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run from \$40,000,000 to \$48,000,000 annually, and in connection with a mooted increase of capitalization it was recently dwelt upon that the great corporation has a large accumulation of profits amounting to hundreds of millions in addition to the dividends that have been paid. Probably the \$29,000,000 fine may be conservatively reckoned at less than six months' profits of the entire Standard Oil Company.

The statement of "three years' profits" evidently refers to that branch of the Standard named the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, which is the defendant upon which this fine is imposed. The assertion is wholly inadequate with regard to the profits of the controlling concern.

The amount of specie held in the clearing house banks of New York City on Saturday reached a new high record of \$313,394,500, and the surplus was more than five per cent in excess of the twenty-five per cent reserve rule. The aggregate deposits of all banks and trust companies was \$2,157,183,500. The statement shows that the banks hold \$63,883,475 more than the requirements of the twenty-five per cent reserve rule.

What is true in New York is relatively true throughout the country. To the enormous and rapidly increasing idle reserves of the banks must be added the other enormous amount of money which is held in safe deposit vaults and "old stockings," equally idle. Five and a half per cent is the limit of interest on mortgage loans in New York, and few bond investments pay as much. It is not probable that the money loaned averages five per cent, and if it did it would only make an average of 3 1/2 per cent on total deposits, including the idle money on which the banks must pay interest.

VOTE TO CHANGE TIME OF ELECTION

It seems to The Guard that there should be a unanimous vote in favor of the initiative amendment for changing the state election to November. Now we have altogether too many elections in Oregon, three of them on presidential years when one might just as well be dispensed with, saving much trouble and expense. The following editorial from the East Oregonian on this subject is to the point:

"The initiative amendment which proposes to change the date of the state election in Oregon to correspond with the presidential election is a most worthy measure and should be adopted at the coming June election.

"It is folly for Oregon to conduct two elections in one year. The increased expense on the taxpayers, the interference with business conditions, twice in the same season, and other objectionable features should induce the voters to change the date of the state election.

"The state elections of nearly all of the states are held on the date of the presidential election to save election expenses. Oregon has long borne this additional expense, but nobody can give a good reason for tolerating the extra expense. Let us change the date of the election. The question will be on the official ballot, and when you vote to that subject on your ballot, vote 'Yes.'

"It will save thousands of dollars to the taxpayers and everybody surely wants to reduce taxes in every legitimate way."

AGRICULTURAL PAPER FOR STATE UNIVERSITY

The Oregon Agriculturist and Rural Northwest, the leading farm paper of the state, is pronounced in its support of the State University appropriation. In the latest issue its leading editorial says:

"We hope the farmers of Oregon will stand by the appropriation for the State University, because we have observed that the states which have made the greatest progress and have the best schools of every kind are those which provide liberally for the whole system from the foundation up. We would like to see Oregon do as well proportionately for its state university as the states of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota do for their state universities, and while thinking about this it is well to remember that the three states mentioned, which are famous for their great and liberally supported state universities, are also noted for having taken the lead in agricultural education. We must have university-educated men in Oregon, and the question is whether we will have a university at home which will permit persons of moderate means in this state to obtain such an education, or whether the doors to a university education shall be closed to all except those who are wealthy enough to attend distant state universities or those like Chicago university and Leland Stanford, which have been endowed with funds wrong from the people by methods which few now have the hardihood to pronounce moral."

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THE MAN WITH THE PLOW A USEFUL CITIZEN

A foreigner who arrived in this country the other day with nine children and a plow can never be president, but he can be a desirable citizen. His outfit indicates that he intends to be. In this brief mention of the sturdy victor of an unknown individual the New York Herald pays a tribute to a class of men, foreign and native born, of which there can never be an over-production in this country.

Education is an excellent thing in its way, just as long a that way does not run counter to the inexorable rule of life that labor is a necessity. But when the youth of this land is taught that all labor is degrading that cannot be done without soiling the hands and hardening the muscles, we must look elsewhere than at home for the men best qualified to perpetuate that spirit of independence and self-reliance so essential to the maintenance of the principles upon which this nation is founded. The hope of this country lies in the men who are developing its resources, and not the least important of this class is the man with the plow.

