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ADVANTAGES OF OREGON

The business men, ministers, school children and citizens of Portland generally are busily engaged this week in sending in personal letters to their friends a leaflet which, in addition to most effectively advertising the fact that "Oregon is the place for you," and giving the low colonist rates to this state, contains the following condensed facts on Oregon, says the Portland Commercial Club Bulletin:

Has one-sixth of the standing timber of the United States, or more than any other state, government estimate, three hundred billion feet.

A vast undeveloped area now available to the home-maker and investor will go on the market in 1909. This will be the most luscious melon cut in Uncle Sam's domain during the present year.

Has arable land enough for twenty million people. Present population, 700,000.

Does more than any other state to advance irrigation, being the largest contributor United States reclamation fund.

It is a natural dairying state. Annual product \$17,000,000, an increase from \$5,000,000 five years ago. Western portion has pasture every month in the year. Ranks second in wool clip among the states.

Oregon apples, pears and cherries find their way to the tables of sovereigns and multi-millionaires of every civilized land—they are the best. Returns of from \$300 to \$1000 per acre on fruit lands are not exceptional.

Poultry products, \$5,000,000 annually. Local market demands three times that amount at highest prices.

Has water powers (being rapidly developed) sufficient to run all the machinery in the United States.

Livestock in the state estimated at \$75,000,000—packing plants now building insure a trebled market.

Has two prosperous mining sections, located in the eastern and southern portions of the state—gold, silver, iron, copper and oil among the products.

Has diversity of climates and soils adapted to every product of the temperate zone not dependent upon hot nights.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Broadly speaking, the educational systems and institutions of the United States, public and private, enrolled in 1906-07 in the neighborhood of 10,000,000 pupils, of all grades and classes, according to a report recently filed by the United States Commissioner of education. About twenty per cent of the total population attended the common schools for a longer or a shorter period. This percentage had been pretty nearly stationary for thirty years. In the meantime, however, the average length of the common school year had advanced from 130 days to a little over 150 days, and the percentage of those enrolled who were on the average in attendance each day of this longer school year had advanced from 62 to 70 per cent.

While the proportion of the population which went to school at all had not increased, the remarkable increase of those attending high schools and other schools of middle grade still continued, reaching in that year, 1906-07, about 1.13 per cent of the whole population. In round numbers, one out of every ninety of our people was enrolled in a secondary school, and one out of every 300 in a college or other institution of higher education. Inasmuch as an approach to these high proportions has been going on for many years and the length of time any one pupil is in a school of any grade is only a fraction of a human life, it is clear that the proportion of our population which at any time had received education in one of the grades indicated was much higher than would appear from the number enrolled for the year under consideration.

Of the total number of teachers in the common schools of the country, about 475,000 in all in that year, 1906-07, less than 22½ per cent were men; and not only this percentage, but the actual number of men teachers had been steadily declining for ten years or more. The average monthly salary of both man and woman teachers in the meantime had been slowly rising, yet so slowly that it had failed to keep pace with other expenditures for educational purposes. While the proportion of school moneys devoted to building and other "permanent improvements" had been advancing for nearly twenty years, the proportion devoted

to the personal services of teachers had been slowly receding. In the year 1906-07 the distribution of our common-school fund was about as follows: For buildings, sites, etc., one-fifth; for teachers' salaries, three-fifths; for other purposes, one-fifth. The total expenditure so distributed amounted in the year 1906-07 to something over \$330,000,000. For the same year the expenditures for education of all grades, both public and private, in this country rose to approximately \$442,000,000.

The Guard does not believe that the legislature should appropriate \$100,000 or any other large sum for the construction of an automobile road from Medford to Crater Lake. While such a road would benefit considerable tourist travel, there is a crying need for all the money the state can spare upon roads that will benefit the farmers and public generally to a far greater extent. We would like to see a state road built the entire length of Oregon, and believe the legislature should make an appropriation this session for the beginning of the work. We are not selfish enough to desire that this work shall begin in Lane county, but are willing, if it is considered best to do so, that Jackson county should have the first money expended, provided the appropriations are continued until there is a good macadamized road extending from the Columbia river to the California state line. Then in time we believe that there will be laterals extending from the main road, not only to Crater Lake, but into every part of the state. We need a good system of roads in Oregon and the only way to get it is to work according to a definite plan, and not to make large appropriations at the beginning for such roads as that advocated by the Medford boomers.

