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WILL YOU JOIN US, OREGONIAN?

In a leading editorial in yesterday's Oregonian that paper summarizes criticism of Oregon made by Louis W. Hill and confesses the truth of his strictures, among the admissions being one that nature has been bountiful to the state and "things have been coming our way," thereby lessening the state's aggressiveness. The Oregonian then proceeds to point out what seem to it to be the shortcomings of Mr. Hill and his railroad associates.

Says the Oregonian: "The Great Northern and the Northern Pacific interests a few years ago combined in a needless contest for supremacy with the Harriman system in Central Oregon. Millions of dollars were sunk in pure spirit of rivalry in the two Deschutes railroads. Money that should have been expended in providing feeders for one trunk line was devoted to duplication of trunk lines which reach but the edge of a great and potentially rich area unserved by transportation. It is because of superabundant energy once exerted by the railroads that the Strahorn project in Central Oregon is, under the co-operation of the president of one of Portland's largest banks, in its inception. It is due to a railroad war not of Oregon's making that the state has not yet done more for Eastern Oregon."

That seems to us to be an interesting combination of complacency and error. The Oregonian is talking from the view-point of a Willamette valley newspaper and not from that which its name suggests. And its attempt to place on the railroads the blame for the state's neglect of Eastern Oregon is rather amusing.

Someone is to blame, we agree, for the waste of money involved in building the two railroads up the Deschutes canyon. We do not know if it is the Hill interests or the Harriman. We are certain, however, that the State of Oregon had nothing whatever to do with it—the Oregonian says the war was not of Oregon's making—and we should be glad to be shown how it has prevented the state from doing "more for Eastern Oregon."

The fact is that Mr. Hill was speaking of Oregon west of the Cascades and the Oregonian's admissions relate to that section almost entirely. It comes into Eastern Oregon to find an opportunity to criticize Mr. Hill in turn and once there offers this shortcoming of the railroad builders as excuse for inaction in this section. It gives this as the reason for the Strahorn project and suggests that Portland is now doing its share through the co-operation in this project of the president of one of Portland's banks.

The Oregonian cannot in this manner evade or excuse the state's responsibility. This very fact which the Oregonian admits, that the state has not done more for Eastern Oregon, has long been the complaint of the neglected section and might well have been included in Mr. Hill's indictment. And it is not the fault of the railroads.

So far as the Strahorn project is concerned the one disquieting aspect is Portland's lack of interest. Mr. Mills we know is active and helpful and so are one or two more, and there it stops. No one returns from a visit to Portland and no Portland man comes up here who does not say that Mr. Strahorn will have a hard time getting the money he expects out of Portland. Will that be because of the Deschutes railroads?

The Oregonian says it "would be glad to exert its best endeavor to awaken a real aggressiveness in Oregon in behalf of a greater development." But it wants Mr. Hill to join. It would be fine if Mr. Hill would join, but the Oregonian need not wait for him. It can begin now and it can select some eastern Oregon projects, such as Mr. Strahorn's and proceed with the real aggressiveness.

The Oregonian's editorial is entitled "We'll join you, Mr. Hill." Will you join us, Oregonian.

"A body blow," is the description of the court ruling on the clause of the statute forbidding importation of alcohol. It's no knock out, though. Prohibition will never take the count.

CLEAN UP AGAIN.

Every spring we make a lot of stir about cleaning up. The city goes to the expense of hauling rubbish away from the alleys and back yards and usually passes a new ordinance intended to keep us cleaned up the rest of the year. We are like a small boy, who, having his face washed early in the morning, thinks it must stay clean the rest of the day. Unfortunately it does not do so.

Conditions are somewhat better now since the city is paying for garbage collection, that is, we do not appear to be so slovenly as we once did, but our habits are dirty, as is witnessed by the collections of waste paper and other material in the gutters on Wall street, partly thrown there by passers-by and partly swept out of the stores. This last, by the way, is a condition that would be tolerated in no city of any size in this country.

