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FROM THE LAND OF FLOWERS

LETTER FROM MRS. DONELSON.

From Fresno to San Diego—Rain

Pretty Much All the Way—Now With the Thorne's.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 31.—Dear Friends: I will try and write a few lines more about our travels. We left Fresno for Los Angeles Sunday evening, but found so much rain we went on to Redlands, which is one of the prettiest cities I have seen. The residences are just beautiful. We took a car ride up on "Smiley Heights," where we obtained a fine view of the city and surrounding country. Took another car and rode around the city, and found we could go by trolley to San Bernardino, through the prettiest country of oranges and grape fruit. San Bernardino is a fine place. They have a beautiful court house. It is the county seat of San Bernardino county. One mile out of the city is a sulphur spring which boils up in a round urn, then runs into a large tank which is used for bathing. We took one and found it fine, but oh, the smell! I did not try to drink any of the water, but Mr. Donelson held his nose while he sampled the "health restorer."

Tuesday morning we took team for Riverside and San Diego and reached the latter place in a driving rain, and took a rest until the storm was over, when we took several rides about the city, one of which was to the ostrich farm. They have 120 ostriches, almost all grown, some of the birds being three and six weeks and six months old. There we saw the eggs in the incubators hatching. One egg, they say, is equal to four dozen ordinary hen's eggs, and they want \$1 for an empty shell. Cheap, isn't it? In the evening we took the train for La Mesa Springs and are now stopping with W. E. Thorne, who is comfortably situated. We went over the hills to their supply reservoir of water. They have a large supply and use all they want. We go tomorrow for a trip to Coronado Beach and large hotel, and will take a trip into Mexico next. Will write of that later. The Thorne's are all well and happy.

MRS. DONELSON.

Mrs. Mary Martin, aged 73, widow of James Martin, who died on Gales Creek three years ago, died at Gales Creek last Saturday from pneumonia. She was born in Missouri and came to Washington county thirty years ago. She leaves an adopted son and a daughter, Mrs. Clementine Glasson, of Elgin.

It is officially announced that hereafter employees of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad having anything to do with the direction or running of trains will not be permitted to use intoxicants at any time, either when on or off duty, and no person using such beverage will be employed. A general notice to this effect has been sent out by George L. Potter, third vice president and head of the operating department. It is believed by the management of the road that this is an important step in the effort to reduce accidents to the minimum. A drinking man will stand a poor show of getting work in any line of business soon, as every branch of industry is "cutting out" even the moderate drinker—the man that "can quit if he wants to." Under the new order of things he will have to quit, or get no work.

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FRESH YOUNG BLOOD IN A FAVORITE PLAY.

Revival of "Kerry Gow" with Brilliant Cast in Title Role.

The coming of "Kerry Gow" to the Crescent Theatre on Saturday evening recalls the palmy days of Joseph Murphy, some thirty years ago, when this famous actor played the part of Dan O'Hara for over six months at the old Park theatre on Broadway, near Twenty-third street, New York. The theatre-going public of those days hailed the shoeing of a race horse on the dramatic stage as the acme of spectacular realism, and the blacksmith scene was the talk of New York for many years following.

The lasting qualities of "Kerry Gow" which has been produced continuously for over thirty-one years are remarkable and are due almost solely to the broad human interest which prevades the story and carries the audience along with the trials of Honest Dan O'Hara who finally triumphs over the grasping landlord who plots to win Nora by foul and underhand means. The tale is a homely one, but close to the hearts and feelings of the people.

The feature of the new presentation of "Kerry Gow" is above all the contract of Bernard Daly with the production. Daly is looked upon in the theatrical circles as distinctly a "find," and comes from the same school that produced Chauncey Olcott. His start was in musical comedy, he having played two years with Miss Paula Edwards as her tenor supporter in musical comedy. His phenomenally high clear voice attracted the attention of Denman Thompson and he has pleased thousands for the last two years in "The Old Homestead" as the leading juvenile. Bernard Daly was born in Lynn, Mass., and has been placed under contract for ten years by U. D. Newell, one of the deans of road management. He is a handsome, well-built young fellow and is looked upon by observant musicians and dramatists as a coming Scanlan.

