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THE COLUMBIA DISASTER did not cause the effect upon the minds of the home people as did that of the ramming of the Alliance. While no lives were lost, it caused shudders from many that had loved ones aboard the vessel; people right here at home. Whether incompetency is the cause of the recent wrecks, or plain everyday carelessness, it is time steps were taken to prevent further trouble in this line.

STRENUOUS STEPS ARE BEING taken to stop the whistles from the factories in the cities. The mere blowing of the whistles three times a day has such an evil effect upon people that do not rise at so unearthy an hour as seven o'clock, as to cause a remonstrance. The whistle of the factory is as pleasant music as we would wish to be awakened by. It denotes a keynote of prosperity, and is the sign of good cheer throughout the land. It is probably not as conspicuous now as it was some ten years ago, when but one whistle could be heard to a hundred to-day.

WE WANT CORRESPONDENTS in every vicinity tributary to Bandon, and will try and demonstrate how essential it is to have your place represented in the columns of the local newspaper. We have requests every week, from people on the outside, for copies of this paper. These are all read by people desirous of making their homes in a new country, and they make themselves familiar with the country mentioned in these papers. If Langlois, Prosper Riverton, and the various other towns in this vicinity would be represented by a correspondent that would not only give the home items of interest, but would occasionally give articles that would tend to be beneficial to their town, we would be glad to furnish space for all of such correspondence. Think it over and don't wait for your neighbor to represent your town. Drop us a line, and we will furnish stationery and necessary postage.

EXCURSION RATES on all railroads into this western country will be in effect after September 1 and will continue until October 31. Advise your friends and relatives that contemplate visiting this country, either for the purpose of making their homes here or even to see the country. We are in our prime during the month of September. The North wind will have ceased to furnish its cooling zephyrs which are always enjoyed by us, but, however, come uninvited, and the delightfully fresh atmosphere will compare favorably with the Indian summer our Eastern friends have. It is your duty, not only to your own better interests, but to the entire community in which you live, to assist to bring in new people. The desirable resident will always find the word "welcome" written in big letters on the portals of our town, and if you can assist in any way to help to bring this class of people into this country, you are doing your share toward the upbuilding of this town. The new Development Association are doing their utmost to attract new comers, and if you will take your copy of this paper and send it to a friend desirous of making Oregon his home, he will read of the opportunities and advantages we have to offer, elsewhere in this paper.

MISTAKES ARE BOUND to happen. A turned or a dropped letter may often cause comment, but here is a mistake that was never forgiven and was certainly unavoidable on the part of the management. Several years ago, while living at a summer resort in Minnesota, we had occasion to witness the results of a serious, yet laughable, item. A lady of

rather uncertain age had succeeded in landing a man, and the wedding was the topic of the place. It was a swell affair, and naturally an especially elaborate write-up was expected. The article had been written, was in type, and all corrected for the paper. A traveling tourist, a knight of the quad and space, was traveling through the country and had worked enough the day previous in the office to succeed in getting an admirable "jag," and on this day was assisting in the "make up." A steambot on the lake had been on the ways for repairs, and an article about it had also been set. In making up, and between drinks, he mixed the two articles together in such a manner as to make the description of the bride read as follows: "Miss Blank was the daughter of So and So and has a host of friends. She had been hauled ashore on the south beach of the lake and propped up, and in the course of the next few days would be thoroughly scraped and receive a much needed coat of paint. Her new owner made a lucky buy, etc." The editor could not explain satisfactorily, and the tourist typo was hitting the high places on the run when last seen.

The Only Just Solution.

It is of consequence that there be no clouding of the issue with reference to the Southern Pacific land grant. It will be harmful to the cause of forfeiture if it becomes understood that it is the purpose to oust one crowd and install another. In a fight to save the lands, it is essential that every contention be scrupulously just and in perfect good faith. In such struggles, to be justly armed, is thrice armed.

If bad faith be a ground on which the railroad should forfeit the lands, it is equally good ground for individuals whose good faith may be questioned not to be beneficiaries of proposed forfeiture. It is common knowledge that large numbers of those who are seeking to compel the railroad to sell the lands to them at \$2.50 per acre will have their claims of actual settlement contested.