Last spring we urged that we clean up and keep cleaned up. If we are going to get that habit now would be a good time to think of it again. And at the same time it would be a good plan to get after the weeds before they all go to seed again. Keeping down weeds is a practical way of showing your interest in keeping the town clean.

PIGEONHOLED.

Latest reports from Washington indicate that it is not individual congressmen to whom letters should be addressed to get aid for the Sinnott Oregon reclamation bill. It is the Public Lands Committee. That committee has the bill tucked away in a pigeonhole and means to keep it there. It is the committee that must be attacked. So we suggest that when you write that letter you ask that pressure be brought to bear on these congressmen, who are members of the committee, to report the Sinnott bill.

The Public Lands Committee in the House consists of the following: Messrs. Ferris (chairman), Taylor, of Colorado, Raker, Hayden, Stout, Church, Dill, Mays, Tillman, Gandy, McLemore, McClintic, Lenroot, La Follette, Kent, Sinnott, Smith of Idaho, Cramton, Timberlake, Freeman, and Wickersham.

A bill has been initiated in Klamath county to provide a quarter mill levy for the support of the Klamath Falls commercial club. There is another reason why Crescent will want to come into Crook county.

Have you enlisted?

A PROTEST.

To The Editor: "Be prepared" is our motto, and through what it teaches, we are trying to make good in the community, conscious at the same time, that one of our principal laws is "Honor." We are expected to be courteous to all elders and superiors, but we feel that we have a grievance in the matter that was written in the locals of last week's Press.

Believing that no man ought to censure until he has made an investigation we protest against being "bawled out" for not baiting the fly-traps that are on the street of Bend. The Boy Scouts made the traps for the "City Beautiful Committee" and then turned them over to that body. Who set the traps without bait, and two in one place, the Scouts do not know. Perhaps "ye editor" could find out if he would ask Mr. Skuse.

We are organized for what good we can do to others, for ourselves, and for the community, but we confess, we do not like that way of being yelled at when it is not coming to us.

This is drawn and published by order of the Scout Troop of Bend.
SCOUT MASTER.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. A. G. Brook, of Seattle, and Mrs. C. C. Johnson, her daughter, of Fort Worth, Texas, arrived in Bend on Sunday evening to spend two months with Mr. Brook.

Mrs. Samuel B. Layman returned on Sunday from Spokane where she was called on account of the death of an aunt. Miss Doris Layman accompanied Mrs. Layman on her return.

M. Coulee, who with his family recently arrived from Kalispel, Montana, has purchased the Bersley ranch four miles north of Bend on the Tumalo road. Mr. Coulee is a dairyman.

The Baptist Women's Union will meet at the country home of Mrs. E. G. Judd on Thursday afternoon, July 27, for business and work. The members will assemble at the church at 2:30 o'clock.

E. L. Chantime left on Saturday for Salem and will return later this week with his family who will remain here while the construction work on the Bend-La Pine state-county highway is being carried on.

Reports received by John Steidl say that Mrs. Steidl, who has been receiving treatment at Portland for several weeks, is improving and has gone in company with her son, John, to Seaside for an outing.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Reed returned on Friday from a two weeks vacation at Seaside. Mr. and Mrs. Reed were accompanied by Miss Ethel Preisz, of Lewiston, Idaho. They left for a short visit to Burns.

More than 125 people attended the first picnic of the Sons of Nor-

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way held last Sunday on Pickett Island near Tumalo. The day was spent in various amusements and a big picnic dinner held on the grounds.

H. H. De Armond returned on Friday from Salem, where he represent-

ed the C. O. I. Water Users Association in an injunction proceeding brought by the C. O. I. Company against the Public Service Commission of Oregon.

Misses Lucile Langford, of Hanford, Washington, Mildred Devin, of Seattle, and Carla Haynes, of Portland, who have been visiting with Mrs. W. Ferguson for the last several weeks returned to their homes last Wednesday night.

Edward H. Keane has just completed the drawing plans for the new

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