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EASTERN PEOPLE WILL COME.

D. W. Weyant, who is visiting various mining districts of the state in the interests of the Lewis & Clark Centennial at Portland, 1905, was in Cottage Grove this week. He states that from reliable sources of information it is learned that many who have not visited the St. Louis Exposition will come to Oregon next year to attend the fair which is to bring Oregon into greater prominence than ever before. It is stated also that of those who are to come many visited the Buffalo Exposition, but omitted the St. Louis Exposition because of its vastness. Their object is to attend such exhibitions as will set forth completely the real resources of the territory where given. This, it is claimed, is not possible where masses of material for display are gathered together as at St. Louis all sections being represented and few completely so. Visitors who have seen the St. Louis fair—awe-inspiring because of its extent and multiplicity of exhibits—have been dazzled more than benefited by their visit. The grandeur of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition is in a sense rendering it valueless as a means of exhibiting state or territorial resources.

For this reason the 1905 Fair at Portland will do more for Oregon than ten such magnificent exhibitions as this at St. Louis. People can see but not appreciate the gorgeous spectacle. Its magnitude is impressive. Its varied phases are too confusing for definite and intelligent realization. Those who visit the Lewis & Clark Fair will have before their eyes the resources of Oregon, Washington and Idaho principally. They will not have miles of exhibit aisles and multiplied millions of wealth before them. They will be able in a few days to fully realize the resources of the country represented. Their minds will not be stunned with limitless vistas of exhibits and their inspection of the exposition will afford them knowledge of what really exists here in the great Northwest.

CORPORATION TAX LAW.

Ament the movement by the Cottage Grove Commercial Club for the repeal of the oppressive corporation tax law, there have been advanced, it would appear, sufficient valid reasons for such action by the Oregon Legislature. The law is not aimed at large corporations with monopolistic tendencies, but at such as are in their infancy and should have encouragement from the State rather than hindrance. Others, though not in their infancy, are not largely financed nor possessed of extensive resources. To all these the corporation tax law has proved a hardship—a handicap to development and in some cases, as can be shown, has driven new industries from this state into others where such laws do not exist. Capital, always shy and timid when seeking investment in new localities, is rendered more conservative by the corporation tax law now on the statute books of the State of Oregon.

Why partnership concerns and individual owners should not pay the same rate of taxation as a corporation, has never been satisfactorily or even partially explained by those who favor the law. It has been claimed that it prevented certain corporations from "wild cutting" and watering their stock. Let it be said that the class of people who promote corporations, the stocks of which carry inflated values, and dispose of them to innocent persons, are not retained in their dishonest work by dread of an incorporation tax. They would not stop for that. It is the legitimate enterprise that is most seriously affected.

On mining companies striving to develop their properties with limited capital this unjust tax works the greatest hardship. All mines were at first merely "prospects" and most of them represent expenditure of thousands of dollars and years of hard labor while in the development stage. Their improvements and equipment are all subject to county and state taxation. Then why they should be required to pay additional taxation in the way of incorporation tax needs more reasons than have been given in explanation of the existence of the law or why it ever was passed. Under the present system of laws any amount of property may be owned by individuals or in partnership and is only subject to state and county tax. Instant upon incorporation however, manufacturing, lumbering, mining, railroad building or any other enterprise that tends to build

Increase in Population.

According to the figures made up by Labor Commissioner Hoff, based upon statistical system, the population of Oregon for 1904 numbers 470,054, against 413,526 in 1900, an increase of 56,488 in the past four years. The usual method employed in obtaining the statistical population is based upon the average school population of the state, taken from the annual school census. An average is struck of the total school population, all residents of the state between 4 and 20 years of age, the total number of pupils enrolled in the schools and a total attendance. The average is then compared with the total population of the state according to the last Federal census, to obtain the percentage, and the population of other years is found upon the proportionate ratio. Commissioner Hoff, however, striving to secure what he considered more accurate figures, if it were possible to obtain them, improves on this system by taking the average of the school population and that of the vote cast for Justice of the Supreme Court at the last two general elections, and finds the total population of the state upon the same proportionate ratio.—Harrisburg Bulletin.

There has been issued by the Cooper Book Co., at McMinnville, Oregon, a not well printed but nevertheless attractive and interesting little volume entitled "The Yamhills; an Indian Romance." Binding is in red cloth and imitation leather with gilt lettering. This cleverly written tale deals with the story of the Indians of the Willamette and Cascade regions "before the white man came."

For simplicity and natural beauty of expression, the author, J. C. Cooper, has become himself entitled to more attention than the book will probably command for him unless lovers of literature should chance to discover the charm that runs through the simple romance. Purist romance thrills in the meeting of the daughters of Hassiva with the braves of the Kalapooas, who send on their arrows a token in the form of syringe blossoms across the waters of the river that divides them, promising to come again.

