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A State Fruit Exhibit

The suggestion of Mr. Atwood, president of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, that one general exhibit embracing all sections of the state should be made each year, probably in November, in Portland, will doubtless lead to immediate results.

As a matter of fact, nothing could be devised, not alone to bring together such an exhibit for the benefit of Oregon people, but for the benefit of the exhibitors themselves. We are too apt to conclude that there is only one section of the state in which fruit can be raised to a degree approaching perfection, and in this way, give forth the impression to the world that but a small strip of territory is so favored in Oregon. On the contrary there are several very large sections of the state in which fruit can be raised to perfection! The remark we know is quite as true of the southern section of the state as it is of the Hood River district. But there are other sections not so well known in this respect as they ought to be, largely because the attention in the cultivation of fruit is not given them. All these sections have much to profit from exhibitions. Practical knowledge comes from comparisons. If the fruitraisers have nothing but their own products to measure their

advancement, there will be little actual progress. But if the same raisers are brought into competition with other raisers who pursue more advanced methods and are seeking a highest standard on the product because it pays highest, it is only reasonable to suppose there will be a spirit of emulation aroused that will lead to higher standards in all parts of the state. If there was nothing else to be hoped for from the annual exhibitions at Portland embracing all parts of the state, it would be well worth while for that alone.—Telegram.

Who Are Insurgents?

Senator Cummins, of Iowa, insists that the men in congress representing the "interests" will be the real insurgents at this session of congress and refuses to be read out of the Republican party because of his "progressive" views.

Here is another man who will be an opposer to Aldrich and Cannon, no less a person than Representative Fowler, deposed by Cannon as chairman of the committee on banking and currency, though he comes not from the west but from New Jersey.

He declares it to be "perfectly clear that unless the Republican party gets rid of Aldrichism and Cannonism the people will get rid

of the Republican party;" "also that "the people's hopes have been turned to disgust and their faith to resentment." He predicts "a thunderbolt of righteous indignation and punitive wrath," that will "strike, shatter and paralyze the Republican party unless it utterly repudiates Aldrichism and its subservient instrument Cannonism." Mr. Fowler is a man with a personal grievance, and seems prone to indulge in hyperbole, yet he may not be very far wrong. Insurgency is likely to increase rapidly next year.

The Doctor and the Mine

Seven times Dr. L. B. Howe went down the burning shaft of the mine at Cherry, and each time brought back suffocating, half-dead men; seven times, until it were no longer possible to descend through the fire and fumes and until his hands were but masses of blisters. He had saved 25 lives.

Once in a while stories are told of doctors who have refused to attend patients until shown the color of the money. Such instances are so infrequent that they stand out as startling blemishes upon the profession, are gossiped and retailed and exaggerated. And yet if all schools bred so many men who make personal sacrifices, who practice charity with so little ostentation, and count so many real heroes to their credit as the medical colleges, would one hear then, we wonder discussions of the success or failure of university training.—Coos Bay Times.

Try alfalfa meal for chickens and cattle Estabrook Warehouse. 30t

The President's Message

President Taft has sent his first regular message to congress, and it is a clear cut, cool headed message, for the most part. Some of the chief features of the message are the recommendation to establish postal savings banks without waiting for the report of the monetary commission, this is a good recommendation and will no doubt be passed unless Aldrich and Cannon get in their work to defeat the measure which is of the greatest benefit to the people. Mr. Taft also recommends the ship subsidy bill, which we think is not a good one. This is a species of special legislation for enrichment of a few at the expense of all. It will also add to the riches of those already rich, for none but the rich are ship owners, and only they can avail themselves of the subsidies, but more than all these reasons is the fact that foreign vessels are carrying our goods more cheaply than our home merchant marine, and with the establishment of a ship subsidy bill which will drive away foreign vessels, the prices of carrying commodities would still be increased. Let the American ship owners build their own steamships, as they can easily afford to do.

For Good Roads

Everyone who is interested in the development of a country is also interested in its road system. There has been considerable movement in Oregon during the past few years toward bettering the condition of the roads but there are always obstacles to encounter when it comes to per-

fecting a project of so great magnitude.

During the recent floods and rains much road work has been destroyed all over Oregon. The efforts of enterprising communities to get passable roads has been most praiseworthy, and in every county in the state the farmers have been struggling to cheapen the wear and tear of horseflesh in getting to market. The demands upon the resident taxpayer will be heavy to make up for the devastation. Now is the time to go to the assessor and persuade him that the empty timber sections of the absentee speculator, the big tracts of wild land held by the do-nothings, are as valuable as the little clearings of the actual working farmer. It assessed accordingly either would be great relief to the man with the hoe.

Ballinger on Railroad Lands

Whatever may be said of Secretary Ballinger trying to sell out to the big corporations is considerably refuted in his proposal to survey and patent the lands of the railroads. This would bring much revenue to Oregon. If this law were passed the railroad land could then be assessed and treated as other property. If taxed at half its actual worth the monopoly would let go of some of it, and thereby make way for the many men seeking homes. It is home builders we want in Oregon, of course we want the railroads too, but we do not want them to secure our valuable land and then hold it indefinitely and never build their roads.

There is a reason in all things, and if the railroads want to hold their lands, they should pay taxes

on them the same as the small owner, who is trying to make a home and support his family by honest toil.

Street Cars on Coos Bay

From all appearances Coos Bay is to have an electric street railway from Marshfield to North Bend. That looks like business. The more improvements the various towns in Coos county make the more people will come here, and the sooner we will get outside railroad connections. We do not know of any prospective street railway for Bandon, but other improvements and industries are in contemplation that bid fair to make the population and business interests of Bandon increase in proportion to that of the other towns in the county. A pull all together will bring greater prosperity to Coos county than has ever been known before.

Wheat shipments from Portland and Puget Sound to California ports for the first five months of the current cereal year have reached a total of 2,702,014 bushels. This compares with 1,708,359 bushels for the same period five years ago and 116,934 bushels for the same five months in the season of 1899-00. Ten years is a brief period of time in which to bring about such a remarkable economic change as has taken California out of a prominent place in the ranks of exporting countries, and placed her with the heavy importers of the premier cereal. It has required, however, but one decade to accomplish this wonderful change in our neighboring state, and, as the change has been to the advantage of California by releasing the wheat land for more profitable crops, no regrets are felt by the new customers for our surplus wheat—Oregonian.

IF BY WORKING ONE-THIRD TIME FOR
THREE YEARS YOU COULD OPEN

A GOLD MINE

AND TAKE OUT THIRTY THOUSAND
DOLLARS. WOULD YOU LIKE
TO DO IT?

By buying an orchard tract on the easy terms offered by the OREGON COAST CO. you can have a larger income than \$30,000 will produce. The difference being that the gold mine is improbable while the orchard is a SURE THING.

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