

WOULD TEST THE SENTIMENT

Of the Country on Roosevelt's Popularity.

Senator Bourne Offers \$1,000 Cash Prize for the Strongest and Best Written Argument in Support of Assertions Which He Makes.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Oregon, United States Senator, has taken a unique step to test the sentiment of the country on the Presidential situation. Through the National Magazine, of Boston, Mass., he has offered a cash prize reward of \$1,000, open to the American people, for the strongest and best written argument in support of his following assertions:

"First. That the sovereign people and not Theodore Roosevelt, the individual and public servant, will decide who shall be his successor.

"Second. That Theodore Roosevelt cannot decline a second elective term or attempt to name his successor without making his own personal desires or egotistical opinions paramount to the combined wishes and intelligence of the Republican party and the electorate of the nation.

"Third. That Roosevelt's honesty, courage, initiative, imagination, versatility, and tremendous capacity for work, with heart and brain constantly attuned to the people's rights and commands and his insistence upon the enforcement rather than avoidance of laws, and the protection of the rights of men and property, have to an unparalleled degree gained the confidence of all people; that, in the popular mind, Roosevelt, during his executive term, has demonstrated his ability and determination to make good as the people's chief public servant, and not their dictator; that this confidence, being a brain deduction and not a heart emotion, is impossible of destruction except by his betrayal; that by the selection of any other man, business contraction and restriction must exist during the period necessary for him to demonstrate to the people's satisfaction his ability and determination to make good, and therefore, that, barring death or serious illness, President Roosevelt must and will be selected and elected for a second elective term."

The prize will be awarded March 15, 1908, the contest closing one month earlier, and three judges, gentlemen of high standing, will be named shortly to pass upon the arguments submitted.

Senator Bourne, speaking of this offer, said tonight: "Frankly, my purpose is to secure discussion and agitation resulting in conviction and crystallization of opinion. Confident that the overwhelming sentiment of the country, regardless of party, favors the renomination and reelection of Roosevelt I take this method of inviting an expression on the subject. The propositions set forth speak for themselves, and the responses thereto, will at least, tend to disclose the popular feeling existing today. If the views which I hold—and which are shared fully, I may add, by men from every section with whom I am brought into contact—are the views of the American people, generally, then it is well to establish that fact and es-

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OREGON WALNUT CULTURE

Output of the State is Growing Rapidly—Are of a Superior Grade.

According to the most prominent handlers who have received local samples of late, the state of Oregon is destined to soon be in absolute control of the walnut market of the Pacific coast—which means the United States, because at this time California controls much of the larger per cent of the trade.

Walnut growing is not yet on a very extensive basis but the output is showing a tremendous increase. It has only been a few years since the growing of walnuts attracted commercial attention in this state. Most of the first nuts grown here were of small size and of rather indifferent quality and for a while producers felt that climatic conditions were not proper for the raising of walnuts on a commercial basis in competition with California.

Of recent years, however, a better class of trees has been set out, and the nuts produced are not only as good as those raised in the south, but experts pronounce them to be far superior to those grown anywhere else. They say that not only does the walnut reach the large size of those grown in the southern state but the nuts are generally of better color; the meat is firmer and the oil more abundant and richer. This is causing many to go into the culture of walnuts as a regular business.

It has been shown that walnuts are one of the most profitable crops to produce even in California where the dry weather in many seasons interferes with a large crop. Here in Oregon the experts say there can scarcely be a failure to produce a good crop.

Every year the demand for walnuts is increasing while the output has steadily decreased. Values have been advancing for several seasons because of the smaller crop both in California and in France until at this time quotations are advancing to such a figure that the prices would soon be prohibitory if allowed to continue upward for a short time.

Important to Cruisers.

I want every reputable cruiser in Southern Oregon to send me his name and address, upon receipt of which I will send him information of vital interest to himself and his business. Address H. G. Wolf, Roseburg, Or. 31-44

NO GOVERNMENT AID

Will be Asked for the Alaska-Yukon Exposition at Seattle.

In the bill that will be introduced in congress at the forthcoming session appropriating \$1,175,000 for the United States government participation at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in 1909 there will be a section pledging the management not to ask for a loan from Uncle Sam to carry on the work for creating the fair.

The people behind the exposition believe they are fully capable of holding a successful world's fair without asking the government for any donation or any loan. All the management desires is, that Uncle Sam participate in the same manner as the states and foreign nations will do, by erecting buildings and installing therein representative displays

A Criminal Attack

on an inoffensive citizen is frequently made in that apparently useless little tube called the "appendix." It is generally the result of protracted constipation, following liver torpor. Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, prevent appendicitis, and establish regular habits of the bowels. 25c at Benson's Pharmacy.

LUMBER ORDERS ARE CANCELLED

The Milling Industry Being Ruined by the Proposed Advance in Freight Rates to Eastern Points. A Number of Mills Closed Down.