NO NECESSITY FOR NEWSPAPER CAMPAIGN

The Guard is refusing paid matter from both the prohibitionists and their opponents. Both sides seem to have campaign funds and are filling the newspapers wherever possible with their arguments pro and con. This may be necessary in other countries, but here we do not believe it to be so, since Lane has had prohibition for two years and this coming election means nothing more or less than an expression of opinion from the people upon the practical trial of what was up to two years ago an experiment. There should not be an intelligent voter in the county who does not know his own mind; he is either "wet" or "dry" from reasoning of his own, based on personal experience and observation and it is a waste of newspaper space to appeal to such a voter with the hackneyed and stereotyped arguments common in the discussion of such issues.

The Guard wants to see Eugene and Lane county grow and has all along advocated moderation and toleration in the discussion of these questions that so often divide communities into warring camps. Let us rather go to the voting booth and settle this question without any undue excitement and rancor, being prepared to accept the result, whatever it may be, as the will of an intelligent, honest majority, and thus keep in a position to continue boosting for a bigger and better city and county. We are willing to pass up the opportunity to sell some additional space, in order to carry out a policy which we believe to be best for the general welfare, a position which we feel will be endorsed by the best citizenship of the county upon sober reflection.

The Statement No. 1 advocates have at last roused themselves to action in Lane county, and are pushing the principle involved in this feature of the primary law to the fore as the issue in this campaign. Their candidates for the legislature are Allen H. Eaton, L. R. Edmanson and George O. Knowles, three energetic and popular young men, who should be able to poll the full strength of the Statement No. 1 forces. Two of them, Messrs. Edmanson and Knowles, have announced a speaking canvass of the county, challenging their opponents to meet them in a discussion of the paramount issue. Should the deft be accepted an otherwise dull and listless campaign may be enlivened with a display of real ante-election pyrotechnics that will cause the most apathetic voter to sit up and take notice.

The LaPorte, Indiana, authorities are still at sea regarding the wholesale killing of people at the Guinness farm in that section. According to the latest information, it is pretty definitely determined that somebody committed no less than fifteen or twenty murders and the opinion of the officers is that Mrs. Guinness is that somebody. But it seems that just retribution finally avenged the murders and that Mrs. Guinness herself was finally killed along with her three children, but whether by accident or design is one of the mysteries surrounding the strange series of tragedies. Every effort is being made by the officers of the law to get at the bottom of the affair, and a large reward has been offered for the apprehension of the woman murderer, if alive, and if not, her dead body.

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gress has appropriated sums of money for building of roads in the Philippines, in Cuba and elsewhere. A little money wisely expended in building highways at home would be of advantage. But, as a man remarked to the writer the other day, if there is something to be done and you cannot get anybody else to do it, do it yourself.

The few hide-bound political newspaper organs sneer at newspapers like The Guard which have declared absolute independence of party organization. They assert that such papers are "afraid to take a position" when as a matter of fact it is the independent press that has caused the present awakening of the public conscience by their fearlessness in exposing wrong and corruption wherever found. In this day of independent thought and action, of liberal education and high intelligence, the most pitiable relics of the old order are the partisan newspapers, the creatures of the bosses and the catspaws of the ring. It requires double the moral stamina to resist the inducements and opportunities offered by the bosses than it does to run along in the old groove, fed by pap from the office seeker and office-holder.

Harry Thaw is said to be afflicted with an incurable form of insanity and the alienists assert that he would be a constant menace to the public if turned at large. We thought so all along, and advise that he be constantly confined in his present prison-asylum during the balance of his existence on this terrestrial sphere. The country can get along very nicely without Thaw and all other men of his stripe, whether they be insane or otherwise.

To illustrate the importance of the newspaper as related to the forests, it is reported that an Englishman largely interested in newspapers has secured by purchase in one of the English dependencies, a tract of 600,000 acres of land, thickly covered with timber, so that when he finds the general supply of wood pulp paper running low he can draw from his private resources. Does not this fact make one think?

The conduct of Harry Orchard, who dismissed an attorney who endeavored to save him from the punishment of his crimes, is cordially commended to some of the wealthy malefactors of the land. But these fellows are not built that way. They prefer to escape the consequences of their crimes, and after all, that is but the natural instinct of self-preservation.

A Washington dispatch states that the average weekly wages through the country is \$10. Now you'll understand why, with two kids on our hands and doctors' bills starting us in the face, we're still wearing our heavy winter duds and why wife's spring bonnet is on the absent list, says the editor of a country weekly paper.