The Los Angeles Express discusses the earthquake question in the most sensible manner, calling attention to the first advice offered survivors to make their future habitation as far away as possible from the scene of the disaster; in other words, to desert the place of sorrow, where nature once so kindly smiled upon joyous life. But the home instinct is too strong for such advice to be taken. San Francisco heeded it not; neither did Valparaiso nor Charleston, and Galveston went sturdily to work to build walls against tidal waves. Disaster cannot quench this home-loving, with its accompanying pride of locality and tradition. Spirits may be temporarily crushed, but hope revives with the thought that this is an age for solving difficulties; that man now has more confidence in himself than ever before when it comes to coping with the forces of nature. When the telephone, wireless telegraph, flying machines, etc., are considered, there is no impatient request that the scientist predict the time of the next earthquake for his limitations are recognized; but there is a simpler and more modest demand that the engineer come forward with plans for habitations which shall withstand the violence of earth tremors. And the engineer is coming forward. He is calculating for stresses hitherto neglected. San Francisco is rebuilding with careful thought for future seismic disturbances; Messina is likewise to be on the map through future ages, thanks to the engineer.

Senator Bingham has introduced a bill in the legislature providing for the publication of the delinquent tax list. It is right and just and should become a law, since the widest possible publicity should be given in the matter of the collection of taxes in order that no property owner should suffer because of ignorance as to the conditions of the payment of his taxes. Under the present law, which allows any one to pay delinquent taxes on a piece of property which has not been advertised for taxes, for three years and then receive a sheriff's deed to the same, there will in our opinion be many flagrant cases of injustice, which could not occur under the system of advertising such property for sale, and disposing of the same at auction to the highest bidder.

The Chinese Six Companies have made an appeal to the president for the same treatment accorded the Japanese for the subjects of the Celestial kingdom. Nobody will deny the logic of this appeal, but it is extremely doubtful if it will be granted. China is not the aggressive nation that Japan is, nor does that government go about with a chip on its shoulder the entire time, hunting for an insult. The way to gain recognition is to demand it, and if necessary make a showing to enforce the demand. And this also applies to individuals as well as nations. It is the aggressive fellow who wins out every time in any enterprise.

Footprints of the devil have been found in the vicinity of Burlington, New Jersey, according to a late press report. How can that be when Billy Sunday asserted recently that the realm of his satanic majesty is in the vicinity of Portland? Billy ought to know, for he claims he can smell the brimstone, and as a rule preachers do not lie—hardly ever.

Aside from the recent issue of \$300,000 of light and water bonds, Eugene's bonded indebtedness is but \$27,000, which was incurred in the construction of sewers. This is evidence that the city is well able to build a \$75,000 city hall that will reflect credit upon the city for years to come. There should be a decided majority in favor of such an improvement when it comes up to the voters for decision in a few weeks.

There are 20,000 words in the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission to the senate, telling why it threw down the bill to amend the railroad law by enlarging the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The real reason could have been told in fewer.

The local officers are to be congratulated upon their efficient work in running the hold-up men to earth. Now the courts should supplement their good work by sending the fellows to the penitentiary for long terms without any unnecessary delay.

And now Harry Thaw is accusing the judge who sent him to the asylum of having used despotic power. However, Harry, that was better than using a gun.

Nevada's population is comparatively small, but it seems to have an unusual number of citizens familiar with the spotlight machinery.

Four hold-ups in one night puts Eugene in a class with Portland and Spokane.