An historical value attaches to the story, for it tells of the tribal divisions of the Oregon Indians, their manner of living, their dwellings and means of subsistence.

To those who realize the importance of preserving and perpetuating the records and memory of our predecessors in the Oregon country, there rests in such publications as "The Yamhills" a more intrinsic value than its power to charm or interest the reader. In such works we find evidence of the transition from savagery to what we call civilization. Our day of steam and electrics is a far day from that when the tribes of the Northwest roamed, hunted, fought and lived in peace among their forests and across their plains or along their rivers.

And it is well for us to revert to the time one hundred years ago when the Oregon rolled undisturbed by the plash of steamer wheels, the woods met and partly covered the plains, and the creatures of the forest roamed in freedom throughout a wilderness where was no scream of saw-blade nor crash of falling tree.

We shall commemorate the opening of this country to settlement by a great exposition next year. There will be shown the successive stages of development from the time of Lewis and Clark to the present, and it may be that historical exhibits will illustrate the life of the nomadic Indians prior to that time; but let us recall that literature must be relied upon to round out the value of what we are shown. Without the glamour of such works as "The Yamhills" we see only the stony, unromantic side of the life of the red man—his hatchets, arrowheads and other evidences of his existence and domestic habits.

The people who now live on the very spot where the Killamooks, Chinooks, Twaltas, Multnomahs and Tlatcops set their teepees and built their fires, know nothing of them except through such books as "The Yamhills" and more sedate works of history. Pride in a state or a section begets public spirit. Boston reveres her Faneuil Hall, her Old South Church, because they speak of earlier times. Philadelphia stands guard over Independence Hall. Newport prizes her old stone tower. California is now striving to make reparation for neglect of her old missions, earliest evidences of the advance of civilization. Landmarks clubs are being formed that future generations may know how great has been their advancement. Oregon needs a landmarks club. The future of this state will ask of its past.

For these reasons, we welcome the publication of such a volume as "The Yamhills," which, bearing not at all upon the present, still leads us into pleasant retrospection. We thank the author for an autograph copy.

A CRANK ON TEA.

Cyrus W. Field's Encounter With an Expert Tea Taster.
It may be that the millionaire is no more eccentric than humbler mortals, and yet in the fierce white light of publicity it often seems so. Cyrus W. Field was never given to any of the expensive hobbies of other rich men. He did not dote on horses or yachts or pictures. But Mr. Field did like tea. He used to say there was only one man of his acquaintance who knew how to brew it, and that man was "Old Field." The father of the submarine cable used to travel a great deal by rail, but he never went anywhere without his favorite brand of tea and his personal utensils for brewing it. Mr. Field seldom traveled in his private car, and none of his retinue of servants ever made tea for him. From his berth in the Pullman he rose early, as at home, and it was not uncommon sight to see the gray old philanthropist half dressed and stirring out in a buffet car at daylight, seeking hot water with which to brew his choice young Hyson, a canister of which was invariably a part of his baggage. One day when Mr. Field was going through Front street he was attracted by a tea taster who was sipping the contents of a number of small cups. Mr. Field watched the man carefully and observed his method of using boiling water. Finally he entered the place and said to the expert: "How long have you been in this business?" "Thirty-one years," said the tea taster, who was enjoying an annual income of about \$20,000. "Well, you had better give it up," remarked Mr. Field frankly. "You don't know how to make tea and you are too old to learn. Let me brew some of that stuff for you." The aged philanthropist poured water on some leaves which he took from a paper in his pocket, let it draw for a few seconds and invited the tea taster to test it. But the expert spat the stuff out. "Worst ever!" was his comment. "Not even properly brewed." Then Mr. Field, who was a sensitive man, turned on his heel and walked away, muttering, "If you are an expert, the good Lord help some of our tea drinkers." But when the millionaire was out of sight the tea taster roared with laughter and said to one of the clerks: "That was old Field. He's a crank on tea. Pays \$9 a pound for it, and I told him it was like dishwater."

