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THE HERALD INVITES DISCUSSION.

The columns of the HERALD are open for the discussion of questions of public interest, and we will welcome articles of that character from patrons and friends of the paper.

There are many subjects to be covered, and persons who come directly in touch with them, often receive information which if acted upon becomes valuable. So if you have anything that is good pass it along; the world will be better because of your having done so and the benefit arising therefrom.

Better roads and many other subjects might receive attention. Perhaps we will, from time to time suggest subjects and invite discussion. Dissemination of thought is what illuminates the world, and the effort to produce quickens and strengthens the mind in operation, while the product sent forth aids other minds to perceive, shaping them for effort so that the benefit is double in its effect, first to the thinker and second to the person influenced.

SOME THINGS LOOK VERY SUGGESTIVE

In another column we publish an extract from an article that is published in Hampton's Magazine, exposing frauds perpetrated in connection with the building of the Central Pacific railway, which makes very interesting reading.

During the last three or four decades there has been much of fraud held up for public inspection, but when we reckon up the increase we cannot see that any particular benefit has resulted from the exposition, unless we speculate as to how much worse it might now be had not the exposure been made.

There were the Star Route Thieves, The Land Frauds, The Alton Steal, the Railroad Grafts, City grafts in New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis and other places, and the Pennsylvania State House graft, besides many more made public while various others are still coming to light.

But why enumerate. It is like the old adage: "There is no use in locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen." These frauds have been perpetrated. The people as a whole have been swindled, and it seems that no prosecution so far has resulted in reimbursing the government, state, or city, as the case may be, for that which was taken, and but few persons connected with these frauds have been made to feel the strong hand of the government.

Let some insignificant, half-witted fellow break into a post-office, or hold up a mail carrier, and if he is caught he pays a heavy penalty in servitude in

prison, but these big thieves are great men; men lauded because of their achievement, while the little fellow—Oh yes, we see! The half-witted devil did not have sense enough to interest all those who might pounce upon him; his scheme was too small, he took his chances alone. The big thief had more brains, he enmeshed those liable to expose him and went free because of the friends he made.

It seems to us that there must have been collusion with men who held high positions of trust or these grafts could not have taken place, and it would further appear that it is only as conditions obtain where men come into a knowledge of these deeds who have been far removed from them that the facts are made known.

There has been no famine, no calamity to production, the earth has yielded her increase and prosperity is heralded from ocean to ocean, and yet the cost of living goes higher and higher. The question up for solution is this: What has caused all this rising of prices? No one seems to answer, and if you were to ask, "Will they ever lower again," the answer would doubtless be that of the fabled Raven, "Nevermore." Well, we shall not try to answer the conundrum otherwise than to remark that this is an age of record breaking and the craze has struck the key note of living expenses and the scale is ascending.

About all our exchanges seem optimistic over the supposed advance of the Hill railroad interests into the Willamette valley, and the subsequent competition that is supposed to result as a consequence. Well perhaps the Willamette valley will get a benefit, and it is our desire that it should, but from the best information we have been able to obtain, we conclude that about two-thirds of the proposition now being heralded far and near is guess work. Competition is so easily overcome in our day and generation, that it does not mean what it did fifty years ago.

There is much comment being made these days about the price of hogs, \$11 hog being away up, even taking precedence above the end-seat hog, the latter being side tracked in the race for pre-eminence. Well we can't see that it is anything to boast of, as there are few persons profiting by it and the only thing we can discern is that there is a scarcity of swine. There is more money made out of pork under normal conditions and the benefits are far more extensive than there is under present conditions.

Falls City is moving for a change of charter and desires to establish her boundaries as a separate road district and have control of her streets, bridges, etc., and to expend the moneys collected within her borders as road tax, under her own supervision.

J. S. Forsythe was in Monmouth Tuesday on his way to Alberta, Canada, where he expects to make his future home. Mr. Forsythe has been working in Simpson's logging camp, some fifteen miles above Airlie.

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