"Actual settler" does not mean having a home in one place and claiming residence in another. It is an issue on which the railroad is likely to meet and defeat the efforts of many of those who are claiming a squatters residence on the lands they are seeking to have sold to them at \$2.50 per acre.

Besides, if the railroad has lost its right to the land by bad faith, true ownership is in the government, which is the people. In that case it would be wholly unjust to sell lands worth \$50 to \$100 per acre to a few squatters at \$2.50. If law is justice and right, a duty, that is almost certain to be the view the courts and congress will take, and forfeiture will have for its consequence the disposal of the lands in such a way that the equities will fall, not to a handful of people, but to all the people, to whom of right the lands belong, share and share alike. Upon this broad principle there is good ground upon which to fight forfeiture, because back of the issue will be good faith, the right, and sound principles of justice. These are credentials with which to win; any other tempts fate and invites defeat.—Journal.

Oregon Development League.

Special Correspondance.

Portland, Aug. 15.—The Oregon Development League continues to gain new members. The last organization to enter the Oregon family group are the Des Chutes Valley Development League, of Redmond, and the Woodburn Commercial Club.

A. Bennett, of Irrigon, and judge Geo. T. Baldwin, of Klamath Falls, Vice Presidents of the Oregon Dev-

elopment League have agreed upon a special State badge, for all delegates to the National Irrigation Congress at Sacramento, Sept. 2-7. The word Oregon and the beaver prominent features of the badge. The committee have instructed Tom Richardson, Secretary of the League, to receive seventy five cents each from delegates desiring to wear this badge.

Medford occupied the center of the stage last week with a fruit carnival and the annual meeting of the State Horticulture Society. The attendance was large.

Portland expects to entertain ten thousand visitors from different parts of the state on the occasion of the visit of Secretary Taft September 6th. A rate of fare and a third from Roseburg and points north, and from Pendleton and points west, has been made for this occasion.

Mr. Albert Phenix, staff correspondent of the manufacturer's Record of Baltimore, Maryland, will spend this week in Oregon.

People all over the State are hungry for more details of the colonist rates. Letters are arriving from all sections of the State, asking for exact rates from different points throughout the United States, to Oregon. From Kansas City and other Missouri River points, St. Paul, Duluth, and Winnipeg, the rate is \$25, from Oklahoma City and St. Louis \$30, Chicago \$33, Buffalo \$42.50, Cincinnati and Louisville \$38, Des Moines \$29, Indianapolis \$35.85, Boston \$49.50, New York \$50, Pittsburgh \$42, Memphis \$37.20, Birmingham, Alabama, \$44.00. Each ticket is \$2.50 less when bought to points east of Umatilla. The rates given above cover almost the entire country, and are the same proportionately from all smaller stations. Keep in mind that tickets must be bought reading to your own station.

Port Orford Notes.

From the Tribune.

John R. Miller went up to Bandon last Saturday with his top buggy and high stepper, and returned Sunday with his wife, who has been visiting her friends in Coos for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Beecher Jess, while badly broken out with the measles, gave birth to a little daughter Sunday, and although fatal consequences were prophesied, we are glad to report that both mother and child are doing well up to the present.

The Knapp hotel has been crowded with strangers during the past week, some going North, some south and some into the mountains. These strangers represent many states and many professions, while some are on pleasure bent.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells who reside on Sixes, had the misfortune to lose their baby, which died last Friday of the whooping cough, aged six months. The little child was buried Saturday in the Port Orford Cemetery. We know how the stricken hearts shall mourn and how desolate for a time the home shall be; but time tempers all things, and consolation comes to us in the thought that we do not know what may be for the best.

State Game Warden Baker when here, instructed Deputy Wright of Port Orford to prosecute Geo. W. Axtel for again killing deer in the close season. Axtel was arrested Monday by B. W. Deane, but as Wright is now in bed with the measles the case will have to be postponed for a few days.

While working in Frank McMullen's creamery at Denmark, Willie Sabin, adopted son of J. H. Upton, while handling a steam hose received the full force of the hot steam directly in one of his eyes, literally cooking the eye-ball and no doubt destroying the sight. Dr. Mann was called in haste and treated the eye, but says it will be some time before the effect of the terrible injury can be determined.

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