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Will the "Pork Bar" be Abolished?

Are we to believe from the turn that the agitation pertaining to inland waterways improvement has taken, that Congress is going to knock the head out of the "pork bar," smash in the staves, and throw the wreck into the political scrap heap? Such a conclusion is almost inconceivable.

Yet that is clearly what President Taft has in mind as one of the chief advantages to result from providing for internal improvements by bond issue, and in that it is a contemplated reform that is almost revolutionary in character.

For the larger benefit of the country the "busting" of the "pork bar" is a step to be desired. As its largeness is now distributed it is made the conservator of undue power in the hands of the speaker, and the basis of trading among Congressmen in matters where the interests of the whole country are brought in conflict with the advantages of a particular section, or where they are set at naught by catering to the personal ambition of a particular Congressman.

The general public is too familiar with the method of "pork bar" manipulation that operates to the

enactment of undesirable legislation to make any detailed discussion of the matter at all necessary. It might be the contention of the West or the South that the preponderating influence of the East would deprive those sections of their proper share of Federal attention in the matter of internal improvement. But this contention will not hold. As it is the distribution of such Federal aid in the hands of a comparatively small coterie of Eastern Congressmen. Then chances of any section would be as good under the bond issue as under the present arrangement; while the chief manipulators would be shorn of power that is now used to the positive detriment of the Nation at large. But will that power be wrested from the hands of those men? That's the important question.—Telegram

Coos County Apples

The Myrtle Point Enterprise says: "A Marshfield newspaper, in stating that this is not an apple country quotes a couple of buyers as stating that they were unable to purchase from 1,700 to 2,000 boxes of apples in the county. It is possible that there are not many prize apples in the county, and it may be that the Marshfield editor is judging

the country by his immediate surroundings, but to get the matter straight so that outside people will not think that we do not raise apples here. The Enterprise wants to state that one Myrtle Point firm is shipping 4,000 boxes of apples this season and the fruit growers association expects to ship at least 3,000 boxes if the weather will permit the packers to finish their work. This will make a total of 7,000 boxes being shipped from this point, not to mention the boxes that are being kept for home consumption, and the packers and shippers have been particular as to the quality of fruit shipped, throwing aside apples that were as good as any to use, but not perfect in form or coloring. This for immediate proof that this is an apple country. During the past few years there has been a noticeable development of the fruit growing industry. Thousands of new trees have been set out and thousands of old trees have been pruned into shape and grafted to bring forth better fruit. The upward tendency of prices for fruit now being marketed will be better argument for further advancement in the business, and it will not be a surprise if, within four or five years this valley will be marketing thousands of boxes of apples that will equal those produced in any section on the coast."

Westward Ho!

Unless all signs fail one of the most remarkable immigration movements in the history of the country is about to begin. The hosts are mobilizing in the Mis-

issippi valley and their point of destination is largely the state of Oregon. Some may go to Washington and California, but all are looking for the land of greatest opportunity and by investigating they find that to be Oregon.

As has been the case with the homeseekers movement during recent years, the intending immigrants are for the most part, well-to-do and thrifty people. The motive for a change of residence is to enter a land of wider opportunity to establish better homes and thus enjoy prosperity in a larger degree.

These people have done well in the middle west, have raised big crops, marketed them well and consequently have money in their pockets. They are coming with their families and household goods to settle in a land where greater opportunities and more agreeable climate are to be found, so they can enjoy life in its fullest extent.

While we do not desire to depopulate the east and middle west, yet we welcome all who come, and there will probably be enough left in the eastern sections to monopolize all the opportunities that are to be picked up in that region.

Lean Years Upon Us

James J. Hill, the great railroad magnate is authority for the statement that "the lean years are upon us." He bases his conclusions on the fact that there is going to be a shortage in the nation's food supply and in this connection Secretary James Wilson says it is because the farmers are not getting as much from the soil as could be obtained by more systematic and intensified

farming, and Mr. Wilson is right, but there is another way of putting a stop to the "lean years," and that is by getting a means of transportation to what are now remote sections of the country. This is an obstacle that Mr. Hill, and other men of his class could materially help if they so desired.

In these sections there are thousands of tons of foodstuffs going to waste every year because the producer cannot get them to the people who would consume them, owing to the lack of transportation facilities.

Southwestern Oregon alone could feed a million people if they only had a means of getting what they produce to the people. There are other remote sections in the very same condition and they are experiencing the same trouble.

With proper means of transportation to all sections of the country there would be no trouble in supplying all the foodstuffs necessary for all the people for generations to come. We have not reached our "lean years" so far as being able to produce is concerned, it is only because the men who have the transportation in control, are behind the times.

The Mail Service

The Coquille Valley Sentinel says: "They do say the entire blame for the present condition of mail service in Coos county lies with the howlers of Marshfield." We do not profess to know where it lies, but we do know that the service is pretty rank at present. We don't get any Sunday mail down at this end of the county either, and it has missed on a few other dates as well. No one is more grieved over the situa-

tion than the post masters and post mistresses of the county, and others who are directly associated with the mail service, as they are compelled to bear the brunt of attack from a displeased public and have no redress whatever.

Hearst and Gaynor

The Portland Journal says: "In big type the New York Journal of November 1 said: 'Hearst and Gaynor both spoke last night. Gaynor's hall could seat 1500 people. Less than 500 were there. Sixteen thousand listened to Mr. Hearst and 40,000 were turned away at the door. Hearst will be elected by 325,000 votes.' 'The next morning it was different.'"

This is another evidence of the truth of the passage of scripture which says, "Not everyone that saith unto me Lord! Lord! shall enter into the kingdom of heaven." It is also true that not everyone who cried Hearst! Hearst! voted for the standing candidate

"Discontent," says the Tacoma Labor World, "pervades the whole social atmosphere." You may bet it does, and always will. Sancho Panza, the great philosopher described it as a contention between the Have-nots and the Haves. Whenever this struggle ceases you may depend there will not be much doing in this world. But as fast as men accumulate property, as often as men pass from the Have-nots to the Haves, the situation from their point of view changes. Discontent, therefore is a variable factor. It is on one side today; on the other side tomorrow. Besides, there is little content among the Haves. Their vices often bother them. They get into the divorce courts. Discontent, in one way or another, is a condition of human existence. They have least of it who milk their cows and hoe their cabbages.—Oregonian

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