

ON A ROCK FOUNDATION



He builds on rock who owns his home and pays no rent to landlords. How is it with you, are you a rent payer or a house owner? If the former, it will pay you to try to save a little and purchase a home. It does not take long when you once start, and I can help you wonderfully to get a home of your own free and clear. If interested come in and let me put some mutually beneficial propositions before you.

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BIG DEFICIT IN POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Postal Rates Twice as High as Passenger and 44 Times as High as Freight Rates.

A deficit of more than \$10,000,000, according to Mr. Cortelyou, is the result of operating the postoffice department the past year. We are the only nation on the globe whose mails occasion a deficit, says the Portland Journal. It is sheer nonsense, as well established by the offer of a responsible Chicago man to operate the department to reduce all postal rates one-half, to eliminate the deficit and to pay the government all profits above 7 per cent on the necessary investment.

Though there are other contributory influences, the main source of the lack is the extravagant sums paid railroads for transportation of the mails. This item in 1905 cost the government more than \$37,000,000. Of this great sum, it has been proven on the floor of congress that but 52 per cent went for actual carriage of mail matter, a proposition illustrative of our wasteful methods. For carrying her mails England pays but 2.4 cents per pound; we pay 5.6 cents per pound. Though the aggregate of tons of mails delivered is a thousandfold or more increased there has been no reduction in the rate for 28 years. In that time passenger rates have been reduced 21 per cent, and freight rates 40 per cent, but mail rates have not shrunk the thousandth part of a penny.

What makes the statement forceful is that postal rates are twice as high as passenger rates and 44 times as great as freight rates per pound. Though the mails and express are carried on the same trains, require the same care and involve the same responsibility, we pay no less than 10 times as much as the express companies pay for the same service.

More than this, all the furnishings and equipment of the car, amounting to 48 per cent of the total weight of the mails, are charged up and paid for by weight just as we pay for letters by weight. In other words, 51.60 per cent only of the money we pay for carrying the mails is paid for carrying the mails. We do even worse than this. After paying for the weight of letters, paying for the weight of the mailbags and paying for all the weight of the equipment inside the car at the same rate we pay for mails, we turn around and pay for the car in rent for one year more than it costs to build the car.

If explanation is sought, the life record and moral standard of one man is illuminative of this deficit. Senator Depew of frenzied, insurance fame, has always been a foremost defender of this railroad graft of our mails. Perhaps it is but human, for he stepped from a railroad office into the senate. In 1900, effort was made in congress to cut the graft by a reduction of five per cent in the rates, but Mr. Depew fought the measure, and with the aid of this kind of senators slaughtered it. And thus it is: frenzied insurance, Depews and his like in the senate, the postal deficits—all of a kind, all typical and characteristic, one of the other.

But—they are passing.

That's it!!!

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Srup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for coughs, influenza, Bronchitis and all Pulmonary diseases. One bottle will convince you—at your druggist, 25c, 50c, \$1.00 at Rotermund's and National Drug Co.

Big Money in Poultry.

There are many chances to make money in Oregon, but one source of fortune seems to have been overlooked by most of the men who come here from the outside with money. This gold creator is best discovered by those who keep house. Eggs are now selling, as all housewives know, for about 30 cents a dozen. Now a good old hen can be bought for 50 cents and with proper treatment and with the absence of cold weather in Southern Oregon she ought to lay one egg every other day.

That would mean 180 eggs a year, allowing a few vacations for holidays. Or, in other words, the hen would lay 15 dozen eggs a year. These selling at 30 cent a dozen would bring \$4.50. One dollar a year will keep a hen nicely in feed, and with \$3.50 profit the hen would net an income of 250 per cent. What better can you want? Why in the world some of the real estate men have not seen this chance and gone into the poultry business is a wonder. It is a better rate of interest than can be derived by laying out a new townsite and opening an addition.—Ex.

What's

worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism use Ballard's Snow Liniment and you will be "well cured." A positive cure for Sprains, Neuralgia, Bruises, Contracted Muscles and all the ills that flesh is heir to. A. G. M. Williams, Navasota, Texas, writes: "I have used Snow Liniment for sprained ankle and it gave the best of satisfaction. I always keep it in the house." For sale by National Drug Co., and Rotermund.

INTERPRETATIONS OF ELECTION BY OUTLOOK

Two Powers Have Been Growing Up in the Country—Democracy and Plutocracy.

In a recent issue of The Outlook, the elections are interpreted thus: Politically the country has been growing autocratic. The discovery of natural forces and the laws which govern them, the growing ability to use them in the service of men, the recently developed ability to co-operate in organized industry, the invention of division of labor, the vast increase of wealth—an increase more rapid than the increase of moral intelligence properly to value and rightly to use it—have combined to create great captains of industry, who have taken the place of the political commanders of the older epoch. We have abolished kings and substituted railway kings; have abolished lords and substituted coal barons. Our industrial systems are founded on the principles of feudalism, with this difference: The industrial overlord owes no protection to his men, and may discharge them when he will; they owe no loyalty to their overlord, and may leave his service when they will. But they have no share in the direction of the industry, and only incidentally and indirectly, if at all, any share in its profits over and above the necessary cost of production.

