

One of the needs of this country is more people. There is no immediate danger that Clatsop county or northwestern Oregon or southwestern Washington will soon be overgrown. Some parts of the nation are overdone and overrun, but immigration is the life blood of such a sparsely settled region as this. We have an immense amount of raw material that needs to be manufactured and utilized. The field, the forest and the sea abound in natural wealth, and our only partially developed resources call for manufactures. We are importing a great deal that ought to be manufactured, and the money that goes away to manufacturers who have inferior natural facilities to our local resources represents the difference between wealth and poverty. Of course people will buy in the cheapest and sell in the dearest market, and the objection can be made that the local demand is not sufficient to justify manufacturers assuming the risk, and even if started, the competition of larger concerns elsewhere would strangle the local enterprise.

The answer to that lies in the fact itself, plain to anyone that the better article, prices being nearly equal, drives out the poorer. To specify: Where is there a better climate and soil than here for dairy products, for root crops, and yet, butter, cheese, eggs, and turnips are imported from California, and hay and potatoes will be in large quantities this winter. Clatsop county ought to ship large quantities of hay, oats, butter, cattle, etc., every year, and bring in money to extend the business instead of sending thousands of dollars away annually. There surely is local demand for butter, eggs, hay, turnips, cabbage, etc., enough to justify the assertion that this kind of "manufacture" would thrive.

Manufacturing stoves and furniture and clothing and other daily needs are not yet practicable here, though we would all be better off if they were, but the homely products we have alluded to certainly justify their "manufacture" by reason of the steady and increasing demand and the daily drain of ready money to procure them from elsewhere.

AN ENTERPRISING JOURNALIST. THE "Oregon style" of journalism is deservedly obsolescent, but the unique features of another phase of journalistic sentiment are vividly evident in other portions of our beloved country. The "free lance" ranks of unrestrained geniuses with temporary access to type have received a lively reinforcement in the Atchison, Kansas, Daily Times. It flies at its masthead the pregnant motto, "Love for our friends; brimstone for our enemies."

The Times has boldly extended the field of ordinary journalism and has taken the private as well as the public morals of Atchison under its protecting wing. For instance, in a double-leaded leader it sharply admonishes Mrs. Mulford that she should take no more buggy rides with one Bailey Waggener, whom it brands as "a vile leper," "a degraded wretch," "a scandalous villain," etc., etc. Waggener is defended by the other local papers, and the haughty society of Atchison is shaken to its center. The Times stands on lofty ground, arguing that it undertakes its unpleasant duty "for the sake of the church" and morality in general.

But its efforts in behalf of social decorum are tame and rapid compared to its energetic business policy. It takes occasion in its eleventh issue to address "A Plain Talk to the Business Men of Atchison." The merchant princes of that city, it would appear, have heretofore been myopically in their support of the newspapers. This state of affairs must be changed. The Times is booming Atchison, and Atchison must boom the Times. There is "no use being mealy mouthed about it." In bold type this ultimatum is proclaimed: No man can do business in this city unless he advertises his business in this paper. You will all advertise in some way or other. If you don't advertise with us, and do your part of building up a respectable paper in this community—a paper that will be a credit to this city—we will advertise you in a manner that will make your hair stand up on end. This paper is going to live, and if it resolves itself into this proposition, that either you or the Times must perish, we would rather it would be you that would die.

The Atchison editor is well aware that these frank observations may cause "business men to blow up like a lot of tomatos," but he doesn't care. Anticipating that some captious critics may regard such argument as a species of coercion, he observes: "Now, gentle friend, let us whisper something in your ear: If you call us a blackmailer, we call you a liar."

If fortunately free from sudden interruption, the career of that journalist will manifestly be a brilliant one.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE shows that this system of taxation yielded last year \$118,835,737 of revenue, at a cost of \$4,075,000 for collection. Of this amount spirits yielded nearly \$68,000,000, fermented liquors \$22,000,000 and tobacco \$30,000,000. The new tax on oleomargarine, imposed last winter, yielded \$723,000. These few articles are all that remain of a system that once extended to all departments of business and manufactures, and produced at its maximum \$309,000,000 in one year. They are the least onerous taxes that are collected by the government, either national or state. The rate upon spirits and malt liquor is so small—90 cents a gallon on the former and \$1 a barrel on the latter—that the repeal of the tax would not tend to cheapen the article to buyers by the drink. The licenses are paid by the manufacturers and dealer, and are too small to affect the retail price. The tax of eight cents a pound upon tobacco is a burden upon growers, and the special taxes and stamps add somewhat to the cost of a domestic article which is a common luxury.

