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WHILE SETTLERS WAIT.

While the editorial columns of other metropolitan papers remain strangely silent regarding the McMahon-Columbia Southern suit—the most important matter of state news—in the Oregon Journal of June 13th we find the following:

"There is prospect that the McMahon case against the Columbia Southern irrigation project may be argued before Judge Galloway at Salem June 15.

"The legal moves in this suit should follow each other with all possible celerity. There was in fact no crying need for the suit to have been brought. Now that it is on the docket, the issues should be presented to the supreme court for a final determination at the earliest possible moment.

"The legislature felt that it was worth while for the state to render aid in financing the Columbia Southern project. Like many others, as a private project it dismally failed. Many of the settlers who depended upon getting water on their lands through its ditches, were victimized.

"The project with its rich lands and contiguous water flows presented possibilities for converting a large area of unproductive land into producing territory. It was in such an emergency that the legislature voted to back the project on terms under which the state's outlay would be returned in full at the end of ten years.

"The action of the legislature was distinctly constructive. It was experimental for a state to finance such a project, but it is by experiment that all progress has come. The many failures at irrigation through other plans suggested that the state might evolve a program of reclaiming desert lands that would be successful.

"Such was the program when the McMahon suit to have the Columbia Southern measure declared unconstitutional was brought forward. It has put a stop to the operations that were already well under way, and through which waiting settlers on the project hoped to be given ultimate justice and a means of livelihood for their families.

"The circumstances are such that the courts and all concerned should afford every facility for getting an early decision of the case. It is the last place in the world in which delays and postponements should be introduced or tolerated."

THE TARIFF BOGEY.

Oregon wool growers are howling about the tariff, because they are told that it is solely responsible for the low wool price this year. Who tells them that? The buyers do. Wouldn't you, if you were a buyer?

"It's the best we can do for you: the tariff is killing the business; foreign wool will come in and knock the stuffing out of our American prices"—that's about what the buyers say. Of course. But suppose the isolated, unorganized growers happened to find out that wool in Australia and other foreign markets gets, right at home, several cents a pound more than the prevailing American prices, do you suppose they might wake up to the fact that perhaps they are being gloriously bilked by the long-headed buyers? Do you suppose they might realize that perhaps the much-maligned tariff, and the Democratic administration, isn't entirely to blame? Do you suppose they might have spunk enough to ask those pessimistic buyers how it happens that foreign growers could afford to turn commercial philanthropists and send all their wool to this country, to sell it here for lower prices than they would receive at

home, and thus lose money, with no possible reason for so doing?

They might. But probably they won't. Instead, they'll go on their way sadly, cursing the tariff.

AFTER THE TRIAL IS OVER.

Colonel Roosevelt makes it plain that the Big Stick is not used in his beverages.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Jacob Riis is the record character witness—he even denies what the Colonel admits.—Wall Street Journal. Colonel Roosevelt's refusal to take a drop too much could be emulated to advantage by our leading aviators.—Columbia State.

Sitting next to Colonel Roosevelt at a banquet must have been pretty soft for a man who was fond of cocktails.—Detroit Free Press.

We suppose the W. C. T. U. will now demand that they mow the mint bed in the White House garden.—New York Evening World.

In other words, the Colonel would have us believe that a man isn't necessarily drunk every time he acts that way.—Washington Herald.

In view of Mr. Roosevelt's testimony at Marquette, it is not too early to state that both Wisconsin and Kentucky are already hopelessly lost to the Progressives.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Ex-President Roosevelt's testimony makes it clear that the White House cow during his administration had no cinch.—Boston Globe.

It is pretty hard to judge a man by the company he keeps when he goes with Jacob Riis and Bill Flinn at the same time.—Columbus Ohio State Journal.

The testimony at Marquette is a great relief to Dr. Lyman Abbott. It will be remembered that the Colonel once remarked that he drank about as much as the Doctor.—Buffalo Enquirer.

The following extract from the New York Times tells a story of sensible education which, if it were only possible, might be emulated locally most profitably:

"Felix Metzger Rosenstock cannot swim the length of the Columbia University swimming pool and therefore he will not be among those who will receive degrees from the university at the commencement exercises to-morrow. It is a rule that no student who has not devoted enough time out of the four years he is at Columbia to learn to swim, as required by the gymnasium course, can receive his degree, although he may have earned it ten times over by scholarly attainment."

Talk about circulation! The

other day The Bulletin was given for publication a contest notice addressed to "deceased." The departed was a good man, and we haven't the slightest doubt that the paper will be delivered to him on the Heavenly R. F. D. route. However, had his morals made his destination questionable, we are equally sure that he'd never see his notice, because The Bulletin doesn't go to well, the Satanic realms.

SOUNDS HOPEFUL.

The Southern Pacific will spend millions on its Oregon lines during the next two years, according to a formal statement of planned improvements that has been submitted to the California railroad commission. The company asks for permission to issue bonds to the amount of \$20,000,000 and gives as a reason a number of heavy contemplated investments in this state.

Last week 39 applicants for license to practice dentistry demonstrated their ability on the teeth of the convicts at the state penitentiary, Salem news dispatches tell us. Which goes to show that after all, Oregon's prisoners may not have as easy a time as some people seem to think.

WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

NORTH PORTLAND, June 13.—Receipts for the week have been: Cattle 675, calves 90, hogs 5995, sheep 8883, horses 27. Cattle market steady to a shade firmer for choice beef. Good steers sold during the week at \$7.50 to \$7.75 and two loads went at \$8. Receipts have been very light which has benefited the market. The trade is unable to handle a larger number of cattle at the present time, but good steers and cows are in fair demand. The hog market dropped ten to twenty cents since Monday. Liquidation has been very liberal and packers are temporarily over supplied. \$8.20 is an extreme top for prime light swine and good ones are selling around 8c. Until outlet channels are opened the demand for swine will show slight improvement. An unusually lower market in the sheep house. A light demand exists for fat mutton and lambs but the bulk of arrivals have been medium and poor grade stock. Prime yearlings are selling at \$3.25, two year olds at \$5, and ewes \$4.50. Lamb trade has been a shade easier, best Mt. Adams stock failed to elicit better than \$6.75 bid. Bulk of best stuff sold at \$6.50 and \$6.75. Liquidation enormous.

BUILDING PLATFORM NOW.

Work on the platform that is being added to the warehouse by the Oregon Trunk to take care of the large volume of freight is now under way. The addition will be 86 by 62 feet in dimensions and will take care of a large amount of freight that is now crowding the warehouse. The platform will not have a roof at the present, tarpaulins being used to protect all freight that will be affected by weather conditions.



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