BOMB THROWER
FAILS IN ATTEMPT
TO EXTORT MONEY

Kansas City, Feb. 16.—Armed with a revolver in one hand and a dynamite bomb in the other, a man apparently about 40 years of age today entered the home of Lawrence M. Jones, president of the Jones Brothers Drygoods Company, of this city, and demanded \$7000. By a ruse Mr. Jones overpowered the man, who was arrested. At the police station the bomb thrower gave the name of C. H. Garnett.

He called at the Jones home and was asked to be seated in the library. As Jones entered the room he faced a revolver and was told to be seated. Garnett then took a dynamite bomb from under his coat and demanded \$7000 on penalty of being blown to pieces if he refused. In the endeavor to calm the man Jones talked over half an hour, while Mrs. Jones, feeling apprehensive over the long interview of her husband, entered the library. The intruder commanded her to be seated, and the conversation was resumed.

Chester L. Jones, son, and secretary of his father's company, next entered the room and was also ordered to be seated. Jones, Sr., then suggested he did not have the necessary funds in the house and that the man accompany him from the house to a bank.

This was agreed to and as the pair was passing through the lower hall Jones stepped suddenly back and the son then overpowered the man, stripping him of his weapons, after which he called the police. The bomb did not explode when the intruder fell. Jones is reputed to be a millionaire.

At the police station the man said he planned, after securing the money from Jones, to take him to Independence, a suburb, where he would have chained him in a house fitted for the purpose. He had been planning the scheme for several months.

YOUNG BURGLAR
IS ARRESTED

Late this afternoon a young man about eighteen years of age and giving the name of Ray Martin, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff George Croner, as he was emerging from the electric theatre, as being suspected of burglarizing Polders & Davis' hardware store last night. He was taken to his room in Mrs. Whitlow's lodging house at West Sixth and Olive streets where the stolen goods were found. He admitted his guilt. The officers found a suit of clothes, a pair of shoes, a suit of underwear, several silk handkerchiefs, two or three pairs of socks and several stick pins. The boy declared that this was all he took. Martin has been employed as dishwasher at Otto's grill for two or three weeks past. Letters in his possession from relatives indicate that his home is at Marietta, Ohio. After having received information that led Sheriff Croner to suspect Martin as being guilty of the burglary, his room was entered and the stolen goods found in a valise. E. R. Davis, one of the owners of the store, identified the goods and then a search was made for Martin. Sheriff Croner and Mr. Davis went down town, locating him at the Electric theatre.

A burglar entered the hardware store of Polders & Davis some time last night or early this morning and after taking a complete outfit, from underclothes and socks to a suit of clothes and shoes, left the place, but left behind no clue that would lead to his identity.

The store was entered through one of the rear windows which was pried open with an ice pick. The miscreant entered the store room of Otto's grill through a small window in the toilet and it was an easy matter then to work at Polders & Davis' window being seen. The burglar picked out a \$32 suit of clothes that had been made to order for one of the firm's customers, then went to the shoe department, where he selected a pair of \$4 shoes, first trying them on to see if they fit. A suit of underclothes, socks and perhaps a hat were taken. About a dozen stick pins were included in the fellow's outfit and it is probable that he took a few neckties and perhaps some gloves, as the cases which contained them were found open this morning.

He failed to locate the cash till. Officer Callison in making his rounds early this morning discovered the rear door to Otto's grill open. He made an investigation and found where some one had entered the place through the toilet window, had entered Polders & Davis' store and then left the premises through the rear part of the grill, leaving the door open.

Burglars also entered the residence of George Stanley on Patterson street between East Ninth and the mill race some time last night, supposedly early in the evening when the family was at church. Professor Leonard, of the University, who rooms at the house, upon going home found that someone had been through the rooms upstairs and had rummaged around trying to find something of value that they could carry away. When Mr. and Mrs. Stanley returned they found that the burglar or burglars had entered the house through a pantry window, but nothing was missing. Sixty cents in money was found on the floor which the thief had taken but which he dropped perhaps in his flight as he heard Prof. Leonard enter the house.

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