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THE OREGON PRODUCER'S MILLSTONE.

The California producers long ago learned the lesson of organization and co-operation. The commission man no longer has them throttled with the last ounce of profit squeezed out of shipments. But through this same organization that has resulted so profitably to the grower of the citrus crops, the Oregon producers, unorganized, find a serious menace. Unable to longer dictate terms and conditions to the California shippers, the commission houses fortify their profits by an added dig into the Oregon grower. How this is done is shown by the following news article recently appearing in a Portland newspaper:

"Oregon fruit being used as a bonus to expedite the sale of oranges and bananas, through the system developed by commission men on Front street, is a spectacle giving producers grave concern.

"In buying the citrus fruits, the commission men must pay cash, because the growers are organized and will take no chances with the commission merchants. But the Oregon fruits are sent to the local market as a rule by unorganized producers, and commission houses will not pay cash where they can avoid it. If there is a little glut in the citrus market, and the commission house that brought this product for cash stands a chance of losing something, all it has to do to get a movement is to say to some of the retail dealers or other buyers:

"If you will take these oranges, lemons or bananas at the current market quotation, I will sell you a lot of apples, peaches or pears at a very low figure."

"As the local fruits are on consignment, and the commission house makes something on them anyway, the manager is not so much concerned to get a profit for the producer as when handling the citrus fruits.

"All the facts brought to light in connection with the prosecution of the Front street dealers by the federal government satisfy the producers of the state that they must reach the trade on a different basis than has prevailed in the past."

JOAQUIN MILLER'S LAST POEM.

The following is Joaquin Miller's last poem, written last Friday morning when he realized that death was near.

"This is my last message to the world," Miller told his wife. He handed her pieces of paper on which he had pencilled the following lines:

At Final Parting.

Could I but teach man to believe  
Could I but make small men to grow,

To break frail spider webs that weave  
About their thighs and bind them

Could I but sing one song and lay  
Grim Doubt; I then could go my way

In tranquil silence, glad, serene  
But, Ah, this disbelief, which is doubt,

This doubt of God, this doubt of Good,  
The damned spot will not out.

Wouldst learn to know one little flower,  
Its perfume, perfect form and hue;

Yea, wouldst thou have one perfect hour  
Of all the years that come to you?

Then grow as God hath planted,  
grow,

A lordly oak or daisy low  
As He hath set His gardens, be

Just what thou art or grasp the tree  
That treasures up in heaven laid  
Await thy sure ascending soul,  
Life after life—be not afraid.

MEXICAN "PEACE AND PROSPERITY."

Again it is announced that the sun of peace and prosperity is to shine over the republic of Mexico. This periodic announcement has come merely to mean that one of the southern "leaders" has for the moment displaced another "leader" and that the shifting of political affiliations is again taking place.

Peace will not follow the victory that has come to the arms of the younger Diaz. The Mexican revolution is not a unit with a single responsible head, but it is rather an aggregation of revolutions with various leaders to continue menacing whatever government is momentarily in control. Orozco and Salazar and Huerta and the others will not take kindly to the setting up of a new form of housekeeping in which they might be relegated to the rear, so that peace is by no means assured with one Madero in chains and another executed.

The Mexican situation will still continue to be alive in so far as it affects the United States and the interests of the American residents of Mexico. Intervention has been wisely stayed, but the day will undoubtedly come when the United States will face a crisis that will call for action. If Mexico were part of the United States of America, accepting our government and being controlled by it, it would result in immediate results for the development of latent resources, the tilling of the countless thousands of fertile acres, and the peace, happiness and prosperity of the Mexican people. There are many who would like to see such a condition brought about.

THE MARVELOUS AUTOMOBILE.

Twenty years ago, at the great World's Fair in Chicago, the greatest exposition of human progress ever given, there were all kinds of vehicles of transportation in use at the time. And there wasn't a single automobile there. What is more, there wasn't a single practicable automobile in the world.

Today, according to estimates made by the official organ of the Automobile Club of America, there are over a million automobiles in actual service in the United States alone, and, according to other reliable estimates, there will be 300,000 automobiles manufactured in the United States during the year 1913.

That is, there is, roughly speaking, one automobile to every hundred people in the country, and there will be manufactured in this country this year one automobile to about every 300 people.

There are, approximately, 300 concerns manufacturing automobiles and as many more making parts and accessories. The automobile is a familiar sight wherever a vehicle can travel, while in the cities motor cars are so common that horse-drawn pleasure vehicles have almost been driven from the streets. Automobile trucks seem rapidly to be displacing horses for hauling.

The "horseless age" may be deemed to be fairly upon the threshold of its reign.—Inter Ocean.

THE BOND ISSUE AND THE LAW.

It is unfortunate that the commercial supremacy and the peace of mind of every community must be menaced by the bill that is always on the hunt for the china shop. It is unfortunate not alone from the damage that the bill may do when he breaks into the shop, but because if the postman's energy could be directed by wisdom it would become a power for good and the energy of the shop keeper could then be expended along other lines than the constant repair of unnecessary damage.

