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The Path the Calf Made.

(By Sam Walter Foss.)

One day through the primeval wood,
A calf walked home, as good calves should;
But made a trail all bent askew,
A crooked trail as all calves do.

Since then two hundred years have fled,
And I infer, the calf is dead,
But still he left behind his trail,
And thereby hangs my moral tale.

The trail was taken up next day
By a lone dog that passed that way;
And then a wise bell-wether sheep
Pursued the trail o'er vale and steep,
And drew the flock behind him, too,
As good bell-weather always do.

And from that day o'er hill and glade
Through those old woods a path was made;
And many men wound in and out,
And dodged and turned and bent about
And uttered words of righteous wrath
Because 'twas such a crooked path.

But still they followed—not a laugh—
The first migrations of that calf,
And through this winding woodway stalked
Because he wobbled when he walked.

This forest path became a lane,
That bent, and turned, and turned again;
This crooked lane became a road,
Where many a poor horse with his load
Tolled on beneath the burning sun,
And traveled some three miles in one,
And thus, a century and a half
They trod in the footsteps of that calf.

The years passed on in swift feet;
The road became a village street;
And this before they were aware,
A city's crowded thoroughfare;
And soon the central street was this
Of a renowned metropolis.

And men two centuries and a half
Trod in the footsteps of that calf.
Each day a hundred thousand rout
Followed the zigzag calf about;
And o'er his crooked journey went
The traffic of a continent.

A hundred thousand men were led
By one calf near three centuries dead
They followed still his crooked way
And lost one hundred years a day;
For such reverence is lent
To well established precedent.

A moral lesson this might teach,
Were I ordained and called to preach;
For men are prone to go it blind
Along the calf path of the mind,
And work away from sun to sun
And do what other men have done.

They followed in the beaten track;
And in, and out, and forth, and back,
And still their devious course pursue,
To keep the path that others do.
But how the wise old wood gods laugh
Who saw the first primeval calf!

Al! many things this tale might teach
But I am not ordained to preach.

The Short-Sighted Policy.

A contribution to the Capital Journal sizes up the situation in the Willamette Valley from a transportation standpoint so correctly and concisely that the article is here reproduced. Readers of the Graphic have been fed on such sentiments before, but the truth bears repetition. All the present agitation along this line is in the way of seed planting. The harvest time will surely come.

"The Willamette valley will take a step forward some of these days and it will go by leaps and bounds. Not that the valley and all Oregon is not improving at the present time, but it is not in keeping with the resources of the country.

There have been many causes for this outstripping of the garden spot of the world by Washington and California. Neither one of our neighbors are endowed with the wealth possessed by Western Oregon but they have forged ahead of us both in wealth and population.

There was a time when the new arrival after he had looked over the country and settled down to work, felt inclined to blame the pioneer for the apparent stagnant condition of the valley. Others offered many other excuses, but after years of hard work, while a little good has been accomplished, they are open to confess that other means of development must be tried if we are to get out of the rut.

The state of Washington is traversed by several railroad lines. California has a number of transcontinental roads bidding for business.

Oregon has one railroad line and that one system handles every passenger and pound of freight hauled in the state, whether incoming or outgoing. The rates are far in excess of the tolls charged in the other western states, and almost if not quite double those of the eastern

or middle west states.

The Dakotas, Minnesota, Nebraska and it might be said Kansas were traversed by railroads before scarcely a living soul settled within their borders. The railroad brought the people. This policy made the arid plains of the west great commonwealths.

What is the policy of the Oregon Railroad company? It demands that before a branch line is constructed that there must be enough business in sight to pay interest on stock and bonds. This is the policy that has kept Oregon down to the grindstone.

Men who build railroads are speculators, in other states, but in Oregon the men who own railroads want the people to go into the wilderness and tame it. Then they are willing to skim the cream from the community. Instead of bringing in people to Oregon they drive them away.

The policy must be changed by the railroads or the people will have a say in the matter. The Willamette Valley must get its just dues, railroads or no railroads."

Real Estate Transfers.

Reported by the Yamhill County Abstract Company, McMinnville.

W J Stater and wf to Edith E Evans 200 acs in J R Bean d l c t 3 s r 3 w, \$9000.

Edith H Evans to W J Stater 67 acs in Samuel Cozipe d l c t 4 s r 4 w, \$9000.

Sarah S Ullery and husb to Geo Utter 40x113 ft in Church add to Newberg \$650.

Orson Howard to W H Galland l t 1 bk 5 Everest add to Newberg, \$200.

Gilford P Terry to Adam Webber 31 acs in Ira Oregon d l c t 3 s r 2 w, \$2350.

A M and S J Hoskins to Henry Ebrt n e cor bk 2 Edwards add to Newberg, \$1000.

John Y Sollenberger and wf to Bert F Terry s e l t 21 Church add to Lewberg, \$760.

Mary Hurley to Amey Robinson et al l t 56 Hurleys sub division to Newberg, \$250.

C B Sears et al to Hattie T Baisinger 10.40 acs l t 18 Sears sub t 3 s r 3 w, \$360.

C B Sears et al to Hattie T Baisinger 10.23 acs l t 13 Sears sub t 3 s r 3 w, \$150.

Alice M Skinner to E A Soper 31 ac in sec 9 t 3 s r 2 w, \$3500.

E A Soper to Alice M Skinner 116 acs in sec 31 t 2 s r 2 and sec 5 t 3 s r 2 w, \$2000.

Will E Purdy and wf to A P Young 136 1/2 acs in sec 36 t 3 s r 4 w, \$1.

R. J. Cooper and wife to J. H. Wilson, lot 7 blk 17 central add to Newberg, \$900.

C. H. Baldwin to Isaac H. Vinson, lot 6 blk 4 Deskins 4th add to Newberg, \$425.

Will E. Purdy to A Maud Hollister, 13 ac sec 36 t 2 r 3, \$700.

Cheated Death.

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