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THE RAILROAD PROBLEM

The recent activities of Mr. E. H. Harriman in the national capital and elsewhere, particularly in the line of making statements to the newspapers, has caused much speculation as to the future relations between the government and the railroads. Some years Senator Newlands, of Nevada, championed the proposition that if the government undertook to regulate rates it should also regulate dividends. It is evident that the railroad question has not been settled. In fact, it is simply opening up. The safety of the country demands fewer grade crossings and the extension and perfection of the block system. The business interests demand more cars and engines, more tracks and increased terminal facilities. Legislatures are passing two cent rate laws and the railroads are retaliating by cutting off excursion and commutation tickets. Wall street investors generally are looking for increased dividends. The railroads themselves, meaning the men actually employed in operating the roads, are caught between two conflicting interests, and in addition are met with demands from their employes for more pay, rates were to be reduced.

Altogether it would seem that if congress is to regulate rates and hours of employes, compel improvements in block signals and other facilities, it ought to take cognizance of dividends. Certainly improvements can be made only if new stocks or bonds are issued, which means increased fixed charges, or from current earnings. It seems unfair for congress to regulate the source of income and then permit the stock jobbers to determine what should be done with it. Senator Newland advocated that the dividends should be limited to a fixed and fair amount, and the remainder expended in improvements. When the income became more than was necessary, the rates were to be reduced.

Apparently, Mr. Harriman, if we can read between the lines, has become convinced that unless closer and more friendly relations exist between the government and the railroads the latter will eventually be swallowed up by the former. And it seems that as long as the finances of the roads are to be juggled about by Wall street speculators, the traveling and shipping public will have to suffer either in the matter of rates or facilities.

The English suffragists counted their votes before they were cast, and woke up to find themselves attending another Parliamentary funeral of the woman suffrage bill. White postal clerks in the middle west object to working with negro clerks and, in effect, demanding "Jim-crow" postal cars. More trouble for the race-mixers.

Our Central American neighbors have packed the brotherly love doctrine away with moth balls, finding it in the way while the swatting is going on. Millionaires as a class would gladly see it made impossible for any man to again make a million dollars, if the scheme allowed them to do so. English writers continue to find fault with the minds and manners of American men and women; also gobble up the American dollars they can. The best advertisement there could be for a city like Eugene is good

tion of those from four small plants. The total production of all kinds of hydraulic cement in 1906, including Portland, natural rock and Puzzolan cements, was 50,027,321 barrels, valued at \$54,019,713.

Of the above total amount of cement manufactured in the United States in 1906, 45,610,822 barrels were Portland cement, with a value of \$51,240,652; 3,935,275 barrels were natural rock cement, with a value of \$2,362,140, and 481,224 barrels were Puzzolan cement, valued at \$412,921.

Prices were good in 1906, and showed an advance over those of 1905. The total production of cement in 1905 was 40,894,308 barrels, valued at \$36,012,189. Comparison of totals for 1905 and 1906 shows an increase in 1906 of 9,133,013 in production, and \$19,003,524 in value.

In the sacred realm of high finance any movement to curtail the swapping of engraved stocks and bonds for real money is regarded as an infringement of invested rights. Yet, let an outsider get arrested for raising a cheek of one of the lords of finance, and the whole pack will demand a long sentence as a warning to other thieves.

Senator Booth's generous offer to head an advertising subscription list with \$100 a month for a year should stimulate other enterprising citizens to do their full share toward promotion for the greater Eugene. This is the year that should establish a new record along all lines of material advancement.

Canal enterprises are contagious. Germany has decided to spend \$50,000,000 widening and deepening the Kaiser Wilhelm Canal, connecting the North Sea and the Baltic. Wonder how many chief engineers they will have?

The president of George Washington University, which is in the market for donations, announces that he would not refuse tainted money, though no maker of tainted money need expect to get his name over the entrance.

Gen. Salvation Army Booth is not allowing the custodians of tainted swollen fortunes to remain in doubt as to his attitude. He says all money looks alike to him and that he is after all he can get from any source.

Harriman's reported offer to give tips for the investigation of the Hill-Mongan railroad manipulations, sounds more like a bid for concessions than a desire to help the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It is claimed by one of the New York yellows that the world's most beautiful woman has been found in that city. If true, she would better get away quick or they will have her figuring in a murder trial.

The president of Brown University says he divides men into two classes, those with closed minds and those with open minds. Meaning, we suppose, those who agree with him and those who do not.

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streets, and the paving of Williamette street is a proper beginning of work in that direction. There is no use to exploit abroad the advantages of our city as a place of residence and then have nothing in the way of civic improvement to offer when homeseekers and investors arrive. A clean city with good streets and walks, clean alleys and back yards, and neat homes with well-kept lawns are a city's most valuable assets, when bidding for increased population.

A chauntiqua is the only place where a politician can cash his opinions, and the bitterer and more personal they are the more coin they bring.

That resident of Rome, New York, who sold his wife for \$5, can never hope to figure in history as "The noblest Roman of them all."

Rockefeller and Harriman are of one mind as to the trouble-making qualities of a meddling Federal government.

The Rainy Day.

The day is cold, and dark and dreary;
It rains, and the wind is never weary;
The vine still clings to the moulder-
ing wall,
But at every gust the dead leaves fall,
And the day is dark and dreary.

My life is cold, and dark and dreary;
It rains, and the wind is never weary;
My thoughts still cling to the mould-
ing past,
But the hopes of youth fall thick in
the blast,
And the days are dark and dreary.