They call the parade of fifty of Louisiana's prettiest girls, "clad in white frocks of flimsy gauze, with red hats, red silk stockings, and mounted astride coal-black horses," which is being arranged for the governor's inauguration, a tribute to "reform," but to the onlookers it will be a show of form.

Andy Carnegie says "a nation has everything to fear from gigantic armed Dreadnaughts," but we believe his steel trust is still filling orders, at fancy prices, for armor for battleships.

It might be just as well for several thousand would-be millionaires to bear in mind that there is but one Tom Lawson-made fortune, and that belongs to Tom.

We are assured by an expert (not Senator Tom Platt) that the Merry Widow Hds have had no perceptible influence on the flavor of the kisses under them.

We take it that the makers of campaign buttons already out are far too wise to wait until the conventions act to collect their coin.

Tom Platt was unquestionably rightly named as the "easy boss." Mae Wood seems to have found him very "easy."

***** OREGON'S GRAND OLD MAN AND STATE UNIVERSITY ***** We ought to have a good university or none at all. If we want a good university, then of course it must have the means to make it good. A poor, sickly, half-starved institution would be a disgrace to Oregon. GEO. H. WILLIAMS, Ex-Mayor of Portland. *****

BOHEMIA MINERS PEGGING STEADILY ON THEIR CLAIMS

Bohemian miners are quite active and one can hear blasting on every hand. There is some snow on the highest points, but not enough to hinder extensive operations. Wagon roads, trails and houses are being built and improved, while underground operations continue unheeded.

John Brund is building four miles of wagon road, extending from the Vesuvius Hill to some mines owned by F. J. Hard, who is manager of the Vesuvius property. This is Mr. Hard's Utopian group, and he will commence hauling ore to the mill as soon as the wagon road is completed. He has made arrangements with the Vesuvius people for the use of their mill. Mr. Hard milled 50 tons of this ore last season, and it gave such satisfactory results that he has decided to put on ore wagons and has come to heavy expense in building the road.

In coming up the Sharps Creek road from Cottage Grove, one looks at a sign at Martin Creek which says, "Two Miles to Combination Mine." This property is said to be rich in silver and gold and one that will soon be on a paying basis. Clark Bros., owners, have done some extensive development since they took over the property two years ago. They have a small sawmill to cut their mining timbers. In going into the mine, one is struck with the up-to-date method of timbering which the owners have adopted, namely, the square set. They have various drifts and crosscuts and in three levels have 1500 feet of tunnel, which work has exposed ore bodies of sufficient size to warrant installation of a mill. The mill to be erected will be of the wild type of concentrator, mill and frue vanners. They have enough ore in sight to supply a ten-ton mill for a considerable length of time.

Two miles further on the trail is the property of the Martin Creek Mining Company, operated by Colonel W. H. Burghardt, of Salem. At this property is a large bunkhouse, tunnel houses and several tunnels. Mr. Burghardt has exposed some fine ore in some of these tunnels.

The Star property is not being operated at present and the mill is idle, but it is thought operations will be resumed shortly. The Twin Rocks Mining Company property, over the range in Douglas County, is being developed as fast as men can do the work. A crosscut, which is not 200 feet, is being rapidly driven and will soon cut a ledge of open veins.

M. H. Shane is doing development work on his Pittsburg property, at the head of Rock Creek. He has some very nice ore exposed and has been at the property most of the winter.

The newly organized Trinity Mining Company has taken over all property in Bohemia owned by the Great Eastern people and will soon commence operations on all the property.

SUPT. ACKERMAN ADVOCATES SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSITY

That immigration boosters in the state of Washington are already using Oregon's attitude on the University of Oregon appropriation bill as an argument for the purpose of diverting homeseekers to that state was one of the declarations made by Superintendent J. H. Ackerman Sunday afternoon at a people's forum meeting in Grange hall, when the appropriation bill was up for discussion. Superintendent Ackerman and Eugene Palmer were the principal speakers. The former advocated the adoption of the bill at the June election, the latter argued against the measure.

Superintendent Ackerman said that Washington appropriated \$475,000 for its agricultural college at Pullman and that when Easterners come to the coast seeking homes Washington boomers urge them to locate in that state and remind them of the amount of money Washington is spending on its schools, while Oregon is holding up and may defeat an appropriation of \$250,000 for the State University. In his opinion this argument is being used effectively and it will be to the advantage of this state if homeseekers can be told that Oregon has passed the appropriation bill.