On the Train.

"I beg your pardon, sir," said the young lady passenger, as she leaned forward and touched the shoulder of the man, who sat just in front of her, "are you not the strong man whom I saw at the circus yesterday?" "I am," replied the gentleman with the broad shoulders and the bulging muscles.

"It was perfectly wonderful the way you tossed those cannon balls and held up nine other men with one hand. Won't you please see if you can raise this window for me?" But the strong man knew his limitations and politely begged off.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Naming Boys.

"Whatever you do, never name a boy after yourself," was a quaint saying of my old friend, "Uncle" Lufe Hume of Columbia, and it is a wise conclusion for more reasons than one. In after years the father and son are referred to as "Big John," or "Ragged John," "Little John So and So," or "Oul Tom and Young Tom," and "Big Dick," "Little Peel Head" and the like. In the family the youngster is generally called "brother," "babe," "buss," "Dock," "Cud" or "Maunch" and the like, while the gentleman is dubbed "the old man," or "dad," "pap" or "paw." Just as well give your boy a nickname at the start as to name him after yourself. It generally spoils him, too, as he thinks his parents are stuck on him, and he proves to be one of these smartest and cutest things you ever saw in your life, until he grows up.—Correspondent Sturgeon Leader.

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THE PROPOSED SINGLE TAX LAW

WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN JUNE

Amendment to the Oregon Constitution—The Public Not Aware

It is to be on the Ballot.

The petition for the submission of the constitutional amendment drafted by the Oregon Tax Reform Association has just been filed with the Secretary of State. The signers came from all parts of the state in such numbers that it is the strongest petition ever submitted. That these signatures, numbering several thousand more than the number required by law, were obtained more easily than other petitions, indicates widespread interest in this amendment.

It proposes a decided step toward the single tax; as far in that direction as conditions in Oregon are thought to permit, taxing land values, (not acres) and exempting (the text of the amendment reads) "all dwelling houses, barns, sheds, outhouses and other appurtenances thereto, all fences, all machinery and buildings used exclusively for manufacturing purposes, and the appurtenances thereto, all fences, farm machinery and appliances used as such, all fruit trees, vines, shrubs and all other improvements on farms, all live stock, all household furniture in use, and all tools owned by workmen and in use, shall be exempt from taxation."

Many of the greatest Americans of all political faiths, have endorsed the principles embodied in this amendment. Among them, Senator LaFollette, Gov. Folk, Tom Johnson, Henry George, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Lyman Abbott and ex-Governors Douglas and Garvin. They sympathize with the idea of raising the needed revenues for carrying on our government, and at the same time discourage land monopoly, by taxing land and franchise values more, and exempting improvements and personal property.

Some object to the proposition, because it exempts buildings and machinery of manufacturers from taxation. It does so. In this connection, my well-informed men, Oregon is asked to follow well trodden paths. It is pointed out that Oregon has most favorable natural opportunities and conditions for the establishment of manufacturing enterprises. Other states have exempted manufacturing buildings from taxation because it was found to aid development, enhance land values, attract other forms of capital, as well as population, and worked to the general good without a single exception.

Some think the farmer would have to pay as much taxes as ever because to exempt improvements, live stock, machinery, etc., would simply double the taxes on his land and thereby leave the producing agriculturist where he is now. That would be so if the farmer owned the land values in Oregon. But to begin with, two-thirds of the land values of Oregon are in cities. Land for purposes of taxation is measured by a dollar. A section of land in some parts of Oregon would be dear at \$640 but a few square feet of land in Portland are worth more than many sections of such lands. Recently real estate transactions in that city showed that there are 80 acres worth on the average \$1,600,000 each. An acre of this land is worth as much as 32,000 acres of the best farming land in the state, estimating it,

devoid of improvements, at \$50 per acre.

