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RAILROAD PROFITS—A REMEDY REQUIRED.

The telegraph brought a report yesterday that the net earnings of the railways in the United States for the year to June 30th were \$8100 per mile. While some roads earn little or run at a loss others, according to this report, earn enormous dividends. Probably thirty thousand dollars a mile would cover the fair average cost of the railroads of the country. On such a valuation the railroads average ten per cent net earnings. As the long transcontinental and not a few western and southern lines representing much mileage pay little if any more than interest on bonds and fixed charges, the big eastern and middle west lines must be figured out to pay enormous dividends.

The people are paying this. No one can say that it would not be well to exercise strict governmental supervision of these arteries of commerce. They are public utilities as much as the wagon roads that run to and by the farms. They should not be permitted to wring undue profits from toil.

Really it looks as if the proprietors of Chinese lottery gambling concerns at Portland are in with the police. The lottery proprietors have their tickets in duplicate, selling one and retaining the other. The police having destroyed the

tickets in possession of the lottery proprietors they may make that an excuse for not honoring their paper, as they have no means of comparison to be certain of the genuineness of the winning tickets. Still Chinese gamblers and toughs have the reputation of being very handy with the hatchet when occasion demands, and if the lottery people take this mean advantage it may be to their sorrow, even loss of life.

Prime Minister Balfour has concluded that Great Britain is "technically" at war with Venezuela. He would be happy, though, if the ban of the Monroe doctrine could be removed. There would be no technical warfare then, just plenty of powder and ball. And Venezuela like the late South African republics, would end her national existence through annexation to a European conqueror.

The statement that the tariff has reduced the price of steel rails is a favorite one with Republican newspapers, but the statement is not true. The reduction in the price of steel rails was caused by the introduction of the Bessemer process which reduced the cost of production—thanks to inventive genius, not the tariff.

A number of Peruvian officers offer their services to Venezuela in case of trouble. Now if they can get the necessary private soldiers!

Germany wants more than money from Venezuela—an apology. If that was all the trouble it could soon be settled.

MISS NELLIE YU.

Fashionable Washington femininity is on tiptoe of expectation awaiting the advent of the new Chinese diplomat, Minister Sir Liang Chen together with his bride-elect Miss Nellie Yu.

For several years she has lived in Paris, where her father is Chinese Minister, and she is said to be as thoroughly Parisian as a Chinese maiden can ever hope to be. She is a perfect type of Chinese beauty, and this beauty she accentuates on occasion with the modish costumes of the French women of fashion.

Her feet have never been bound. This will enable her to take a much greater part in the social life of the capital than if bandages had been applied to her feet, as they usually are to Chinese women of high caste.

Sir Liang Chen is very wealthy. He is bringing a retinue of 60 people with him. Shortly after he arrives the Chinese legation will be completed, and it is expected that he will entertain lavishly. His bride-to-be speaks English and French, and undoubtedly will be conspicuous in the social life of the capital.

EXTREME PATERNALISM.

A Eugene citizen thinks the Water Company should "adopt some public signal of warning when the thermometer approaches the danger point of cold" and that "even people who let their pumps freeze could have timely warning." Haven't we noses and finger tips to warn us of freezing weather? The people who will not heed physical discomfort would pay little attention to "a public signal of warning." Don't try to make the Water Company responsible for downright neglect of others! They have enough other trouble.

This is the paternal idea of government carried to the extreme in private affairs. Some people think the government or some one else should continually watch over

them. And they get fooled. The government looks out for no one but the trusts. And they own it, at least buy the men who run it, or so many of them as are necessary in their business.

That Austrian surgeon, Dr. Lorenz, is a wonderful man in his treatment of congenital dislocations in young children. He took a very bad case of "clubbed" feet yesterday and kneaded and stretched them till the child was set down with its feet flat and straight. What would have been thought of such a man in a superstitious age? Even now the people who crowd about him for relief so others did about one in the holy land something like nineteen hundred years ago, cannot but regard this doctor as something more than human.

The patriotic ardor of the American is ever ready to aid the weak. A party of young men from Montana have volunteered to fight for Venezuela. They are ready to fight the British, German or any other strong nation, which wantonly attacks the weaker. Just now the international aspect of the Venezuelan matter is such that Uncle Sam is liable to have another case before the Hague tribunal, if he don't hold his temper.

Advices from Berlin say that a lady swimming in one of the portable baths in that city had a toe bitten off by an otter. This was too bad, but she otter have refrained from bathing.

Los Angeles makes a record with five hundred and five divorces this year to 2202 marriage licenses. The women were the plaintiff in ninety per cent of the cases, while desertion and failure to provide were the principal causes.