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"I believe that the origin of the expressive bit of slang 'kickers' may be found in the very lowest form of occupation any member of the human race follows," W. M. Robinson states. "Between Wormsley's and St. Helen's, in Cornwall, is an underground canal connecting the lower levels of the coal mines at Wormsley's with the surface station at St. Helen's which saves a great deal of money for the mine owners in handling the coal, which is simply loaded on the barges in the mines and transported by the canal under the mountains to the harbor at St. Helen's. When the canal was devised, however, how to provide for locomotion for these barges was a problem. "Mules couldn't be used, and there were circumstances which made steam impossible, but an inventive genius finally solved the riddle by suggesting that soiled pieces of timber be placed along the roof of the canal, which was very low, and men could lie on their backs on top of the loaded barges and 'kick' the vessel along. After the barge was once started this was found to be feasible. The men could easily keep the load in motion by the means suggested, and it has ever since been in use. There is no question about the low grade of this sort of work, and even the men who follow it are constantly 'kicking' around the villages where they live. They were known at the mines as 'kickers' because of their work, and their vocal complaints, continually indulged in, caused every one at Wormsley's or St. Helen's, no matter what their station or employment, who indulged in complaints to be called 'kickers.' I presume that the origin of the word, as we use it, is just what I have suggested."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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To cure warts rub a black snail over them, but the snail must afterward be impaled on a rose thorn. The first person to enter your house on New Year's day will, if he is light haired, bring bad luck to you; if dark haired, good luck. To test your sweetheart's humor make him stir the fire. If he stirs it to a hearty blaze he is good humored. If he makes it smolder and fade he is hard to live with. If a lock of your hair turns bright and long you will have a happy life of seventy years or more, but if it turns weakly and soon goes out your life will be both sad and short.

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The worried flat hunter pushed long and persistently at the button labeled "Janitor." The house bore a sign stating that there were apartments to rent. The janitor was evidently absent from his post of duty, as there was no response to her repeated ringing. Disheartened, the seeker for a home was about to turn away when the door was opened from the inside and a bright faced boy of about seven years was disclosed. He looked wonderingly at the visitor, who asked: "What kind of an apartment is there for rent here?" A look of mingled disgust and scorn slowly overspread the youngster's face. He surveyed the questioner from head to foot and finally said with an aggrieved air: "Say, I ain't the janitor."—New York Press.

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Any person in the State of Oregon can contribute articles in competition for the following prizes:

The Portland Commercial Club offers two gold medals and \$50 in cash prizes for articles on Oregon, under the following conditions:
For the best article appearing in the regular edition of any newspaper or other publication printed outside of the State of Oregon, to be completed for only by persons residing in Oregon and not living in the city of Portland, choice of a gold medal or \$25 in cash.
For the second best article, either the gold medal or \$25 in cash, depending upon selection made by the winner of first prize.
Articles winning third prize will be given \$25. Fourth prize will be \$15, the fifth prize \$10.
Residents of Portland a gold medal and \$25 will be distributed in prizes upon exactly the same basis as the gold medal and \$50 are to be distributed to residents of Oregon outside of Portland.

The reason for having these articles printed outside of the State is that we want the people away from home to know our advantages, and then we desire the Portland and Oregon papers to be selected from any embarrasment that might arise through having to decide articles. Articles containing the expression "Webfoot" will not be allowed to compete.
The Governor of the State will be asked to appoint a committee to decide as to the winners in the State contest, while the Mayor of Portland will be requested to name the committee that will select the winners in this city.
One of the chief reasons for offering these prizes is to give the younger generation an opportunity to do some pleasant work during vacation. This is a busy time and no article is accepted unless it exceeds five thousand words—those of about one thousand words preferred.
No article will be accepted in competition except when the newspaper or other publication is submitted complete. The articles submitted become the property of the Portland Commercial Club, to be used as desired.

The contest closes October 1, 1904.
We believe that there will be an interesting competition for these prizes, and feel sure that many newspapers throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and other countries will be glad to receive interesting matter relative to the most fertile State in the Pacific Northwest. Articles in any language will be accepted.
Feeling certain that this effort will result in much good to Oregon, we are, Very truly yours,
H. M. CARR, President,
THEO. B. WILSON, Chairman Executive Com.,
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A Good Doctor.
One day in Shanghai, says a writer in the Chicago Record-Herald, when I was feeling sick, I called a Chinaman to me and said, "John, do you have good doctors in China?" "Good doctors!" he exclaimed. "China have best doctors in world." "Eudon, over there," I said, pointing to a house covered with a doctor's signs, "do you call him a good doctor?" "Eudon good doctor!" he exclaimed. "He great! He best doctor in China. He save my life once!" "You don't say so!" I said. "How was it?" "Me velly sick," he said confidentially. "Me caller Dr. Han Kou. Givee some medicine. Get velly sick. Me call Dr. Sam Sing. Givee more medicine. Me grow worse. Going to die! Blimey call Dr. Eudon. He no got time, no come. He save my life!"

Wouldn't Raise Prices.

"Oh, dat I could git a job in de leg islatur?" exclaimed Brother Diekey. "What would you be willing to work for?" some one asked. "Well, sah," was the reply. "I wouldn't charge a cent no' dan de yuther legislators."—Atlanta Constitution.

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