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Printing is the inseparable companion of achievement.—R. T. Porter

### WE NEED MORE BURBANKS

By Richard Lloyd Jones

The boy in school fifty years ago looking upon the map of the United States in his geography found the vast territory between the Pacific Coast states and the Missouri river designated as the Great American Desert.

Since that time the surveyor has clearly defined the state lines, and into these states hundreds of thousands of brave people have pioneered. There today great cities stand, skyscrapers pierce the sky, the hammer is heard, business thrives, the parched lands are kissed with irrigation ditches that drain the glaciers' melting flow and spread bounty and prosperity into the lap of an aggressively progressive people.

On that desert land the great Burbank lives. From out that hopeless wilderness he brought forth fruits that have been the wonder of the world.

Daniel Webster was a wise man. But amazement would make him wiser were he alive today. On the floor of the United States senate he opposed the acquisition of the Oregon territory because he said, "You cannot roll a wheel out there."

Soon after Daniel made this declaration a fellow by the name of Whitman rolled a wheel out there. On his wheel Whitman laid a load of apple roots. With them he planted out there what have grown to be the greatest apple orchards in the world.

The changed map has taught anew the old lesson that all things are possible to the men who deny defeat to the men who dare.

Twenty years ago we used to speak of undeveloped sections as "the last west." As we have closed in on these unsettled places we found the new east.

While developing ways to fertile fields in what was once the desolate desert we learned much. Now abandoned farms in New York and New England are attracting the college trained agriculturist of the West. The Carolinas and the Southern States about them are revealing farms that lure the lowan, than whom there is no better farmer known. Florida, long looked upon as a tangled mass of semi-tropical verdure, is proving to be a matchless garden spot. Good land is everywhere.

Our agricultural colleges are turning out engineers to irrigate and drain; chemists who teach us how to replenish the soil; agronomists who tell us how to grow better grain and captives of commerce who show us how to make a better product and find a better market. These colleges are changing farming from drudgery to a scientific profession.

Lincoln said, "I always plucked the thistle and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow."

Give us more Burbanks; give us more scientifically trained men, and we have land enough in the United States to feed and clothe all the people in the whole wide world.

### CHARITY BY THE MILLION

The Charity Organization Society of New York has not been slow to make capital out of the recent exposure of the beggar on wheels whose chauffeur's financial troubles led to his exposure as a man who maintained an expensive suite in one of the New York hotels, and who, when the day's work of begging was done, strapped on a pair of aluminum legs, donned his evening clothes, and made merry in the bright lights of Broadway.

It appears, for years the man raked in an average of \$100 a day, dropped into his tin can by sympathetic pedestrians who saw him selling pencils.

Now we are told that beggars in the big city take more than \$36,000,000 a year from careless Gothamites and transient visitors, all of which is highly undesirable. However, it ill behooves the Charity Organization of the city to break into the picture.

The object of the Society of course is to put an end to the indiscriminate giving of charity and to make itself the sole means of charitable distribution.

The expense of distributing a dollar through the Charity Organization, however, has several times

been shown to be preposterously high and its notorious wood yard and laundry still remain a stench in the nostrils of many persons whose memories are acute.

Its secret black list, distributed "confidentially" among those who support the organization also has left none too good a taste in the mouths of the people.

It is now being pointed out that the police should put an end to the begging pest.

It is known there are at least 5,000 beggars in New York for one of whom takes in less than \$15 a day.

If the police do make a clean up it might not be a bad idea for the courts to sentence some of these loafers to work on the county farm so that they may learn just where an honest living comes from.

### NATIONAL BUDGET ON TRIAL

The new director of the budget, General Lord, has before him a standard of accomplishment the administration points to with an exuberant feeling of pride.

The books for the fiscal year 1922 recently closed show the year began with a prospective deficit of \$24,468,762 and ended with a surplus of receipts over expenditures of \$313,891,651.

The national debt has been reduced \$1,041,968,844, and a balance of \$272,105,512 remains in the general fund.

It is only fair to say, however, that Secretary Mellon clearly pointed out some months ago that much of the reduction of expenditure is merely a postponement of payments due to a shift in the government's financial operations.

Calm analysis of the results of the budget system do not warrant more than an indication in its favor, though certainly nothing can be said against it. The system has not been put to the test, proof of its efficiency being impossible to date.

With a more complete knowledge of the resources of the government now known and a closer tabulation on expenditures that are elastic, the likelihood is that the new budget which is now in hand will be much more accurate than its predecessor.

When General Lord is ready to report, the public will be in a better position to judge the system and its workings and perhaps to appreciate the groundwork laid by General Dawes.

On its face the budget appears to be working in favor of the American pocketbook.

### OREGON STATE NEWS

The number of persons of school age in Lane county when the census was taken last month was 11,921.

The latest cold snap has threatened a heap of a large crew engaged in packing apples near Tumbler.

The Roseburg turkey market is by far the most inactive the Umpqua valley has known for many years.

The annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association will be held in Portland December 27, 28 and 29.

Plans of incorporation for a \$200,000 tourist hotel at Ashland have been drawn and were sent to Salem for filing.

Scott Ward, 75, native of Oregon and pioneer resident of Linn county, died at his home in Albany after three months' illness.

Salem Heights received first prize for the best community exhibit of vegetables, including corn, at the Marion-Polk corn show held at Salem.

