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The big lumbering company at Weed, California, has decided that saloons are a menace to their business and they are buying out the saloon men, who have money invested in property there, after having secured from the Board of Supervisors of Siskiyou county a guarantee that they would assist in keeping saloons out of the Weed district. The News gives the following account of the proceedings before the board of supervisors: The question of granting a liquor license to B. S. Radcliff at Weed was given a further hearing. It was opposed by the Weed Lumber Company on the ground that saloons near the town are a detriment to their business, breeding disorder and crime among the floating and reckless part of the population. Mr. Wendling, president, and Mr. Evans, superintendent of the company, were both present and addressed the board. They intimated that they had big industrial projects in contemplation for the town which might be interfered with if saloons were not kept out. They based their opposition on business reasons solely and not prohibition sentiment.

Salem has been considering the matter of oiling the streets and roads leading to town and the newspapers have been publishing interviews held with different parties who have toured through California where nearly all the roads are oiled to keep the dust down. So far as noted the parties quoted in these interviews speak in glowing terms of what they have seen as the results of oiling. The Graphic would like to inquire if any of them can speak for results in Northern California where they have rain and mud during the winter season. So far as the writer could see in a trip through that state last spring, going to the extreme southern border line, road oiling has been a great success where the rainfall is light, but at Chico in the northern part of the state where they have considerable rain in winter he was informed that oiling the roads had been so unsatisfactory that it had been abandoned. Oil may be all right even in a rainy country when a roadway is well graded and graveled but the Graphic has grave doubts about the practicability of its use on dirt roads in the Willamette valley. Ordinary mud is bad enough but when mixed with nasty black oil as it soon would be, may the fates deliver us. If we must have mud, give us clean mud, but in the meantime let's not slacken the pace for getting well graveled roads. Talk gravel and crushed rock first and oil later.

The report published last week, showing that during the month of July more freight was shipped from Newberg than from any other point on the lines of the Southern Pacific except Portland, came as a surprise to the people of Newberg as well as to others. Our people are so busy at their own affairs that they have little time to look about to see what others are doing and consequently they were not aware that our freight shipments had grown to such proportions. When the Spaulding Logging Company gets to bringing in a train load of logs from the Coast mountain forests daily the output of the mill will be increased, and with increased capacity at the pressed brick plant which is contemplated, Newberg will make a still better monthly

record on freight shipments. We are always inclined to be modest in our claims for our home town but when we see so many claims in our exchanges for "the best town in Oregon" it seems to be the prudent thing at times to call attention to the fact that Newberg is on the map and still doing business.

The Graphic has it on very good authority that a certain Southern Pacific official made the confession on the quiet a couple of years ago that he preferred to help make McMinnville the principal town of Yamhill county rather than Newberg. Since Newberg is located on a stream that don't require the services of a bucket brigade to make it navigable at all seasons of the year, the reason for the hope that was within the breast of the S. P. official is easily seen. Water competition is the one thing that causes a railroad official to scratch his head when he is fixing freight rates.

A dispatch from Oyster Bay says President Roosevelt has set the pace for horseback riding this season, and equestrianism is now the popular exercise at the summer capital. Being interpreted this means of course that these same flunkies would be riding over the country in wheelbarrows if they should see Roosevelt riding across the street in one.

As to whether we are up on our average rainfall or not don't concern us very much just now, but will brother Beals of the weather bureau please check us up on sunshine. The opinion prevails that we are getting more than our share and the wail of the fellow who wants to know if this is "hot 'nough fer ye" is suffocating.

Prune growers and hop growers may consider themselves "wise in their own day and generation" but they often have reason to think otherwise before their crops are marketed. The fellows who make the prices are not only good mixers but they are good fixers as well, and they are quite willing to lend the grower every assistance in cutting his eye teeth.

Mayor Lane has dismissed six detectives from the Portland police force for incompetency. The only wonder is he has waited so long. Everybody within a hundred miles of Portland has known for a long time that the city was being buncoed by these so-called detectives. A lying, unscrupulous detective is about as low in the scale of humanity as the commonest kind of a cur.

The Observer and Itemizer have been tossing pretty bouquets at each other lately on account of exchange of assistance in stress of times, as becomes neighborly neighbors. Let brotherly love continue.

Colonel Cal Cooper, of McMinnville, is boosting the Tillamook fair and judging from the pictures of the siwash appearing in the daily papers and the general comment being made respecting the fair he must have things coming his way.

With a shipment of 166 cars of freight, aside from loose shipments, out of Newberg during the month of July it is easy to figure that the balance of trade is coming our way.

Let President Roosevelt toe the mark and if he can spell all the three hundred words in accordance with the simplified rules let him sail in with his spelling reform.

The picture postal card craze has reached the epidemic stage, all ages from the wee small ones to the gray haired sires being carried away with it.

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