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HUGHES AND FAIRBANKS.

DID YOU GIVE HIM A LIFT? Did you give him a lift? He's a brother man.

And bearing about all the burden he ean,

you give him a smile? He was Did downcast and blue.

to battle it through.

- slipping down hill,
- And the world, so I fancied, was us ing him ill.
- Did you give him a word? Did you show him the road?
- Or did you just let him go on with the load?

Do you know what it means to be losing the fight.

- When a lift just in time might set everything right?
- Do you know what it means-just a clasp of the hand.
- man ought to stand?
- Did you ask what it was? Why the of this nation. quivering lip,
- Why the half-suppressed sob. scalding tear drip?
- Were you a brother of his when his time came of need?
- Did you offer to help him, or didn't you heed?

A CASE OF NEGLIGENCE.

An important part of the duties of bridge and road matters wisely attended to, as witness the recent concrete bridge collapse at Independence, where a structure was paid for before which became a wreck when the forms were removed. Had wise precautions been taken in constructing the bridge. a thoroughly experienced man would terest to the farmers. They show that have been placed in constant supervision during its erection and the wheat rose from ninety-eight cents at contractors would have been required the close of the war to three dollars to furnish good and sufficient bond a bushel three years later. for faithful execution of the work, poleonic wars closed in 7815 with This was not done, however, and now wheat at \$1.75 a bushel. The next This was not done, however, and now the court finds itself in the embaras- two years it went to \$2.85. In 1861. ing position of "fixing up" the bridge wheat was sixty-two cents. It reachby day labor. The commissioners say

ments and extensions. A tendency ue. in this direction already is noticeable, and it is having its influence in speed- state and its civil divisions would ing up the general prosperity of the lose from the public utilities under country. The strength of the rail the operation of this amendment run issues on the New York stock ex-as high as 65 per cent. change also reflects the confidence

It is certain that the country re-

salves. insinuations which have been made to this effect. Thinking people real- should be rejected. ize that general prosperity is largely dependent on the success and prosperity of the transportation companprofits. So long as the railroads treat legislatures, practice extortion or re. legislatures, practice extortion or resort to other grave injustices, they will have the good will and the friendly co-operation of the general public. And it would seem that many of the higher railway officials are commencmake use of it in regaining the confidence of the people.

WAR AND WHEAT PRICES.

The price of wheat has reached a high level as a result of the European war and a rather short crop yield for the present year. In this country, for instance, although an average crop has been harvested, the demand And the smile would have helped him for the bread staple has been strong enough to advance wheat prices to a point where bakers all over the land Did you give him your hand? He was are increasing the prices of their secure a fair profit for themselves. Some of the bakers and others, moreover, are agitating the question of putting an embargo on exports of wheat, arguing that by so doing it will tend to reduce the cost of living to Americans. Still others maintain that this would be injurious to American farmers from getting the highest possible prices as regulated by the law of demand and supply. and by interfering with a branch of When a man has borne about all a foreign trade that is helping to build

up American prosperity and constantadding to the accumulated wealth The real solution of this problem

appears to rest on the farmers of this country, who already are being arged to raise more wheat during the com-The farmers might be ing years. more inclined to follow this advice. were they assured that present high prices would continue, and The Minneapolis Journal endeavors to show that this assurance is reasonably cercounty commissioners is the intelli- tain. It declares that following evgent administration of the county ery great war of the past century the road and bridge affairs. This coun- price of wheat, the universal bread ty, unfortunately, has not always had staple, has ruled higher for several years than even during the progress

of the war. And it believes the same experience will be repeated at the close of the present war, wherefore the county court had necepted it and it strongly advises American farmers to raise more wheat.

Some of the statistics presented by the Minneapolis paper will be of infollowing the war of the revolution. The Naed \$2.28 in 1864 and \$2.85 in 1867, it is the intention to hold the cost the same price as in 1807. And if of the work on it "as a charge these past experiences are any criter-against said contractors." Whether ion of the future, the price of wheat

campaigns of improvements, replace- out any consideration of market val-

"Estimates of the taxes that the

"Friends of the measure dispute which investors are coming to feel in these figures of diminution of valuation and revenue, and hint that there is authority hidden away in the joices in the stronger position in amendment to assess the utilities on which the railroads now find them- the basis of value due to special priv-The public is not unfriendly ilege. This is not true to begin with, toward these corporations, in spite of and if it were true, it furnishes one more reason why the amendment

"If there are arbitrary powers se creted in this measure, or to be read between its lines, by virtue of which ies, and they are therefore glad to any board or other administrative ausee the railroads grow and make fair thoriby may issue edicts and decrees against property, then the amendment customers and employes fairly, and is all the more dangerous, not alone

To select a county commissioner who is fully qualified to attend to the duties of that office, which includes a wise administration of couning to appreciate this point and to ty road and bridge matters, should be the thought of voters when they enter the polls in November. Experience in handling our road and bridge work is an asset that few men who run for the office can claim, but Mose Manston, is no novice in this line. For over thirty years the Republican candidate for county commissioner was active in road and bridge building-and ten years of this activity were spent right in this section, in a supervisor's capacity as roadmaster of the Salem, Falls City & Western. Mr. Manston's qualifications for the product, insisting this is necessary to and Polk county voters will make no office he seeks are second to none, mistake in electing him to the place. the woods.