The car shortage, cancellation of orders due to the proposed advance in freight rates to points East, of the Rockies and the danger of the new rate becoming effective are three factors that are gradually but surely putting the Oregon and Washington sawmills out of business, says the Portland Journal. During the past few days dozens of sawmills in the Willamette valley, along the lines of the Southern Pacific and equally as many along the Northern Pacific in Southwestern Washington have been forced to discharge their employes and shut their doors.

Men thoroughly familiar with the situation declare the attitude of the railroads toward the lumbermen is outrageous, especially since it is charged that the roads are not only depriving them of transportation facilities for orders now being placed, but also for orders for lumber that have already been cut.

Unable to make deliveries within the prescribed time these sawmill men are caught with material on hand which, perhaps, they cannot dispose of without great sacrifice. Willamette valley sawmill operators in particular are said to have been placed in this disastrous position, and they are finding their only relief in shutting down their plants. In consequence thousands of men have been thrown into idleness or forced into other fields of labor, with which they are not familiar.

POLICY IS OUTRAGEOUS.

G. M. Cornwall, editor of the Timberman, of this city, has just returned from a trip over the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon. He says the actual state of affairs among the sawmill men is appalling and describes the action of the railroads as the most outrageous proceeding ever perpetrated upon white people.

"Fifteen mills out of sixteen have shut down at Lebanon," said Mr. Cornwall. "At Cottage Grove J. H. Chambers' mill has ceased operation, and at Dorena the mill of the J. H. Chambers Lumber Company has discharged its employes and stopped the machinery. The Star Lumber Company's mill at

Yoncalla is lying idle and so is the Star Lumber Company's mill at Drain.

"At Glendale the Glendale Lumber Company has laid off half its crew, and the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company of Eugene, has closed down its plant at Saginaw. It is also considering seriously closing the Coburg and Wendling plants unless conditions improve. From one end of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon to the other there is evidence of the greatest apprehension on the part of the lumber men as to the effect of the increase in Eastern freight rates coupled with the car shortage.

"The most iniquitous part of it all is not only the proposed increase in rates, but the withdrawal of cars to fill orders already cut. Eastern buyers are not going to wait indefinitely and orders are being canceled with the result that the material is left upon the hands of the manufacturers."

WASHINGTON MILLS SHUT DOWN.

W. C. Miles, president of the Southwestern Washington Manufacturers' Association of Centralia, and president of the Globe Lumber Company of Globe, Washington, is in the city and he reports the following mills closed along the line of the Northern Pacific. Stillwater Lumber Company's plant at Little Falls, with a capacity of about 100,000 feet daily; the Chehalis Lumber Company's plant at Littell, with a daily capacity of about 80,000; the Wisconsin Lumber Company's plant at Littell, cutting daily 100,000; the H. H. Martin Lumber Company's plant at Centralia, with a daily cut of 75,000; the Salzer Lumber Company's plant at Centralia, with a daily output of 75,000; the Mutual Lumber Company's plant at Bucoda with a daily cut of 80,000; and the Blumauer Lumber Company's plant at Tenino, with a daily cut of 50,000. Mr. Miles is quoted as having said that he intends closing his mill down unless relief in some form or other is furnished soon.

The Portland mills, too, are feeling the effects of the attitude of the railroads, and prices today are lower than for several months past.

TWO SIDES TO EVERY QUESTION

Mr. Harriman Says That Ill-feeling Against Railroads Are Due Largely to One-sided Impressions Given by the Press.

At a meeting of the railroad magnates in Chicago, last week, E. H. Harriman in a conversation with the newspaper men who were present to report the proceedings of the meeting, expressed himself as follows:

"I think you gentlemen can do more to settle this railroad situation than anybody else."

When asked for an explanation he said:

"You can do it by refusing to print one side of a proposition until you have seen the man on the other side and let him have his say at the same time.

"I am sick and most other men are sick of the continued attacks on railroads. When charges are made against railroads, the proper thing

to do is to refrain from publishing them until the parties bringing charges and representatives of the railroad have had a conference with the representatives of the press present.

"As such things now run," continued Mr. Harriman, "charges are first printed and the public gains a wrong impression. It is the first impression that counts. Very often a railroad is not able to reply for weeks, and then the denial is passed by unnoticed. Printing the charge and denial together would do away with much of the ill-feeling now created against the railroads."

Washington county's assessment amounts to nearly \$18,000,000.

THE BEST WEAPON TO USE.

Fight Mail Order Houses With Newspaper Advertising.

The best way in which the merchants in the towns and smaller cities can fight the mail order houses is to advertise. They know most of their patrons personally, can show them the goods before they buy them, have many other advantages over the mail order house and in almost every instance can sell just as cheap, if not cheaper than they can.

