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UNION—HER FUTURE—WHAT SHALL IT BE?

Her own people must answer this question. The destiny of their city is in their own hands. No place in Oregon has a brighter future, provided only her people are true to themselves and to their interests.

But we must work. Nothing is ever accomplished without effort. The mine has to be opened before it yields its profit; the field has to be cultivated before the golden harvest.

Its people must be in earnest. They must be united. There must be no jealousies. There must be public spirit. There must be loyalty to their town and section.

We have the situation, the resources and the advantages. Nothing is wanted but effort—work, action, united action, organized action.

Soon the paralysis in business and the unparalleled stringency in the money market, which has hung like an incubus upon prosperity everywhere, will be a memory—a thing of the past.

Already the dawn of prosperity appears in the east. The millions of our gold that went to Europe in the early summers are flowing back. Already money is easy and trade good in the commercial centers.

DEGRADATION OF PENSIONS.

Lieut. Allen R. Foote, the founder of the society of Loyal Volunteers, contributes an article to the Forum, under the above head. Premising that a feeling, mixed with political dread and misadvised motives, that justice joins gratitude in demanding that the nation's ex-soldiers be treated justly, and indignation at the persistent and ever-increasing demands of a certain class of ex-soldiers, has kept men silent and opposition still, he thinks that the scandal has reached a magnitude that calls for a protest, and that this can come from no better source, because free from all doubt of motive, than the ex-soldiers themselves.

does not imply that a pension should be granted. Occupation, opportunity to earn a living, may be given and accepted with mutual benefit. No soldier possessed of a means of gaining a livelihood should ask or be given a pension. For the helpless abundant provision should be made. He regards it as a most humiliating admission that under the dependent pension act there have been granted 114,757 pensions, with 482,181 additional claims filed. Nearly 600,000 ex-soldiers who are willing to admit that they cannot make a living and must be supported. Three-fourths of the 1,208,707 soldiers are now pensioners or applicants. If any of them can earn a respectable living, why shouldn't he? If they are not willing to, why should they be put on a roll of honor? He would have a county commissioner of pensions to co-operate with the citizens in seeing that no worthy volunteer is without aid and that the unworthy get none. If those able to make a living and the unworthy ones are eliminated from the rolls, the pension budget will be one hundred millions less than the estimate for the year ending June 30, 1892.

THE new mortgage tax law which has just gone into effect in Michigan provides for the taxation of mortgages at their face value, no matter where they are owned, the owner of the property which is mortgaged to have his assessment reduced by the amount of the mortgage. It is provided that the taxes on a mortgage may be paid by the owner of the property, and the amount so paid may be applied by him on the interest due the holder of the mortgage. As this is an experiment its results will be closely watched.

THE government and people of Spain propose to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by holding an exposition at Madrid, which will open September 12th, and continue until the 31st of December, 1892. A cordial invitation has been extended to the United States to take part in this commercial relation, and as Spain was one of the first nations to express the intention to participate in the World's Columbian Exposition, it would be very appropriate for this government to give this invitation its friendly promotion.

THE Northern Pacific railroad has succeeded in floating a \$6,000,000 loan in New York which will be used chiefly in improving the grade of road between the Rocky Mountains and Puget Sound, thus enabling the company better to compete with the Great Northern. The terms of the loan are not known.

MORE acreage will be ploughed and sowed to grain this fall in Eastern Oregon than any previous year.

The Nicaragua Canal. The U. S. government ought to undertake and construct this canal without delay, and push work as fast as men and money can do it. It should be made a free waterway by which the ships carrying the wheat and other products of our Pacific coast could pass to the Atlantic cities and to Europe. California, Oregon and Washington should unite and demand this at once of the general government. It should not be left to private enterprise and become a monopoly. The whole country is interested in this great work of great national importance. To see this work being accomplished will increase our love of our country. It would bind in closer ties of commerce and friendship our Atlantic and Pacific coasts. It would increase our commerce on the seas and enable our country to control the trade with South America.

When we reflect upon the great importance of this great enterprise, it appears passing strange that our government has not built this canal years ago. It is necessary for the protection of our Pacific coast, so our vessels can pass from one part of our country to another without sailing around Cape Horn. The immense traffic of California, of the great Columbia valley and of Puget Sound, seeking a market in our Atlantic cities and in Europe, should not be compelled to incur the danger and expense of navigating the rocky coast of Patagonia. Let the representatives of the Pacific coast in congress unite and demand that this great work be undertaken.

DEMOCRATS of the state, not to be outdone by their republican friends, intend to organize for effective work during the coming campaign in this state, and to that end will have a great meeting in Portland in January composed of leading members of the party throughout the state. County and city clubs will be organized and harmony will be the watchword all along the line.

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