The Bank of Woodburn has compiled statistics, showing the berry pack in Woodburn in 1922 amounted to 2,985,594 pounds, valued at \$291,284.54.

Contract for the construction of the Griswold union high school at Helix has been let to the Waste & Shattuck Construction company of Portland.

The Southern Oregon Hampshire Swine Breeders' association was formed at Grants Pass, when 35 breeders from Jackson and Josephine counties met.

The Eugene chamber of commerce directors voted to back Astoria's request for a \$3,000,000 government appropriation to assist in reconstructing the city.

Because of the heavy snowfall and unfavorable weather conditions in central Oregon, work on a number of irrigation projects has been abandoned for the winter.

Jesse P. Webb was pardoned by Acting Governor Elmer after serving more than 11 years for the murder of W. A. Johnson in a Portland hotel on June 29, 1916.

Ground was broken for the first cottage of the W. C. T. U. children's farm home near Corvallis Saturday afternoon, according to announcement by officers of the farm home corporation.

Articles of incorporation were filed in the state corporation department at Salem by the World's Electro-Industrial exposition, to be held in Portland in the year 1927. The capital stock is \$5,000,000.

Necessity of increased facilities for handling the rolling stock of the Southern Pacific company at its Brooklyn shops in Portland has resulted in active construction work being started on three new buildings, which will cost approximately \$50,000, according to officials of the company.

Resolutions requesting the state legislature to do nothing to disturb the workings of the present state compensation law were adopted at a convention of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen at Springfield. The meeting took up several problems of legislation and also the matter of an advance in wages.

A warning was issued to all dance hall managers in Douglas county that in the future the presence of an intoxicated person at any dance held within the county will mean the immediate forfeiting of the license issued to the dance manager unless a warrant is secured for the arrest of the person disturbing the dance.

A poison campaign against the jack rabbits of the high desert in Deschutes county will be started within the next few days under the direction of an expert sent out by the United States biological survey in order that the stores of hay saved for winter feeding of cattle may not be devoured by the voracious rodent hordes.

It was reported at Salem that the Eastern & Western Lumber company of Portland has purchased approximately 1,000,000 feet of timber in the Cascade range in Marion and Clackamas counties from the Foster Timber company of Milwaukee, Wis. The tract lies north of the Silver Falls Timber company holdings.

The state labor department sent a representative to Astoria to investigate the labor situation there. Reports reaching C. H. Gram, labor commissioner, indicated that a large number of men were headed for the lower Columbia river city, while others who were employed there before the fire are leaving for other cities.

Action in the lower house of congress for relief of Astoria fire sufferers will follow upon a telegraphic report of the conditions requested by Secretary of War Weeks, it was decided after a conference between Representative Hawley of Oregon, Majority Leader Mondell and Chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee.

The Association of District Attorneys of Oregon, in annual session at Eugene, went on record as favoring the repeal of the present woman jury law on account of its cumbersome procedure and impossibility of procuring a jury in many statutory cases wherein the law requires that half of the jury shall be women and also favoring a law compelling women to serve.

A strip of the Pacific highway nine feet wide has been completed between Canyonville and Galesville in Douglas county, according to information received at the office of the state highway department.

Provided the governor-elect and the legislature guarantee their action will be legalized, the state highway commission will take up on December 29 the building of the Columbia highway through the burned area of Astoria. This and the approach to the city will amount to about \$250,000.

There were 67 fires in the Crater national forest during the last season according to the report of Hugh B. Rankin, supervisor of that forest. The cost to the forest service of suppressing these fires was \$7645.38, and the damage to timber inside of the national forest was \$1957.31.

George William of Haines was found guilty at Baker of manslaughter by a jury in circuit court which heard evidence bearing on the first-degree murder charge of the prisoner growing out of his confessed slaying last summer of Tom Paine, a recluse living in a small cabin in the hills west of Haines.

There were four fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending December 14, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: H. H. Nestle, mill worker, Eugene; W. W. Mead, logger, Mapleton; A. H. Johnson, foundryman, Portland, and Frank Arnett, wood bucker, North Bend. A total of 505 accidents were reported for the week.

Plans for an elaborate summer clubhouse and hunting lodge, to be the equal of any game association clubhouse in the northwest, were drawn up at the meeting of the Santiam Fish and Game Protective association held at Albany. The association, which comprises several sportsmen and amateur hunters clubs of Linn county, plans to build the clubhouse at Clear Lake, one of the most beautiful locations in the west.

To move the entire perishable fruit crop in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho would require every refrigerator car in the United States for one trip between the place of production and the markets, according to H. H. Corey, a member of the Oregon public service commission, who has been in Washington for several weeks attending the railroad merger hearing before the interstate commerce commission. Mr. Corey said he was told that the recent car shortage was not due to a lack of carriers, but was the result of insufficient motive power.

# WHY BOARDMAN?

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BECAUSE the

Climate is Good,

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People are

Sociable  
Intelligent  
Enterprising

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Town is New and Growing

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Location Well Chosen

Half way between The  
Dalies and Pendleton  
On O-W Railroad  
On Columbia River

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Soil Will Raise Anything

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Water for Irrigation from  
West Extension of  
Umatilla Project

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McKay Creek Dam

Will be built, assuring  
more acreage under  
water.

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Boardman is a New  
Town But Not a  
Boom Town

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Write Secretary of Commercial  
Club