of common knowledge that a pedestrian on a highway or on a double track line of railway is far better able to look out for his own safety and protection by so traveling as to face oncoming vehicles than he would be if keeping to the same side of the roadway as vehicular traffic and thus at all times to keep watch to the rear.

In commenting on the decision, the Spokane Spokesman-Review says:

We doubt if the point here made plain by the supreme court is the matter of common knowledge that the court regards it, but it is a safeguard that should be more generally understood. The present prevailing practice of pedestrians on country roads is to keep on the right side of the highway, though the left side is the safer place, particularly so if the walker will take care when stepping aside for an oncoming vehicle to step still further to the left, thus avoiding the danger of being run down by another vehicle coming up from behind him.

MAY SECURE FOURTH CONGRESSMAN

AS a result of the new census, Oregon will gain a congressman, unless congress increases the population basis in each congressional district beyond the 210,000 or major portion thereof now fixed. If the ratio is undisturbed, some 65 or 66 new seats will be added. As congress is already unwieldily in size, the size of the unit is likely to be increased, in which case Oregon will have to worry along another ten years with three congressmen.

If the population basis remains as at present, there will be 500 members of congress. If congress is kept at its present membership, and the population requirement raised accordingly, each congressional district will contain 243,000 population, which would leave Oregon unaffected by the change.

The new census shows approximately 106,000,000 population for the United States, and a reapportionment to keep congress its present size, will cause ten states to lose one or more congressmen. These states are those which have not increased in population as rapidly as the others. Indiana, Iowa and Missouri will lose two congressmen each; Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Nebraska, Vermont and Virginia will lose one each.

The work of framing the new apportionment bill will be begun next December and it will be up to congress to decide whether to increase the size of congress or increase the population requirements of the district. In either case it will be the cities and larger population centers that gain at expense of the country and if the population requirements are raised materially, the country will suffer a material loss in representation and the cities a proportional gain.—Capital Journal.

OPEN-AIR CREMATION OF HINDUS BARRED

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 12.—Following recent action of the city council in notifying the local Hindu colony that no further open-air cremation of bodies could be allowed in the plot hitherto reserved for that pur-

pose in the mountain View cemetery, a petition has been presented to the civic health committee by the Khalsa Diwan society against such action. The aldermen were urged not to interfere with Hindu funeral rites, for their religion requires open-air cremation. They objected to using the crematory as the alderman suggested.

COX OPENS CAMPAIGN BEFORE RIFLE TOURNEY

CAMP PERRY, O., Aug. 12.—(A. P.)—Governor Cox opened his campaign travels yesterday with an address at the national rifle competition, urged continued American interest in marksmanship but honorable settlement of national disputes without war.

"Peace by arbitration of reason rather than force," was the vision he gave an audience of soldiers, sailors, and civilians.

"Without specific reference to the league of nations, Governor Cox said he believed universal peace was for prevention of war by amicable settlement.

"I believe every home in America," he added, "includes the hope and breathes the prayer that we will never again engage in war, if, with honor we can keep out of war. Can we not catch a vision of it as we face toward the future?"

The governor received much applause in his reference to world peace and also when he declared that the government should bestow commissions won by Americans in the war and not received before their discharge.

This was "governor's day" at Camp Perry and the governor presented to Captain C. J. Vanenberg, Irwin, O., a silver vase, the Ohio executive's trophy in the rifle contest. Captain Vanenberg made 149 hits out of 150 shots.

Before his address, Governor Cox viewed the rifle contest in action. He became so interested that he took off his coat and for the first time tried

his hand behind a clay pigeon trap. He scored eight hits out of 14, but by using the second barrel on four.

The governor was given a military welcome, receiving the executive salute of 14 guns.

MANNIX DECLARES HE WILL GET TO IRELAND

LONDON, Aug. 12.—(U. P.)—Archbishop Mannix today told the United Press that he is determined to visit Ireland in defiance of the British government. He refused to divulge the time of his departure or the method he will use in evading Scotland Yard detectives who are watching Nazareth House where he is stopping.

WESTERN AND BRITISH GOLFERS HOLD HONORS

TOLEDO, O., Aug. 13.—(A. P.)—Western and British golfers held the honors yesterday after the first 36-holes of the national open golf championship. Jack Hutchinson of Chicago repeating his record of 59 this morning and adding a fair 74 this afternoon for a total of 145 strokes. He was closely pressed by Leo Diegel, also of Chicago, and James Barnes of St. Louis, with 146, while Harry Vardon and Edward Ray of Great Britain, and Walter Hagen of Detroit, registered 147.

Chick Evans, formerly national

Beauty More Than Skin Deep
 There is an old saying that beauty is only skin deep. That may be so with those who get their beauty out of a box but not the genuine sort. Beauty is really only another word for good health and no woman who is bilious and constipated can reasonably hope to be beautiful. Chamberlain's Tablets will correct these disorders, then with proper diet and exercise there is no reason why any young woman with regular features may not hope to be beautiful.

She Sets a Good Example.
 "I keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house at all times and have recommended it to many friends and acquaintances who have used it with good results" writes A. O. Newell, New Kensington, Pa. Should you not do like wise? Think of the pain and suffering that must be endured when medicine must be sent for.

Now Is the Time to Get Rid of Your Rheumatism.
 If you are troubled with rheumatism get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and use it according to the plain printed directions. You will be surprised at the quick relief which it affords. No internal treatment is required in cases of chronic or muscular rheumatism. All you need is to use Chamberlain's Liniment freely.

L. S. Bentley returned yesterday after a business trip to Portland. Mrs. Bentley will remain in Portland for a visit.



This Is That Money Back Chap

That frankly advises you to get some CLORE IN property at the MOUTH of the COLUMBIA RIVER, and doesn't care who you buy it from. But get it SOON.

In other words, the inside information he has gained by a thorough study of the PORT makes him so positive of good quick profits, that he is willing to give you an ABSOLUTE MONEY BACK contract (your money to remain in the bank if you like), on any amount from \$100 to \$5000, provided you will share the profits with him to offset your year's time in which to draw down your money with interest, or take the property. Isn't that fair enough? 308 East Alta Street. Few days only.

How To Plant An Advertising Crop

Until the advent of the Audit Bureau of Circulations, advertisers sowed their business seeds in a vast but fallow field. Some of it grew and returned a fair harvest—much of it was cast upon barren ground and was lost. There was no standardized method of determining the fertility of a publication's field. Experimenting was expensive.

The A. B. C. has eliminated the barren spots of circulation. Planting an advertising crop is no longer an experiment. Advertisers KNOW the field through audit reports. They know whether it is fertile ground and sow their seed accordingly.

The EAST OREGONIAN'S circulation has been audited by the A. B. C. Advertisements placed in this publication are seeds well sown.