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Opportunities in Oregon.

A fuel-dealer in Milwaukee, Wis., recently wrote to the Pacific Northwest immigration board, of Portland as follows:

"I have read so much about Oregon I wish you would give me some information about the state and what can be done there. I would like to go there and I would like to know how to get there and at what rate. Let me know by return mail."

The letter was handed to George Holmes, of the North Pacific Rural Spirit, who replied as follows:

"As to the first question, I will say you can start a bank or edit a daily newspaper with telegraphic dispatches from all parts of the world. You can start a large department store, be a professor in a college or engage in all lines of manufacturing. You can dig gold, either quartz or placer mining, raise cattle or sheep, horses and hogs. You can buy some good land and raise melons, fruit of all kinds grain or hay or onions. You can preach, be a mechanic of any kind or hold office. In the latter occupation you will find more competition than in either of the others. Still you will find competition in all lines."

"One thing needed here is a wood and coal dealer who will give full measure. In this line you will have no competition."

"You can also start a saw mill, a salmon cannery, run a railroad; in fact, engage in any business common to countries in a high state of civilization like ours."

"As to the second question, you can do like my father did; hitch up an ox team and cross the plains. You can walk, you can ride a bicycle all the way, or drive a carriage. You can go to New York and take a sailing vessel and go around the Horn. You can take a steamer and cross the Isthmus by rail, then by steamer. You can wait until the canal is built and go down the Mississippi river, take a steamer at New Orleans and come all the way by water. Yet a great many get on the cars, taking either a first or second class ticket and in three days get here. Some come by the Canadian Pacific, some by the Great Northern, some by the Northern Pacific some by the Union Pacific and O. R. & N.; others by the Southern Pacific. As to rate that will depend upon just how you come. The various ticket agents in your city can give you special information, as the rate on railroads varies."

"Had you been here just before the legislature met you could perhaps have got in on one of the various grafts and made a good thing. This occupation will be open for you in January, 1900."

"When you get here you may be a little surprised, most eastern people are. You will find folks, and lots of them, and they look just like other people, and know about as much as anybody. When all you

people are dodging blizzards in the winter and hot nights in the summer, we are having pleasant weather."

Cattle Losses.

With the exception of Montana, reports have been received from leading stockmen and considered accurate as far as they go, says the Long Creek Eagle. In Idaho, Wyoming, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Indian Territory the winter has been the worst known in 10 years or more. Fortunately the great cold has made the storms dry, and there was enough wind and sun to keep a fair proportion of the range uncovered. Oregon, Washington and Arizona suffered very little and will have only nominal losses. California's still suffering from drought and the outlook there is bad.

The department of agriculture reports that there were in the neighborhood of 13,000,000 head of cattle in the range country on January 1, 1899. Assuming that this is correct, 6 per cent of this number would indicate the destruction of 780,000 head of cattle during the present winter.

In Utah, Wyoming and some parts of Oregon heavy sheep losses are reported. Wyoming Utah are the greatest sufferers of any reported.

No More Bald Heads.

The following is the most wonderful discovery of the age, says the Medical Exchange, and is a sure cure for baldness: Anoint the bald portion of the head with liquid Carbonates to arouse circulation of the capillary cells, but do not blister. Take three cabbage leaves and saturate in vinegar. Wash head clean, and apply one leaf and saturate again with more vinegar. Another cabbage leaf and more vinegar. Then the third leaf, and vinegar application. Change twice each week, washing the pate with castile soap. Use a little sweet oil after washing, and in five weeks a beautifully growth of hair, which will be inclined to curl, will result from this treatment, if followed according to directions. It will produce hair on any bald head except a wooden one, and has been accepted by the French Academy of Science, in Paris. It was compounded by M. Boliver Dubbs, the famous French physician.

Miss Viola Allen, the "star" of Hall Caine's dramatization of his popular novel, "The Christian," has always aspired to be an author. She has said that there are two things which she would rather do than act: write a book, or be a trained nurse. She will now make her literary debut in an article which she has written for The Ladies Home Journal, reciting and explaining fully "What the Life of an Actress Means."

Original not Signed by Governor.

Portland, Ore., March 18.—The law which was passed by the recent legislature prohibiting the nickel-in-the-slot machines has not been enforced and there is a little probability that an effort will be made to enforce it. It is contended that the law is null and void by reason of the fact that the original bill never passed the house or received the signature of the governor.

The bill introduced in the senate by Senator Probstel of Umatilla county passed the senate but never got further than the printing committee in the house. This committee refused to report the bill. A printed duplicate was obtained and railroad through and this duplicate received the signature of the governor and now reports to be the law.

It is contended by attorneys who have looked into the matter that no duplicate bill that has any standing as long as the original was in existence and in possession of the legislature. In this case the original was neither accounted for nor was the duplicate properly certified to as an exact copy.

Cuban Affairs.

Havana, March 17.—Gen. Brooke visited the palace yesterday. It is said that the repairs to the building will be completed by the middle of April when the governor general will move his headquarters there.

The Cuban generals have resolved, it is said, to adopt a middle course. It is pointed out that they consider it their duty to return to their commands in order to preserve concord.

Their action was unexpected and it is asserted by those who are familiar with the plans of the generals that the latter will use their influence with the Cuban troops to rescind the power invested by the voters in the numbers of the Cuban military assembly, those obtaining the position of many of the members having the assembly so weakened as to make it inefficient. It is claimed that the generals' influence with the troops is so great that they will have little difficulty in accomplishing this result.

Was No Fight.

Vancouver, B. C., March 17.—The story of the fatal fight between Americans and Canadians at Percipue Creek, in which four men were said to have been killed, appears to have no foundation in fact. Carl Hummerfelt, a passenger, says he was within 15 miles of the scene of the reported fight but he heard the yarn from another man, who himself only, heard the rumor from a third person. No one who witnessed any fight can be traced and it is a peculiar fact that no other passenger on the Tees knew anything about it. The Tees went to Victoria and did not come here.

On Cooper River.

Seattle, Wash., March 17.—Miners who arrived here last night from Copper river, Alaska, say that Governor Brady has been requested to ask the government to send a vessel to Cooper river for the purpose of bringing home stranded prospectors. There are between 200 and 300 people who are without means to secure transportation. Many of them are suffering from scurvy.

Queens Signs Treaty.

Madrid, March 17.—The Queen regent signed the peace treaty today. The signed treaty of peace will be forwarded to the French ambassador at Washington, M. Jules Cambon, for exchange with the one signed by President McKinley. No decree on the subject will be published in the official gazette.

The draft of the treaty of peace between Spain and the United States was signed in Paris on December 10, 1898. It was proved by the United States senate by a vote of 57 to 27 on February 6, and was signed by the president February 10.

Short Ten Dollars Short.

The Cowlitz, Washington Advocate just cause of complaint against a subscriber who is not only "Short" in name but short financially. The paper says:

"Tim Short sent us three notices to stop his paper, he didn't want it any longer. We wondered what was the matter. Upon investigating the subscription book we found that Tim was short \$10. He never had paid a cent, and yet he stopped his paper as a matter of economy—to us. He didn't want us to lose more by him. A few days afterward Short was at church, and his melodious tenor rang out loud and clear in that soul-stirring old song, "Jesus Paid It All." He might have been mistaken, but his earnestness impressed us. So the next day we sent him a receipt in full, begging his pardon for not knowing that he had made an assignment of his liabilities."

In April Miss Mary E. Wilkins' latest story, "The Jamesons in the Country," which is now running serially in The Ladies Home Journal, will be published in book form by the Doubleday & McClure Company, of New York.

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