Be still, sad heart, and cease repin-
ing,
Behind the clouds the sun is still
shining;
Thy fate is the common fate of all,
Into each life some rain must fall,
Some days must be dark and dreary.

—H. W. Longfellow.

CURRENT NEWS TOPICS

Brownsville people have raised a bonus of \$1000 for its cannery.

During 1906 the Hazelwood Creamery Company paid out \$18,920.40 at Lebanon alone for butter fat.

The Crescent basketball team defeated Willink only 43 to 30, Tacoma 38 to 26, Vancouver, B. C., 29 to 20. As a rule they win only by as much as they need.

The basketball season in Oregon will end without a game between Dallas and O. A. C. Both are claiming the championship. Dallas will have it in the school tournament but the O. A. C. will have it in public opinion, though the teams are very closely matched.—Democrat.

According to a dispatch Saturday President Roosevelt has given Harriman the most colossal arraignment in history. He says: "Harriman has no sense of what is lawful. He has a lawless nature. He has no moral sense. He is a menace to this country. He is a disgrace to the institution of railroads. He is a stigma upon those railroads and bankers who tolerate and condone him." He then declares that the government will follow and expose his dealings.

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A TASTE OF BLOOD

Jonathan Greenwill was a china merchant of Philadelphia. He had several ships afloat, and his son Robert, having a taste for the sea, was given command of one of them, the Pelican. The old man decided to make a voyage with his son on the Pelican and had a stateroom fitted up for him.

The voyage to China was uneventful. Jonathan Greenwill, who was a Quaker of the mildest type, sat much on deck, looking over old ocean's bosom, which throbbed gently; the clouds above, which rolled peacefully, and the sea birds, which sailed gracefully. Nothing could have been more conducive to a deepening of the old man's noncombustant principles.

The voyage out finished and a goodly cargo of silks, tea and other valuables having been taken aboard, the Pelican started for home. She was sailing southward one afternoon on the China sea midway between the Malay peninsula and the island of Borneo when a low, rakish looking vessel appeared on the eastern horizon that especially arrested Captain Robert Greenwill's attention. The old man sat on deck in his chair, absorbed, as usual, in the peacefulness of the scene. The captain went below, and when he returned strange noises were heard underneath.

"What are those sounds, Robert?" asked the father.

"Guns being hauled into position behind masked openings. Do you see that vessel? She's a pirate."

"But, Robert," exclaimed the old man, rising in great trepidation, "what is she going to do?"

"Fight!"

The father said nothing for some time, then spoke earnestly:

"Robert, thee knows my principles. If thee fight, I cannot help thee."

"You can go below, father, and await the issue there."

"What arms have thee?"

"I've always carried three guns on each broadside, and I have a plentiful supply of muskets and cutlasses."

"I never knew that, or I would not have allowed it."

"That I knew very well, father."

An hour later the situation was as follows: The Pelican and the pirate were within a mile of each other, both heading for the strait. The owner of the Pelican was in his stateroom. To enable him to keep his principles he had locked himself in and thrown the key out through a porthole. In doing so he caught sight of the pirate just as she "broke" the skull and bones from her peak, and a few moments later she fired a shot across the Pelican's bows.

Mr. Greenwill was expecting to hear some response from the Pelican's guns, but he did not. Since this was in accordance with his professed views he should have been pleased, but he was not. He started to go and see what occasioned the delay, but found the door locked. A profane word was on his lips, but he repressed it. Mounting a stool, he called through an opening above the door:

"Why doesn't thee fire, Robert?"

But Robert was too far away to hear, besides being otherwise engaged. Jonathan got down from the stool and went to the porthole just in time to see the pirate fire a gun that struck the Pelican within twenty feet of the opening through which he was looking. The pirate was now near enough for him to see the deck swarming with the ugliest lot of yellow cutthroats he had ever looked at.

Again forgetting that the door was locked, he tried to open it. At that moment there were three simultaneous boomings in his own ship, and he ran back to the porthole to get a view. He saw actively on the pirate and new guns run out.

The fight was now well on, and between the booms were heard sounds of the old man's boot against the door of the stateroom, which finally yielded, and Jonathan Greenwill rushed on deck with a cutlass that he had picked up as he ran.

"Give 'em—more balls, Robert! Why don't thee fire faster?"

"All hands ready to repel boarders!" was the captain's only reply, seeing that the pirate was hauling in toward the Pelican.

Ten minutes later the pirate had grappled with the Pelican and a lot of hands were climbing aboard. The Pelican's crew were fewer in number, but of a superior race. The Pelican's deck was higher than the pirate's, and as the pirates put their hands on the gunwale they were chopped off by the cutlasses of the Pelican's men. Nevertheless a number of them got aboard, and both sides fought desperately. Finally, when half of those who had boarded were killed, the pirate sheered off and left the rest at the mercy of the Pelican's crew.

Then for the first time Robert Greenwill got a view of his father. The old man, covered with pirates' blood, his eyes glaring, was hacking away at the remnant of the yellow fiends who had sought to take his ship.

"Hold on, father! We'll take them ashore and let the authorities hang them."

Either the old man did not hear or his blood was too hot to heed. He went on hacking and stabbing, and the men, considering his example an order, went on killing the pirates till none was left alive. Then, when there was no more blood to feed Jonathan Greenwill's thirst, he suddenly came to himself. Dropping his cutlass, he went down the companionway, and soon his voice was heard wrestling in prayer for forgiveness for having stood in having not only used the sword, but having killed more pirates than any man aboard the ship.

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