Farmers now pay more than 50 per cent of state taxes while numbering less than 25 per cent of the population. But as long as the farmer's improvements are taxable they cannot escape, as they are not of the nature to be hid. If the farmer has anything exempt, it must be exempted open and above board by law. The land held in cities, for water power, for timber and minerals, for speculative purposes and rights of way in various forms, far exceeds the value of the land owned by the working farmers of Oregon.

The main tax burden will be shifted to valuable locations in cities and railroad franchises, which values are mainly made up by tribute paid by the industry and improvements of the rest of the state, and should justly bear the burden.

The proposed amendment is practical, up to date, its provisions have been tested and worked. The people of Oregon will have this question before them for four months. They will hear much of it. The headquarters of the Oregon Tax Reform Association are at room 705 Marquam Building, for the present, and they are glad to give out information to all who may ask for it.

Homeward Bound.

Horace McKinley is now on his way from China to Portland, Or. He forfeited his bonds while awaiting trial there, fled to the Orient, and was captured by the Mukden authorities. Later he escaped from the Mukden jail, and it is said that Reed assisted him in his escape. He was recently recaptured, and is returning in charge of an officer sent from Portland.

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AND THE CAT WANDERED BACK

IT'S THE REFORM SCHOOL NOW

Bruce Donelson Runs Away From the Boys and Girls Home and Comes Back to Hillsboro.

Bruce Donelson, who was sent to the Boys and Girls Home from Hillsboro last week, ran away from that institution last Sunday and put in an appearance at the home of his grandparents Monday night, where the sheriff gathered him in the following morning.

J. Toucher, traveling agent of the Boys and Girls Aid Society, came out from Portland Tuesday and had a talk with the boy in the office of the county judge. He asked Bruce if he wanted to go back to the Home and behave himself, and the lad replied that he had rather go to the "other place," so the judge committed him to the reform school, where it is a pretty safe bet that he will not run away for some time.

Young Bruce and a lad named Kenneth Horgan, 11 years old, went to church last Sunday and behind the guard's back put up the scheme for running away. After leaving the Home they went to Montevilla, sleeping in a barn that night. In the morning they went to an aunt of the Horgan boy, who gave them something to eat and kept them in hiding all day. That evening she bought Bruce a half-fare ticket and sent him to Hillsboro, the most unkind thing she could have done, as at that time they would have given him another chance at the Home. Now he is in the reform school, and the chances are he will stay there.

Young Horgan was returned to the home Tuesday.

Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Washington county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at the court house, in Hillsboro, as follows:

FOR STATE PAPERS.

Commencing Wednesday, February 12th at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 15th at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology.

Thursday—written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, composition, algebra, English literature.

Saturday—Botony, plane geometry, general history, school law.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS.

Commencing February 12th at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 14 at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading, physical geography.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, school law, civil government, English literature.


Yours truly,
M. C. CASE,
County School Superintendent.

Same Here.

Cannot Corvallis have an industry, just one? Cannot Corvallis do as well as Monroe? That town has a fruit cannery. The president of the state board of horticulture, in a recent address at the college, declared that if every town in Oregon had a fruit cannery there would be a profitable market for the output of all. We are importing into Oregon annually, millions worth of canned fruit. We are buying and eating canned strawberries, grown in states that cannot produce berries nearly so excellent as can Western Oregon. We are buying Oregon cherries that had to be sent to Puyallup to be canned because there were not enough canneries in Oregon to pack them. We are buying our own cherries shipped from Oregon to Washington, and shipped back again, and are besides, eating them out of cans bearing Washington labels.

Surrounding Corvallis there are orchards on which the pears rot, unpicked. There are lands capable of growing fruits and vegetables for canning purposes, and such fruit and vegetables at that as no other section can beat. Every expert who opens his mouth solemnly declares the business to be unusually profitable. Every farmer who grows such products for a cannery declares it pays extremely well. Living as we do, almost beneath the shadow of the Agricultural college, where progress is taught and possibilities preached, cannot we of Corvallis and vicinity at least make a start in the industry? What is, or is there, chance here for a cannery? Is there any use to talk about it?—Corvallis Times.

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