These overlords are sometimes high-minded, noble-spirited, generous men; they are sometimes mean, niggardly, unscrupulous men; but whatever their character, they are overlords. Their prosperity often depends on legislation. Sometimes unscrupulous politicians threaten them with unjust legislation against which they must protect themselves; sometimes they desire special legislation to promote their industries. Hence the "boss" and the "machine." All political parties must have leaders; when the leader becomes a servant of the plutocracy, he is a "boss." All political parties must have organization. When the organization becomes tributary to the plutocracy, it is a "machine."

Thus there have been growing up in America simultaneously, neither really conscious of the growth of the other, two powers—Democracy and Plutocracy. There is an irrepressible controversy between them. One of them will eventually destroy the other. Shall government become autocratic, or shall industry become democratic? This is the fundamental question before the American people today.

Observe: The people do not object to kings merely when they misbehave. They object to kings good and bad. They do not object to plutocrats merely when they misbehave. They object to plutocrats good and bad. As they objected to the concentration of political power in an oligarchy, so they object to the concentration of industrial power in a plutocracy.

Fruitgrowers of Rogue River Valley find the Courier of special interest.

Weigh Carefully



the question of where you will do your banking! And we feel sure your final judgment will be in favor of placing your money in the

Grants Pass Banking & Trust Company's

Bank where you will always receive courteous treatment; where your affairs will be handled in the most thoroughly business-like manner, and where you can have implicit confidence in the trustworthiness of the institution.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

For the belated Xmas shopper we have a late shipment of Holiday China at ordinary everyday prices.

Be sure to visit our store before making final selections.

Remember we DO EOT have a clearing sale after the holidays.

A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Smythe-Gamble Co.

PHONE 431

KESTERSON BLOCK

412 FRONT ST

It's Fuel that's Expensive—Not the Stove

A Cheap, putty-jointed stove will waste more than its Original Cost in Fuel every winter.

As you know, all fuel, soft coal, hard coal, lignite, wood and cobs contains a large amount of gas—fully one-half the carbon available for heat in soft coal is gas—the entire gas supply used for fuel and illumination in many cities and towns being made from common soft coal. The ordinary stove in burning soft coal allows this gas—half of the fuel to pass up the chimney unburned, thus wasting it as a heat producer.

Cole's Original Hot Blast Stove, by means of the patented Hot Blast draft and other patented features, making air-tight joints without the use of stove putty, distills this gas from the upper surface of the coal, utilizing it as a heat producer along with the fixed carbon or coke in the coal, thus burning all the coal. Cole's Original Air-Tight Wood Stove on account of the patented construction without the use of stove putty holds back the gases in wood and lighter fuel until burned. This is why

Cole's Original Heaters

Save the Dollars and make a ton of common \$3.00 soft coal or lignite or a cord of wood do twice the work of other stoves.

Your old stove and imitation Stoves are not air-tight, do not save the escaping gases and do not give you a warm house at night, because they are made with putty joints. You cannot afford to say to yourself, "My old stove will have to do this winter." The old stove is eating up the price of a new stove every year. Not only that, but on top of the cost is the unsatisfactory result it gives. It is always out the coldest morning.

Even Heat Day and Night—Fire Never Out

Cole's Hot Blast Coal Stoves and Air-Tight Wood Stoves are so perfect in construction that fire keeps all night, and when the draft is opened in the morning will burn two or three hours with the fuel put in the night before. No other stoves do this. Fire, therefore, never goes out, and the rooms are kept at an even temperature all the time.

OUR COAL STOVE GUARANTEE

- 1—We guarantee a saving of one-third in fuel over any lower draft stove of the same size, with soft coal or slack.
 - 2—We guarantee Cole's Hot Blast to use less hard coal for heating a given space than any base burner made with same heating surface.
 - 3—We guarantee that the rooms can be heated from one to two hours each morning, with the soft coal or hard coal put in the stove the evening before.
 - 4—We guarantee that the stove will hold fire with soft coal 30 hours without attention.
 - 5—We guarantee a uniform heat day and night, with soft coal, hard coal or lignite.
 - 6—We guarantee every wood or coal stove bearing our name to remain absolutely air-tight as long as used.
 - 7—We guarantee the feed door to be smoke and dust proof.
- The above guarantee is made with the understanding that the stove be operated according to directions, and set up with a good flue.

For Hard Coal—Saves Half

The extent of unburned gases in hard coal is shown by opening the magazine cover of a base burner when the extra oxygen supplied fills the entire stove with flaming gas. Wood also contains a large amount of gas. The fact that no stove putty is used to make air-tight joints gives you perfect control over the drafts on Cole's Hot Blast Coal Stoves and Air-Tight Wood Stoves. The slow, economical combustion, and the large, positive radiating surface make them the greatest fuel-saving stoves in the world.

Would You Lose \$50.00 in Fuel to Save \$1.00 on the Cost of Your Stove?

That is what you do when you buy a cheaply constructed, putty jointed, showy made imitation stove. Like all successful inventions, Cole's Original Hot Blast Coal Stoves and Air-Tight Wood Stoves have many inferior imitations—avoid them.

The imitations lack the patented features and careful construction, which make the Cole's Original Heaters a great success. They do not stay tight, and seams and cracks soon open, which render them worthless as fire keepers.

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Xmas Gifts

When selecting your Christmas Presents nothing could be more useful or acceptable than a package of Folger's Golden Gate Coffee or a package of Folger's Golden Gate Tea.

Your Grocer will supply you.

J. A. Folger & Co.
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Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

has stood the test 25 years. Average Annual Sales over One and a Half Million bottles. Does this record of merit appeal to you? No Cure, No Pay. 50c.

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