Arguments for Appropriation. Briefly stated, his arguments in behalf of the bill were: That money put into education is not a tax, but an investment; that an education is valuable, not merely to the man who gets it, but to the entire state, for the educated is more efficient than the uneducated; that the State University, because tuition is free, enables every boy and girl to get a college education if desired; that high education should be provided at home, for if boys go away to college we lose the brightest of our young men; that it must be expected that the cost of education per capita will be much higher in the university than in the common schools, for the instructors must be paid higher salaries and can teach a smaller number of pupils; that the adoption of this law, providing for a continuous appropriation, will take the State University out of politics by making it unnecessary for the institution to come to the legislature every two years for an appropriation; that the University is the head of the educational system of the state, and its standard must be maintained; that wealth does not produce education, but education produces wealth; that if the education of the people of Oregon could be doubled today the wealth of the state would be more than doubled.

Mr. Ackerman said that to the states he visited on his trip East the educational system of Oregon could not be compared. "Show me the

state university and I will tell you about your whole educational system. It is not a fight against the common schools; it is a fight against education; every friend of the University is a friend of the common school. The educational advancement of a state marks the progress of the state."—Salem Statesman.

Office of the Board of Regents of the University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., May 11, 1908.—To the People.—Based upon estimates submitted to the proper committees, the last legislature by more than two-thirds vote passed an act appropriating \$125,000 annually for the support and maintenance of the University of Oregon, and for the construction and furnishing of additional buildings, purchase of equipment, etc. A referendum has been invoked on the bill, and it will be submitted to the voters at the coming election in June for approval or rejection. In view of these facts the regents have thought it best to make the following statement:

Since 1901 the University has depended for its resources upon the annual appropriation of \$47,500, carried by the act of that year, together with the interest of the University fund, incidental fees and interest on the Villard fund, amounting to about \$10,000 a year, and special appropriations from time to time. The act of 1907 provided, however, that the revenues from other sources, primarily by contribution, should be used to defray the necessary current expenses at the time of its adoption. It has been necessary to supplement the amount thereof from time to time by special appropriations, that of 1905 being \$65,000.

Purpose of All Appropriations. The purpose of the bill now pending is to merge in one act all appropriations. The amount thereof is based on careful and what is believed to be conservative estimates, and in the opinion of the regents is necessary to bring the University up to and maintain the standard of efficiency which the educational interests of the state require. The bare cost of maintenance is now estimated at \$75,000 a year. Additional instructors are needed in several of the departments, which will bring the amount for maintenance up to \$85,000 or \$90,000 a year. The library, which touches all departments alike, will require an annual expenditure of at least \$10,000 for some years to bring it to the proper standard of efficiency.

Provision should be made immediately for the accommodation of the women of the University by furnishing and heating the present cottage and by the construction of additional cottages or a general dormitory. This, it is estimated, will take about \$50,000. New buildings are needed for class, laboratory and recitation purposes, at a cost of approximately \$75,000. The heating, power and water plant must be enlarged, at an expense of \$10,000 or \$15,000, to meet the demands upon it for heating, irrigation and fire protection. As soon as funds are available the campus should be enlarged to meet present and future needs, by acquiring additional grounds by purchase, if a satisfactory price can be obtained, and if not, by condemnation.

These several items will cost from \$125,000 to \$150,000, and together with others developing with the growth of the University, will absorb the entire amount carried by the present bill and all additional revenues, over and above the expenses of maintenance, for a number of years to come.

This covers in a general way the needs of the University, as we see it, and the use to be made of the proposed appropriation. There is another matter which should be alluded to. The invoking of the referendum has restricted the University since January 1, 1907, to the annual amount appropriated by act of 1901, and about \$10,000 a year from other sources, making a total of about \$60,000 a year, which has been inadequate to pay the expenses. The deficiency was met last year by the board postponing all improvements, purchase of furniture, additional apparatus and the like, and by part of the faculty voluntarily foregoing their salaries for the last quarter of the year, relying upon the approval of the pending bill or subsequent appropriation by the legislature for their payment. The salaries and incidental expenses for the present academic year will amount to at least \$50,000, to meet which there is an appropriation of \$47,500, interest on Villard fund, \$2200, or a total of \$54,700. At the close of the present scholastic year the University will therefore be practically without funds, and as the law absolutely forbids the regents or faculty from pledging the faith of the state for the University, in excess of the income for the current year, it is not apparent how it will be able to open its doors next fall if the pending appropriation is defeated.