The bill now is charging at a plan-

tom that was dead before it was born. There is not a member of the board of directors of the Pacific-Interior company, or of the Public Utility commission, or of the city council that has ever contemplated for one moment the putting of the funds raised by the sale of the bond issue into stocks or bonds of any company, or for the aid of a stock company, corporation or association in contravention to the state constitution. The law has been fully considered and is perfectly understood by all of these people.

When the Pacific-Interior company was incorporated the question of bonding the city for the building of a railroad had not been considered. The Pacific-Interior company was organized solely as a holding company, and as such its work was completed when it transferred its holdings, the Draper-Gunn interests, to the city. Since that time the city of Grants Pass, through its common council and the properly constituted Public Utility commission, has had full charge of the railway building, and the road when built will belong to the city and not to any company or corporation.

No question of the legality of the bond issue has been raised by the bond buying houses, and the attorneys agree that the issue is legal. The reason the council has not yet sold the bonds is that a better offer is expected, though the last bid of 96 1-2 for a five per cent bond is a reasonable one.

The passage of the public utilities bill through the legislature is not needed to legalize any action, but is intended to remove some of the red tape at present involved. The bonds are legal and can be sold without it. If unconstitutional, no act of the legislature could make the issue constitutional.

These observations, which are not needed for the enlightenment of those who have followed the development of the local railroad situation, are called forth through the publication in a local paper of an editorial statement regarding the constitutionality of the bond issue, a statement evidently based upon an inexcusable lack of information of the situation.

During the year 1911 Petaluma shipped to San Francisco 8,134,127 dozen eggs and 80,563 dozen poultry, and in 1912 they shipped 10,232,121 dozen eggs and 84,425 dozen poultry. April was their biggest shipping month with 1,282,720 dozen eggs, while November with 569,864 dozen eggs was the smallest month.

The Westerlund resolution pledging members of the legislature to remain in session "forty actual working days," or until five o'clock Saturday afternoon, March 1, has passed the house.

FRIEDMANN WOULD PATENT TURTLE SERUM.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—Information was obtained here today that Dr. Friedmann, discoverer of a turtle serum remedy for tuberculosis, applied several months ago for American patents covering the remedy and its market in the United States.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Officials of the patent office here today refused to discuss a Berlin cable that Dr. Friedmann has applied for patents on his turtle serum for tuberculosis. The law permits the patenting of cultures but not of the method of injecting them.

SUFFRAGETTES' ITINERARY.

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 20.—(Continued) at the Deer Park hotel marked the stay of the "New-York-to-Washington" band of suffragettes here today. Immediately after the luncheon, the party started for Elkton, Md., which they expect to reach tonight.

There is no better medicine made for colds than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It acts on nature's plan, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids expectoration, and restores the system to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

Engraved cards at the Courier.

MURPHY ITEMS.

Henry Diess is still busily engaged hauling hay to Grants Pass.

Herman and George Walter and Joe York, prosperous farmers from up near Applegate, were all visitors to Grants Pass Saturday.

Ed Herriott was out from Grants Pass Friday with his auto truck, the purpose being to transport a large crowd from Williams to the mask ball at Murphy.

Farmers are all busy at present getting their ground in shape and quite a few are sowing grain this week; this weather is ideal for that work.

The Illinois valley correspondent is all right in regard to his being too busy to write often as he says they are all making money and have no time for items. I will excuse him provided they are making the coin from the farms and mines, but should they be making it like some are at the present day it would cause our courts lots of trouble.

There came near being a serious accident in the Mountain Lion mine a few days ago when A. B. Welch went back in an old tunnel in search of a ledge. He climbed down an old shaft for 50 feet and then went back in an old tunnel for 60 feet, and while he was engaged in digging out some ore about 12 feet of the tunnel fell in leaving him back in there with only one candle. But being a man whose ambition was to see the outside again, he proceeded to dig his way out. He had dug but a little ways when a rock fell on the candle and left him in the dark, but not giving up at that he kept on until he finally made his way safely through, after having been entombed from 10 o'clock until four. He found some fine specimen ore which he says he is going back after as soon as possible.

The mask ball at Murphy Friday night, as usual, was a grand success, and every one reports having had a very good time. The supper was of the best, and 94 numbers were sold. Prizes were given for the best sustained characters, the lady winning the prize being Miss Florence Messenger of Provolet, she representing a cow girl, and the gentleman's prize was won by our efficient mail carrier, I. M. Mitchell, he taking the part of an Indian. The prize waits was won by Elsie and Herman McFadden.

ILLINOIS VALLEY ITEMS.

Kerby gave a masquerade ball on Saturday night. Many from this part of the valley attended and report it a success in every way.

Miss Vivian McVay is having a siege of la grippe.

Lafe Baine is also sick with la grippe.

Alfred Kelly, formerly a resident of this valley, has returned.

In the trial of Oscar Beer vs. Carl Manley, held at Takilma on February 14, a verdict was given in favor of the plaintiff.

A social dance was given at the home of Abe Hervey on Saturday, February 8. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kitterman, Mrs. Ed. Lind, Mrs. L. D. