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THE FARMER AND THE RAILROADS.

The farmer, in the paper, read the editorial mentions that the public welfare rested on political conventions.

But the trees had leaved and blossomed, and the grass continued growing; all the sprouts of corn were starting, and the farmer went on hoeing.

The wheat grew white and yellow, and the corn was nicely growing; the farmer smoked his pipe in peace, and 'bout his turnips went on hoeing.

All this time the railroad men were busy shaping things political. Why, apparently no one knew—The farmer least of all was critical.

For the earth was filled with plenty, and the time was past for hoeing. Markets everywhere were bare—Surely prospects now were growing.

But when the farmer shipped his grain, little caring, little knowing, what freights were charged to market, it left a truly sorry showing.

The price was high, but so were freights; instead of rich it left him owing. Then wroth the farmer quick became, "Quoth he, What is the use of sowing?"

We laws must have to fair decide what share the carrier, what the grower; but when he came to get the laws, he found 'twas quite beyond his power.

The railroad men had busy been shaping and moulding things political; the reason why now plain to all. The situation somewhat critical.

MORAL.

If farmers will not take an interest in public affairs they may expect to be preyed upon by the railroads. Railroad men now boldly advocate a new principle of fixing charges—viz: "what the traffic will bear," instead of the old one upon which carriers' charges were based—"cost of service."

Once recognize the new theory with watered stock for an excuse and the new pooling system furnishing the power—the productions of a continent are largely at the mercy of the corporations which the people have created.

In order to perpetuate this system, railroad managers naturally seek political power. Both the chairmen of the Democratic and Republican National Committees at this time are railroad men, and railroad money is largely relied upon to run the political machines. Congress, and also many of our State Legislatures, are controlled by the railroads. First, through officers or directors, who become legislators for that purpose; second, and perhaps more largely, through members of the legal profession who are also legislators, and are retained as "counsel" by the railroads; third, through special favors shown all the members.

It is about time that the farmers, who constitute by far the largest single interest in this country, and whose productions are the basis of all our prosperity, should have something to say about the amount they are taxed for transportation.

In England the Farmers' Alliance held the balance of power at the last general election. What is to prevent their organizing in every assembly and congressional district here, and take an interest in politics which would not only protect their own interest, but be an efficient check upon the encroachments of corporations which have been so great of late that all patriotic citizens must view their increasing power with alarm?—*Daily Graphic.*

An Ally for Oregon.

There seems to be considerable perturbation among the yahoos of the East over the appointment of Congressman Frank Page, of California, to the chairmanship of the House Committee on Commerce.

It has long been the disposition of these howlers to hoot at every claim set forth by the Pacific coast, and when a man from this section secures recognition the entire pack set up a howl which re-

verberates across the continent. We consider Congressman Page an able man, and know him to be an indefatigable worker. His record in Congress during his several terms of office has been one of industry and honor. He has shown himself to be the friend of the Pacific coast in the past, and we believe will prove true to his record in the future. Oregon, especially, has suffered in a commercial sense through the negligence of Congress to pass the appropriations asked for to improve her rivers and harbors. This State is now united in demanding aid from the government for the deepening of the channels of the Columbia and Willamette rivers, and we believe we shall find in the new chairman of the Commerce Committee a faithful friend and ally. It is, to say the least, a decided victory for this coast that a congressman from this section should receive so marked a trust.—*Wellcome.*

HOME PROTECTION.

While we, of the United States, have been in so large a measure supplying the world with breadstuffs and other food commodities the rest of the world have been balancing the account with manufactured goods to a much greater degree than we are willing to admit, but it is nevertheless a fact; and it seems, as in years past, that the raw material must continue to be sent abroad, and then, to a large extent, returned to pay for the food material that we are producing in such excessive abundance. This has been the course of trade until the over-plus on our part, under increased producing facilities, has given us such a decided advantage as to invite the grave attention of the nations who must, of necessity, contribute towards this result either in manufactured goods or in coin. Besides, our national revenues are swelling to such a degree as to bring forward the closest reasoning of our economists to lighten the burden of taxation, and at the same time retain the prosperous trade relationship that has been so satisfactorily established during the recent years of our continuous prosperity. To our breadstuffs capabilities may be added the varied other food resources that have been crowding on a European market until the authorities abroad at one time, under some specious pretext, interdicted shipments. Then again, the South is more than over responding to its kingly rule of cotton, and so we find some one of our staple products ruling in almost every section of our land, and all adding to a supply that is augmenting at a rate never before known. To promote or even hold this advancement from a debtor to a creditor position with the world should be the constant study of our people—it should claim our attention beyond all other consideration. Here tariffs enter the field of protection, and here measures for the good of all should absorb a full share of business thought and sagacity.

The problem of the age is how to obtain a profitable market for a surplusage of production, of whatever nature it may be, and whenever or wherever that has been accomplished prosperity will come. Great care, however, must follow in the wake of that accomplishment, for so happy a condition brings a strong desire to push and crowd ahead in a manner that often leads to failure, and it is right here that we, as a nation, must exercise that care and caution that behooves a fast advancing and prosperous country. Al-

ready it is causing alarm among those who have studied the advances and declines of previous years, and these may well bring their thoughtful words of experience to bear upon the fruitful times of the present era of our greatness. It appears as though there were but one expansion of our national progress that needs the warning shouted in its ears, and that is the too rapid extension of our railroad system, particularly the extension on paper for use in the stock market. Few at present seem to realize the mania to which this speculation has been carried, and is still being carried. We are of those who hail railroads as the forerunners of all modern progress and civilization, but we cannot help seeing that this headlong push in building and a greater push in speculating in the securities of railroads will, at some time in the future, call a sudden and peremptory "halt," and when that halt is called, it will be apt to shake the very foundations of our onward progress. We know of nothing that would exercise so potent an influence against us in our foreign trade relations as this, and we may say that its ramifications are so great that we believe it would produce a reversal of the very facts recited in the beginning of these comments, which are now so happily in our favor, and which we should endeavor to foster in every possible way.—*Commercial Herald.*

Drama of Crystal Lake.

About four years ago, the present writer took a silent part in one of the very saddest dramas that can take place among the children of men. It was in Oregon, in winter time, and the occasion was the burial of an immigrant's daughter. She had been the child of their old age, and their hearts clung to her. A stranger—whom we of California would call a tramp—had stopped at her father's house and there died of typhoid fever, and in taking care of the sick and friendless man the pretty young girl herself made a covenant with Death, and so perished in her glory's prime. She was buried on Sunday afternoon in the Masonic cemetery, near Corvallis, which is beautifully named Crystal Lake, and situated on the banks of a wooded bayou putting in from the Willamette river, whose waters then lay cold and motionless in the grasp of winter. A godly company of friends and acquaintances followed her to that sorrowful though poetic abode beside the beautiful stream, itself—

"Always hurried
To be buried
In the bitter, moon-mad sea."

The clergyman read the ever impressive service of the Episcopal church, and when he bade "dust to dust" and the unyielding grave had taken their youngest-born to its cold embrace, I saw the poor old people lift up their eyes in silent, unspeakable distress, and felt my own obdurate heart up-heaving and quivering as though some necromancer had summoned it from the deep sepulcher of its sins. When nearly all had moved away, leaving the sexton to the completion of his melancholy office, one sobbing young girl stopped and looked back with such an aspect of desolation as no words of mine could describe with adequate pathos and holiness. The whole scene was indeed the very poetry of death; the burial of the immigrant's daughter, in the golden days of her betrothal, by what Josquin Miller so often calls the far-off, sun-down seas. When the preacher cried, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," I believed

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