JULIAN F. MILLS, of Saranac, Mich., has a bump of originality very highly developed. He was arrested last week on a charge of drunkenness and compelled to pay a fine. Naturally enough his fiancée broke off her engagement with him. Instead of suing the girl for breach of promise, Mills has brought suit against the town for \$20,000 damages. He claims that his arrest was unjust, and that the town authorities have alienated his betrothed's affections. The case is unprecedented in the legal records of Michigan, and its outcome will be awaited with interest. If the young man can prove that he was not drunk his fiancée will doubtless return to her allegiance, in which case he certainly would be entitled to \$20,000. If, on the other hand, he was intoxicated, he deserves neither the girl nor the money. The chances seem to be very much against his obtaining the damages.

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES has finally declared that congress alone has the power to legislate on interstate matters, or matters relating to foreign governments. This doctrine of the absolute sovereignty of the general government has never before been so powerfully proclaimed as in the decision referred to, prepared by justice Bradley. "In matters of foreign and interstate commerce," he declared, "there are no states!" The case in which this decision was made was that of a law enacted by congress enabling a railroad company to construct a bridge across the Arthur Kill river, between New Jersey and Staten Island, in New York.

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AN OPEN RIVER. The result of the recent Waterway convention in Astoria is gratifying in that it has awakened some of the people in Oregon and Washington to a knowledge of the importance of the early opening of the Columbia river to navigation through the Cascades and the Dalles obstructions. Here is a river that drains by itself and tributaries, nine-tenths of the Pacific northwest. It is the outlet provided by nature for the commerce of this vast empire. Its bosom is broad enough to float the river craft of America, and the navy of Great Britain could anchor within a dozen miles of its mouth, in fresh water. It is a sure remedy for overcharges by railroads than all the interstate commissions ever appointed. Once open to traffic river craft would increase in numbers, ship building would receive a wonderful impetus, and every industry be stimulated. It was enabled by local lines of railroad built and operated by local capital, to tap every district along the Snake and Columbia rivers and bring its products to the steamers plying on their waters. It would enable the farmer to get more for his grain, the stockraiser more for his beef, and the sheepowner more for his wool. It would prove the greatest boon to the people of Oregon, Idaho and Washington that could be granted or secured.

Heretofore we have waited for congress to make the necessary improvements. Although millions have been squandered in useless naval armaments, idle junketing parties and commissions, and a hundred other criminal ways, the river and harbor bill, the only bill which is of real value to the country's commerce and people, is always fought, and out down, and often set one side altogether. At the last session of congress the bill appropriating several million dollars for naval vessels for which we have no need, was rushed through and signed by the President. The river and harbor bill was pushed and pulled through in a dilapidated state, and voted by the same President. This is likely to occur again. The river and harbor bill is looked upon by many as a big steal. Its true merits are concealed by interested parties, and the average congressman thinks more of getting a speech into the Congressional Record than of investigating for himself. But something must be done. To await the slow and torturous course of congress is useless and exasperating. Local action is necessary and fitting. The state should take hold of the work of improvement within its borders, and with what assistance can be obtained from the National government go ahead and complete the same. It would pay the State of Oregon to appropriate \$1,000,000 yearly for such improvements, and continue to do so until the levees could carry a tow of barges from Lewiston to Astoria without an hour's delay, or the necessity of breaking bulk. The press of the state should agitate this from now until the next session of the legislature. Let the opening of the Columbia river be the one great measure to be insisted on, and see that legislators are elected upon that issue. The interest should not be allowed to wane. A free and open river is a safeguard against extortion of which no one can deprive us.—Astoria Courier.

Greatly Excited. Not a few of the citizens of Astoria have recently become greatly excited over the astounding facts, that several of their friends who had been pronounced by their physicians as incurable and beyond all hope—suffering with that dread monster Consumption—have been completely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, the only remedy that does positively cure all throat and lung diseases, Coughs, Colds, Asthma and Bronchitis. Trial bottles free at W. E. DeWent & Co.'s Drug Store, large bottles \$1.

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