The American people do not want a president who will "butt in" to down the street. You don't expect trouble recklessly and without reason, him to have a grouch for he's never but they do want an executive who will say what he means and then American interests, both by depriving stick to it. Country are convinced that Hughes stick to it. And the voters of this is just that kind of a man.

> We are told that Mexico is com vencing to experience an industrial revival. As the nature of the industries affected is not mentioned, however, one naturally wonders if it has anything to do with the making of fresh revolutions.

The farmers and the politicians differ on the weather. The farmer is now praying for rain and the political aspirant is hoping for a continuance bile of service; is he wanted to tell a of the sanshine-at least until after "lumberyack" story? He has nev-November 7.

No matter who you agree to do bus iness with-a straager or the wife's relatives-do not start without a definite written agreement as to what żen. each purity must do .- Rural New Vorker.

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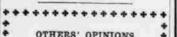
FISH BRAND

REFLEX

The late James J. Hill left an estate valued at \$100,000,000. Pretty good for a man who started out with no money, no influential backing and only a common secool education.

Some of the New York restaurants low charge for stats as well as for orders of food. Leave it to New York to find ways to "get the money."

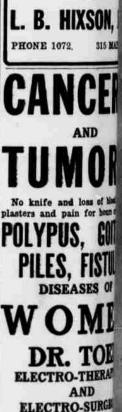
A noted Chinese novelist rejarces in the name of Mr. Bing Ding. And one can easily imagine that his stories must have pleaty of "pep."







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probably remain for the courts to de- to raise more wheat. eide, but the people of the county the choice for a site for a country feel that a repaired bridge will be on- CORPORATIONS WOULD BENEFIT ly a makeshift and that they have not had proper returns for the \$6300 they big corporations would avoid paying limited, anyway. In the country the put into that structure. And the peo- their share of the state taxes if the location may be varied to such an expair into that structure. All y do not measure named on the November bal-feel like putting any more of their lot, the "Full Rental Value Land money into it. Tax and Homemakers' Loan Fund

RAILEOADS ARE PROSPERING.

companies continue to show a most the members' council of the Portland stables. It should be not too far from carnings and profits. Without ex- This is the measure w ception, so far as noted, these reports ed the "People's Land and Loan an automobile or wagon passes. I indicate that the roads are in it Measure" while signatures for the should be close to water protection is highly prosperous condition, which is petition to get it upon the ballot were case of fire, and if electric wiring is in decided contrast to the lean years being circulated. It appears on the near, that is an item to be considered. through which the companies recently hallot now, however, under a different have passed. Some of the roads frank- name ly acknowledge that their earnings have their history.

seeins more than inkely, the receiver-ships which now cast a cloud over a large part of the country's rail lines abould soon be removed. With the companies steadily increasing their revenue, they should ind it possible to speedily get rid of embarassing in such a basis of the rent that a rent-ollege who have never been elected

or not the contractors can be made is likely to remain high for at least "dig up" for the cost of this re-several years, which will be a strong

Amendment," is adopted was pointed

and profits during recent months adequate provision for the taxation hausted them. But it is better to made new records-that they of railroads and public service cor are doing more business and enjoying porations, which paid taxes in 1916 home should be one which considers more prosperity than ever before in upon a valuation of \$123,000,000, or the convenience of every member of 13 per cent of all the taxable prop-

with the railroads' present pros-erity, and especially if it continues "The personal property and land perity, and especially if it continues "The personal property and land for any considerable time which improvements, including stations, terseems more than likely, the receiver- minal buildings, rolling stock, tracks,

indebtedness, and to inaugurate new er would pay for the land, leaving president.

The Place for a Home.

The choice for a site for a country How the railroads and the other so than in town, where the choice is

od that it will be convenient to the out recently by Henry E. Reed, as- members of the household and still Reports made by various railroad accesor of Multnomah county, before he out of the odors of outliouses and

the road, but still not so placed that This is the measure which was call- it will receive a dust bath every time

And so we might go on, multiplying

the different things that should be "The amendment does not make considered, and we have not half expat it this way : The site for the farm the home circle using it; it should be placed tastofully, where it will appear to best advantage, and it should be protected from danger of every sort. The best we can give is not a



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