Vice is not exclusive. A well connected white man sat side by side with a Chinaman in the Portland police court yesterday, both on the opium-smoking charge.

SHE AGREED WITH HIM.

"What were you about to remark?" she asked.

"Oh, it's of no consequence," he replied.

"I know that," she retorted, "but what was it?"

The supreme court of Georgia has handed down a decision that a parent is not compelled to give medicine to a sick child. He can doctor it anyway he pleases—as a Christian Scientist as in the case referred to—or not at all. The child died for want of attention. If it had been a horse that was neglected or abused that court might have taken a different view of ownership responsibility.

A writer sees something human about a bird in its horror of a snake. Could the birds have been turned out of paradise with Adam and Eve through the outcroachment of the serpent?

25-Cent Beds.

Nice clean new beds at the Courthouse Lodging House for 25 cents. Every room an outside room. No cooking on premises except for family, and that entirely disconnected from lodging part of house. No dusty carpets. Clean painted floors with a rug to each bed.

Just back of and on same block at courthouse. Quiet locality. No street noise. Beds at any time of the night. See transparency BEDS from Day & Henderson or GUARD office corner.

Cows for Sale.

Fresh cows with and without calves for sale. A good number to pick from. Well broke for dairy cows. Red and roan Durham. Terms of sale cash.

Call at home in Noti Valley, fifteen miles west of Eugene, or address STEPHENS BROS., Creswell, Oregon.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets
All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Albany is having a soap factory. Roseburg is having a poultry show. Scissors and pocket knives that are good at Chambers.

A masquerade is on the tapis a Junction for New Year's night.

Two Slightly Building Lots for Sale.

The two corner lots on the left hand where the old street railway began to go up College Hill are offered for sale. They have a gentle slope to the street corner and towards the town, with an elevation of probably twenty feet above the level of the business part thereof. This elevation is reached by a barely appreciable rise extending over several blocks.

These lots were the first purchase when Mr. Atherton laid out College Hill into a city addition. When you see them you will say we did not fail to select the choice property.

If you are thinking of buying and building, a few minutes' walk will take you to this property. No need to inquire of owner as to location. It lies just across the street from the end of the lengthwise plank walk when you come to College Hill, in the angle of the first two residence properties. Turn squarely to the right at the plank walk and you cannot miss it. A good suburban sidewalk direct to the lots. No city taxes. Street in front of property in city corporation map.

J. E. CALDWELL.

City Property for Sale

I own and have for sale about 500 lots in seven different additions to Eugene. Am laying off a new addition. Lots sold on reasonable terms for \$20 and upwards.

I employ no agents. I alone sell my property. These lots are going fast, so anyone wanting to purchase would do well to call early.

Some of this property would be exchanged for desirable timber lands.

T. G. HENDRICKS.

Saved at Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newson, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst form of indigestion, waterbrash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive guaranteed cure. Only 50c at W. L. DeLano's drug store.

A few good second-hand bicycles very cheap at Chambers' Hardware.

The new mill of the Booth-Kelly Company, at Springfield, is rapidly approaching completion. The machinery is now nearly all in place, and it is the intention to be ready for cutting about the first of the year.

KIDNEY DISEASE.

Its Insidious Progress and Sudden Termination.

Not long ago a man who had made a success in business bought a country place and retired from active commercial life. By all outward appearances he was a healthy man. He entered upon the life of his country home with great zest, engaging himself in the culture and care of flowers and enjoying the pleasures of out door life to the full. One day they found him unconscious on the lawn. The family believed he must have been the victim of a trap. The doctor came but could not rouse him from his stupor. When the autopsy was made it showed that death was the result of kidney disease long neglected.



story that in one way or another is being repeated every day, the victims being men and women who suffer from "kidney trouble" and neglect it.

SLOW POISONING.

It is the office of kidneys to filter the blood and remove from it those foreign matters which if retained in the blood corrupt and poison it. The principles so fundamental to the life of the body being produced in the tissues of the body. The kidneys are therefore ceaselessly at work and care for an enormous quantity of blood. When by reason of disease the activity of the kidneys is impaired, or when they are overtaxed by being required to eliminate from the blood an undue quantity of corrupting substances, thrown into the blood as a result of disease of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition; then it is that the poisonous deposits first begin to collect in the blood, and breed deadly consequences. The accumulation of the poison is slow, and the physical changes which accompany the poisoning of the system are slow also, and this makes the great danger of the disease. Many times the victim of kidney disease does not awaken to danger before the entire system is poisoned, and the struggle for life is desperate and doubtful.

ACT AT ONCE.

Prompt action cannot be too strongly urged upon those who have even the slightest symptoms of "kidney trouble." The timely use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will save both suffering and expense.

