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TOO GOOD FOR EARTH.

What an age is ours! We are a resourceful people. Our societies are eternally unearthing something new by way of entertainment and it is about an even wager that the latest fad is about as silly as its predecessor, but it serves its purpose and is, therefore, all right. Now and then something worth while comes to light and keeps us from utter darkness.

Among the latest things to claim attention is a club started by Portland girls. The organization is to be known as the "Anti-Gossip Club." "Deliver us not into temptation"—poor girls! The entire world is fatted on gossip—men and women, boys and girls, in a large majority of cases, love to gossip. Nearly all of us are tattlers, but some are worse than others. In spite of the conditions we find these girls organizing an anti-gossip club. Will the organization survive, think you? Human nature has first to undergo a radical change.

These girls, probably with the best possible intent, are deliberately placing themselves face to face with the greatest temptation of their lives. Frail, indeed, is human nature and it is fore-ordained that the life of this club is to be of but few days. The sisterhood will find it harder not to gossip than to remember the "Golden Rule." Sisters, we grieve for you, knowing that your "Anti-Gossip Club" was born into an atmosphere too severe for anything of such Heavenly nature.

WILL YOU NAME THEM?

While the indications are that the matter of revision of tariff schedules as set forth by the Dingley bill will have some supporters in Congress, it is safe to predict that railway rate regulation will take up more time than any other item. There are many to be found who for some reason or other cling to the idea of tariff tinkering. It looks like this matter was to be a fight to a finish and that the issue was to be worn to a frazzle and carried to a point where its backers would all be "killed off."

Let us ask wherein is there the greatest need of revision? Who will undertake to settle this point, treating these United States as a whole and ignoring the needs of small localities? Charles A. Moore, in a recent speech at a banquet of the National Machine Tool Builders' Association, issued the following challenge:

If the advocates of tariff revision, reciprocity or any other change or form of tariff law will name twenty articles out of the great schedule of the Dingley Tariff, from a reduction of the duty on which a greater benefit than injury will result to the greatest number of citizens, I am ready to join them in advocating that change.

So far we have heard nothing from anybody who might have the temerity to undertake the naming of any twenty articles on which the Tariff could be reduced with resultant benefits to both producer and consumer. No one can name these articles.

Questions Asked.

A few days ago the following dispatch went out from Salem with reference to the direct primary law in Oregon:

In addition to answering numerous inquiries from residents of this state in regard to the meaning of some of the provisions of the direct primary law, Secretary of State Dunbar is frequently asked questions by people in other states, who are anxious to

know how the law operates in Oregon.

Recently an Eastern correspondent propounded this question: "How do you determine what questions and principals shall be advocated by the party, and how is the party platform formed?" Another correspondent wanted to know if the direct primary law does not have a tendency to disorganize the political parties. With reference to the first question, Mr. Dunbar could not give a definite answer, because it is a matter entirely outside of the law, and neither of the political parties in this state has yet decided how it will formulate a party platform.

Regarding the second inquiry, Mr. Dunbar said the law had not been in force long enough in this state to determine what effect it will have on party organization.

Mr. Dunbar states that while it is his duty under the law to place the party stamp, Republican or Democrat, on each candidate filling the requirements, he will not guarantee the goods to be all wool and a yard wide.

A Golden Opportunity.

We are informed that a special meeting of the city council is called for tonight to consider the matter of granting a franchise to a company whereby Corvallis may secure electric power unlimited. It was thought that there would be a petition for franchise presented the council at the meeting of that body Monday night. But such was not the case.

A number of prominent men were interviewed on the matter of franchise and protection sought by those proposing to furnish the city electric power. There were some objections to what was proposed by the projectors and no petition was presented, as it was thought wiser to present a petition as free as possible from any objectionable features.

Within a few years the city has the right to purchase the present electric light plant by giving one year's notice. It is well to safeguard the city's interests, but it is not wise to go mad on municipal ownership. There is no doubt but that a golden opportunity is now offered our people to secure a plant that will furnish power night and day, sufficient for all requirements for years to come and at rates far below the cost of steam power. Will the possibility of some day making a municipal ownership proposition of our present electric light plant be the means of keeping Corvallis from securing first-class electric power? We hope not, nor do we think it will.

The company does not ask an exclusive franchise and only asks protection in the way of poles, right of way, etc., for a given term of years. Power, cheap, too, at that, will be available for all purposes from a coffee mill to a woolen mill. The power will likely be furnished from the Santiam river and transmitted from Albany to Corvallis. If we can secure this power, we will then be on an equal footing with our sister cities and others will be compelled to watch us grow.

Propose New Law.

The State Land Board hit upon a plan which may enable it to secure desirable timber land upon which it may file state lien and land script.

Under the present Federal law the state cannot file on unsurveyed land. As fast as the government completes a survey of public land, and plats are filed in the local land office, all desirable sections are taken up by settlers who have been located by timber cruisers. The latter make it their duty to watch out for new surveys, and are usually waiting for the plats to be filed.

The plan is to have Congress amend the land law, so that the state can file on the unsurveyed land. If this is done, the state land agent can examine timber in districts that have not been surveyed and select good timber lands in large tracts, upon which lien land script can be filed. By this means the state will have a

prior right to the individual, and would not be subject to the competition with the timber cruisers, who are always on the lookout for desirable timber land.

