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District Built Railroads

In Idaho and Oregon within the last two years ten conventions and representative gatherings have met to consider the construction of railroad by districts the money to be secured by bonding the land benefited. Railroads make land more valuable. They add from \$20 to \$500 an acre to agricultural land, especially in the state of Oregon; where they make fruit shipments possible. In California irrigation canals costing many millions have been constructed in this manner. The construction of railroads by bonding the lands benefited and keeping the enormous values thus created in the hands of the people owning the land instead of in the hands of the Wall street speculators may seem a little startling, but if the people are willing to let any railroadless district try it perhaps it may be a way out of paying dividends on watered stock or doing without transportation. It is up to the people.

The Bandon Spirit

People who attended the recent street carnival at Bandon were impressed by the fact that Bandon is one of the Coos county towns that actually does things and that without a great deal of bluster. Not only did it carry off successfully a series of entertainment that would have done credit to a large city, but it actually inaugurated railroad construction while other places have been talking railroad for years with very little accomplishment. The Bandon way is for everybody to get in and push when anything for the town's betterment is proposed. There appear to be no shirkers, no kickers and blame few of the people who prefer to stand back and advise a different course from that being pursued. The result will be that Bandon will be somewhere while other towns are thinking of starting. Everyone admires the Bandon way of doing things and if the entire county could get the Bandon spirit the achievement in the next few years would be something marvelous.—Enterprise.

Irrigation Loan

In recommending that \$50,000,000 be loaned to the various irrigation projects our president has made a very good impression. If Speaker Cannon does not veto the scheme Oregon will see completed several districts that will make a few thousand acres, now comparatively valueless, alone exceed \$50,000,000. Other states will obtain even greater values added to their assets, for Oregon will not get more than 20 per cent of the loan, and probably not that.

There are millions of acres in the West which are now practically valueless, that would support a good sized family on five or ten acres, if the water could be obtained for irrigation purposes. If the government would loan \$50,000,000 to irrigation projects, it would be restored to the government ten fold in the next twenty years and at the same time, hundreds and thousands of families that are now simply

eking out an existence would be able to make a comfortable living and lay up money with comparative ease.

Value of Fruit Canning

The Dalles Observer says that there is an opening for a fruit cannery there, and that berries and small fruit grow well. It has been demonstrated that an established cannery raises the value of lands within four miles suitable for its products from \$25 to \$200 an acre. A manufacturer putting his money into a cannery risks more and makes less than the land owners. A cannery enables a farmer, who could barely make a living before, to be able to retire on his rental income after a cannery has run a year or two and given indication of remaining. The farmers around Bandon would find it much to their benefit to start a fruit cannery proposition as it would greatly enhance the value of their property. Here is an excellent proposition for the newly organized Grange to take up. There is nothing they could do that would be of greater benefit to themselves and to the community at large. A fruit cannery of large enough capacity would produce a market for all the fruit they could raise and make them independently rich in a comparatively few years.

Freight Rates Yet too High

Railroad tolls in the Pacific Northwest, between the interior and tidewater, have been reduced by railroad commissions of two states. But they are not low enough. They are based on the mountain haul across Cascade Mountains. They ought to be based on the water-grade haul of the Columbia River.

The present unnatural state of things will endure only temporarily. Ultimately, railroad rates like tolls on all other commodities, will reach a figure which depends upon the cost of the service rendered and nothing else. When they are fixed in any other way they are artificial and cannot be permanent. The haul from the inland Empire to Portland follows a natural route established by the Creator when he made the mountains and sundered them to let the Columbia River flow through to the sea. It is down hill all the way and, therefore, costs less than the haul over the mountains does. The lesser cost of the haul will in the long run be represented by a lower freight charge. Temporarily by one device and another Portland may be deprived of the advantages which nature has bestowed upon it, but in the end the balance will swing even and it will get its dues. Shippers will then pay a fair rate for a water-level haul, instead of as now, a high charge, for a hard uphill pull over the Cascade Mountains. The rates fixed by the commissions of Oregon and Washington are still too high.—Oregonian.

End of the World

The expectations that some day the world will come to an end should not be dismissed as an idle superstition. The subject deserves more respectful attention. Science as well as Hebrew literature, affords

grounds for believing that the earth will be destroyed sooner or later. Just when the catastrophe will happen, nobody except a few fanatics pretend to know, nor is the manner of it at all certain.