"For a long time I was suffering and was hardly able to get about," writes Mr. Andrew J. Jennings, of Thomas, Tucker Co., W. Va., Box 194. "Was bothered with kidney trouble and my whole system was out of order; had no appetite. A friend of mine told me to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I did so and the first bottle restored my appetite. I took six bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and some of the 'Pleasant Pellets' and feel like a new person. Think there is no better medicine and I heartily recommend these

medicines to every one whose suffering is of the nature that mine was."

The symptoms of kidney disease are many and so variable that it is almost impossible to describe them all. In general, the indications of kidney disease are pain in the back and loins, change in the urinary excretion, a depressed feeling with lassitude or weakness; irregular heart beat; hot and dry skin, deranged digestion, variable appetite, urinary incontinency, painness about the eyes, swelling of the ankles or in different parts of the body. These symptoms will not be present in any one case, probably, but any one of them is a reason for a prompt attempt to cure its cause.

DON'T TAKE CHANCES.

The symptoms of kidney disease are so variable and so liable to be mistaken that it is no uncommon thing for the inexperienced practitioner to treat the sufferer for the wrong disease. Such was the case probably with Mrs. Hayer, whose letter is given below. "Several different doctors treated her but none did her any good," until she consulted Dr. Pierce.

"I had been sick for more than a year with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Lucy Hayer, of Jackshoro, Jack County, Texas. "Several different doctors treated me, but none did me any good. One doctor said I never could be cured, that I had Bright's disease. I suffered nearly death at times; had spells the doctor called spasms. Was bed-fast most of the time for six months. My doctor begged me to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. With but little hope I wrote to Dr. Pierce and he said he could cure me. I began to take his Golden Medical Discovery, and although I had given up to die I began to improve from the start; and by the time I had taken twenty-two bottles I was entirely cured. I thank God for the 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I weigh more than ever before in my life and I am entirely well."

Dr. Pierce invites any person who suffers from disease in chronic form to consult him by letter, free. All correspondence is held as strictly private and is held as confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. A great many people, who like Mrs. Hayer, have written to Dr. Pierce "with but little hope," have like her been perfectly and permanently cured by his treatment.

FREE ANALYSIS.

An analysis of the urine will be made free of charge. This often determines the nature of the disease when accompanied with a full statement of symptoms. Do not neglect this opportunity to obtain a specialist's opinion on your condition absolutely without fee or charge, together with a free urinary analysis. If you are sick consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, without delay.

It is to be remembered that Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, cleanses the blood of waste substances and so removes one of the causes which conduce to the over-burdening and disease of the kidneys.

Don't be fooled into trading a substance for a shadow. Any substitute offered as "just as good" as "Golden Medical Discovery" is a shadow of this medicine. There are cures behind every claim made for the "Discovery" which is not "just as good" medicine can show.

ENTIRELY FREE.

The best Medical Book free. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, containing more than a thousand large pages and over 700 illustrations, is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send 11 cent stamps for the cloth-bound volume or only 21 stamps for the book in paper covers. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.



Barker's Xmas Presents



See our Dolls at 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 50c, 75c and on up to \$2.50. Fine Lead Soldiers 5c and 10c a box. Greatest line of Photo Albums you ever saw, from 50c up to \$6.00. Shaving Sets, Manicure Sets, Work Boxes and all the Celluloid Novelties the market affords. Boys' Xmas Pocket Knives, the finest you ever saw and at all prices. These knives are made to cut and they will cut too.

Toys, drums, trains, cows, engines, mules, horses, dogs, cats, geese, ducks, chickens, trunks, cradles, carpet sweepers, stoves, tubs, washboards, clowns, surprise boxes, automobiles, mice, rats, alligators, hammers, flags, chairs, stools, carts, wagons, elephants, balls, spiders, sea devils, paints, transparent slates, houses, celluloid balls, rubber balls, ping pong, table tennis, beds.

The finest selection of Madalon pictures in town and our prices are right. Mandolins, violins, banjos, guitars, and strings and the greatest stock of mouth harmonicas in town from 20 cents up to the elegant concert Hohner at 75 cents. Air guns, 22 rifles, accordions, from \$3.00 to \$9.00.



Nice stock of fancy China ware. A big line of iron wagons at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50. The above wagons are the celebrated Toledo which have steel gears, and not cast-iron. Sporting goods.

All kinds of game boards, dominoes, bagatelle. Our sewing machines at \$16.85, \$25.00, \$27.50 and \$30.00 are elegant Xmas presents and are of the finest makes.

With each \$1.00 Purchase we give a Present Worth 25 cents.

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