If the home merchant lacks foresight and is too penurious to properly advertise his goods, why should the publisher exert himself to keep the trade at home for him? If solicitations on the part of the publisher fail to educate the merchant to the fact that he must advertise if he wants to keep up with the procession, then nothing is left to the merchant but to learn in the school of experience, and if the teachings of that renowned school are of no effect on him then there is no place for him, and eventually his place in the commercial world will be taken up by some more enterprising competitor. — Buckeye Informer.

Hard Times in Kansas.

The old days of grasshoppers and drouth are almost forgotten in the prosperous Kansas of today; although a citizen of Codell, Earl Shamburg, has not yet forgotten a hard time he encountered. He says: "I was worn out and discouraged by coughing night and day, and could find no relief till I tried Dr. King's New Discovery. It took less than one bottle to completely cure me." The safest and most reliable cough and cold remedy and lung and throat healer ever discovered. Guaranteed by Benson's Pharmacy, 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

COUNTY WINS CASE

Lucky Boy Mining Company Fails to Prosecute and Case Dismissed.

The case of the Lucky Boy Mining Company vs. Lane County, in which the company claims \$7,000 damages for the establishment of a county road over what the company claimed as its property between Blue River City and the mines, was dismissed Monday morning in the circuit court at Roseburg, on account of the failure of the company to appear and prosecute.

About a year ago the county established a public road from Blue River City to the mines, and five miles of the road established was along the road claimed to be owned by the mining company. The county viewers in laying out the road allowed the company no damages and the latter appealed the case to the circuit court, claiming the sum of \$7,000. A change of venue was taken to Douglas county and the case continued for two terms at the request of the mining company, but when it came up this term it was dismissed because the company's attorneys failed to appear.

The county's right to the road is now fully established, and there will be no future trouble with blockades, such as occurred at different times when the road was owned by the Lucky Boy company.

His Dear Old Mother.

"My dear old mother, who is now eighty-three years old, thrives on Electric Bitters," writes W. J. Brunson, of Dublin, Ga. "She has taken them for about two years and enjoys an excellent appetite, feels strong and sleeps well." That's the way Electric Bitters affect the aged, and the same happy results follow in all cases of female weakness and general debility. Weak, puny children too, are greatly strengthened by them. Guaranteed also for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, by Benson's Pharmacy. 50c.

A band of 213 steers shipped out of Grant county averaged 1400 pounds, one weighing 1820.

THEY WANT OREGON LAND

Russian and German Colony Want 4000 Acres

Our Orchards Add Millions of Dollars to the Wealth of Oregon—A Synopsis of Good Work Being Done to Advertise the State.

\$4,275,135 is the amount the fruit growers of Oregon will receive for their crop for the present year, as estimated by Hon. W. K. Newell, president of the State Board of Horticulture. In making his estimate Mr. Newell does not deal with fancy prices, nor does he include the fruit that will be consumed on the farm.

Gresham covered herself with glory and was grateful to the other towns of Multnomah county for participating in her fair. The showing of live stock, vegetables and fruit was very fine; there was a great variety of entertainment; thousands from Portland were in attendance. The enterprise was a success and will be repeated on a larger scale next year.

The Oregon State Dairy Association will hold its annual session in Portland Thursday and Friday, December 12th and 13th instead of the 19th and 20th. This change assures some of the ablest speakers in the United States.

Oregon is attracting the attention of Russian and Baltic German immigrants. One inquiry received by the Oregon Development League from a thoroughly reliable source, says: "Particularly desired of a tract of about 4000 acres of good land suitable for general farming and stockraising, not more than 10 miles from rail or steamboat transportation that can be purchased for cash for not to exceed \$30 an acre, for a Russian colony." The inquiry further says: "Our people are Circassians from the Caucasus, honest, sober, industrious and physically the equal of any race in Europe. They will bring over their Arab horses and Angora sheep and goats. They will be a credit to any community in which they may settle and if satisfied will be followed by immigrants from the Baltic Germans and from Russia.

Judge J. M. Scott, president of the Oregon State Good Roads Association has called a meeting for Nov. 14th and 15th at the Portland Commercial Club. Mr. Samuel Hill president of the Washington Good Roads Association will come from the Washington meeting Nov. 12th and 13th and bring with him a number of Canadian experts. A lantern slide lecture will be given by Hon. Samuel Lancaster, of the Good Roads department at Washington. Full details will be announced later.

Bishop Scadding is delivering a series of lectures in the East and as a result Oregon is being splendidly advertised. The Bishop illustrates his lectures with lantern slides showing the agricultural products, fruit, scenery and general attractions of the state.

The business men of Portland addressed the pupils of most of the schools of the city last Friday afternoon. This practice is becoming a habit, however, with the business men of Oregon.

Record prices for Oregon fruit are reported from many portions of the state.