H. G. Wells, is one of his famous speculations, foretells a time when the workers of the world will dwell underground. The idlers will linger upon the surface among the ruins of our cities and will be butchered for their flesh by the more energetic toilers as cattle are now. This pleasing state of things will be followed by the extinction of the sun and a general freeze up. Anatole France gives a vivid description in the "Garden of Epicurus" of the earth after life has disappeared and everything is congealed. Most speculators in fact agree that we shall all be dead either by starvation or cold long before the end of the world, so that the final smash up need not worry us a great deal. It is bound to occur, however. Most likely it will be brought to pass by the earth's crashing into the sun, but before that happens some wandering planet may strike our sphere. In either event all that would be left of man and his world would be a small cloud of faintly luminous vapor.

But let us not worry. The end of the world is too far off to concern the human race. Man will probably not inhabit the planet when it comes he will have vanished with the kindly conditions that give him life and earth for many aeons will be, as Tennyson tells us, "Childless and forlorn.—Oregonian.

Winston Churchill is one of the leading English statesmen. Recently he said in a public speech: "Formerly the only question of the tax gatherer was, 'How much have you got?' We ask that question still, but now a new question has arisen. We ask, How did you get it? Was it gained by supplying the capital which industry needs? or by denying, except at an extortionate price, the land which industry requires? Was it derived from active reproductive processes? or merely by squatting on some piece of necessary land till enterprise and labor had to buy you out." When we of Oregon begin to ask such questions of our land owners there will be as great a scarrying of land monopolists as there is now in England. We may be asked it soon.

Winter's Reading

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Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

A PROPOS of honesty being the best policy, there are those who esteeme success as going honestly one better on that score.

Common sense offers the best security for getting on in any undertaking.

The limelight doesn't deter a really energetic, self seeking, determined man from using his best efforts.

The man who does the thinking act isn't often cheered by the gallery gods.

The man who talks a lot about his own good qualities probably recognizes the necessity for thus boosting them.

Some men do as they like, but expect their wives to reverse the operation and like as they do.

Keep on good terms with yourself and you may possibly get an occasional favor.

The inequitable individual who insists on battling in should not be surprised and hurt at an occasional knock-out.

We sometimes think that a dollar doesn't go very far, but most of them get so far away that they never get back.

Probably the salvation of the race is the fact that women just won't keep still.

Warning.

When you hear
The wild
A-calling
Do not heed
The cry.
Round
The campfire
So romantic
Troubles multiply.
Ants
Your pants
Will look upon
As a roosting
Place.
Chiggers,
Small, but strong,
Will lend you
Quite
A merry race.
Snakes
Are hiding
In the grasses,
Creeping things
Are holding
Classes,
Studying
Your style.
Bold and forward
Bats
May bite you
If it is
Worth while.
List the music
The mosquito
Round your head
Is humming.
You may know
When he gets busy
Something then
Is coming.
Tuneful, though,
May be his message,
He's a gay deceiver.
He will hand you
In a minute
Several brands of fever.

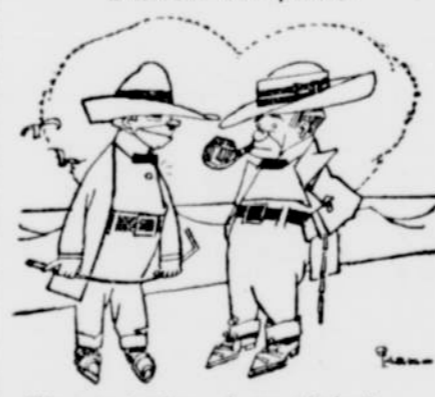
More Modern.

"Where are you learning to swim?"
"In the water."
"Oh, indeed?"
"Where did you suppose?"
"I didn't know but what you might be taking a correspondence course."

Wishing Them No Harm.

"He is the champion dead beat."
"How did he get the title?"
"By beating every one he comes in contact with."
"Introduce me. I have a few enemies I want to have him meet."

Different Viewpoints.



"No use trying. I am all in."
"Why so blue?"
"I am down to my last hundred dollars."
"Cheer up! I haven't yet reached my first hundred."

The Same!

"What kind of chickens are those?"
"Cochin-China."
"Ah, I see! They are the kind that lay the dear little china nest eggs."

Large Field.

"You can't fool all of the people all of the time."
"No, but you can fool enough of them to keep reasonably busy."

Nearly Perfect.

"Can he swim?"
"Yes. He is a fine swimmer."
"And dive?"
"Like a flying machine."

Desperate.

"Who is she going to marry?"
"The Duke De Gail."
"I didn't suppose his fortunes were so low as that."

Only Hope.

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Among the ancient things
Unless it can ingeniously
Annex a pair of wings.

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