State Land Agent Oswald West has just returned from a visit to Senator Fulton, at Astoria, where he submitted such a proposition to the Senator for an amendment to the National land law. Senator Fulton was favorably impressed with the suggestion, and promised to try to have such a law enacted at the coming session of Congress.

Teachers, Pupils, Patrons.

In order to meet the conditions in the city and rural schools, the State Course of Study was revised last summer by Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. H. Ackerman. Each school in our county has been supplied with a copy of this new edition. According to the present advantages every country school can be thoroughly graded. Much of the responsibility—if not all—in enforcing this course depends upon the teacher.

Our teachers have it within their reach to perform a great work by seeing the rural schools planted on a better footing. The need of this calls for no comment. It is a pleasure to note the excellent services already rendered in carrying out the old course by our teachers. The defects of the original course of study have been eliminated, and many excellent new features have been added by the revised course.

In order to further stimulate the interest among the patrons and pupils, Superintendent Denman has had some certificates of promotion from the various divisions printed. There are three divisions in the course. The first, second and third grades embrace the "Primary Division;" the fourth, fifth and sixth grades the "Intermediate Division;" and the seventh and eighth grades the "Advanced Division." Hereafter pupils will receive a certificate on passing a satisfactory examination.

Observations of Bird Flight.

Writing on the subject of air currents as relates to the flight of birds, James Newton Basket contributes the following in the Scientific American:

I recently found myself in a position to confirm the conclusions about the connection of upward current of air and the soaring of birds, etc., as set forth by your correspondent, J. E. Walker, in your issue of the 14th. About the last days of the past September I was gazing into the sky and I noted an extraordinary number of gossamers going south and rising rapidly. Some that were low showed streamers, and when I procured a field-glass and examined them closely, I found that all such, for hundreds of feet upward, had these streamers pointed almost directly upward from the great bunch or center of the gossamer. This indicated a strong upward current, which seemed to be so local as to have had its origin only about a fourth of a mile northeast of me; but this may have been an erroneous impression.

Later, I began to notice an occasional butterfly, of the usual large brown kind, known as the "milk-weed butterfly," sailing rapidly with the current when high up, while later still I saw many making spiral mountings with not a wing flap, in the well-known manner of turkey vultures, hawks, etc. The number of these rapidly increased, as did that of the gossamers, as if they had become suddenly aware of the uprush of warm air and determined to take advantage of it. Much later still others of this species came past me sailing with the wind, at a very rapid speed, equaling that of the usual bird in direct flight. These were all rather low down, some having to rise to pass the tree-tops. I saw no birds taking advantage of this peculiar condition except that I noted the chimney swifts hawking at very great heights, where the insects had so evidently gone.

Inasmuch as I have always observed vultures, hawks, and other soaring birds engaged in these rising circlings under peculiar atmospheric conditions, usual-



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ly those just preceding a change. I am inclined to the same view with Mr. Walker—that soaring creatures take advantage of these upward currents; and I am strongly inclined to doubt that they can soar under any other conditions for any great distance in a direct line. It is well known, however, that by drifting away with a strong breeze and constantly circling against it vultures can rise, but this is easily accounted for by the two different shaped surfaces which the bird presents, "going and coming."

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Portland, Oregon, August 29, 1905. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, IV. SHERMAN PATY, of Corvallis, county of Benton, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 1065, for the purchase of S. 21 1/2 of Section No. 28 in Township No. 10 S., Range No. 6 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Portland, Oregon, on Monday, the 6th day of November, 1905.

She names as witnesses: Erwin B. Alexander, Thomas R. Graham, James H. Patten, all of Corvallis, Oregon; Robt. Miller, of Portland, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 6th day of November, 1905.

ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

No. 4301. Report of the Condition of the First National Bank of Corvallis, at Corvallis, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, November 9, 1905.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. RESOURCES includes Loans and Discounts (\$177,762.84), Overdrafts, secured and unsecured (\$1,873.18), U.S. Bonds on hand (\$400.00), Premiums on U.S. Bonds (\$32.25), Bonds, securities (\$41,848.88), Banking-house, furniture and fixtures (\$21,707.88), Other real estate owned (\$2,937.44), Due from National Banks—not reserves (\$61,634.94), Due from State Banks and Bankers (\$21,301.22), Due from approved reserve agents (\$7,772.82), Internal Revenue stamps (\$289.90), Checks and other cash items (\$1,447.74), Notes of other National Banks (\$855.00), Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents (\$156.11), LAWFUL MONEY RES. IN BANK, VIZ: Specie (\$39,832.65), Legal-tender notes (\$350.00), Redemption fund with U.S. Treasurer—5 per cent. of circulation (\$2,500.00). Total (\$481,942.71).

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State of Oregon, County of Benton ss: I, Geo. E. Lilly, Cashier of the above-named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. GEO. E. LILLY, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 1905. J. FRED YATES, Notary Public. CORRECT—ATTEST: E. F. WILES, M. S. WOODCOCK, WALTER T. WILES, Directors.

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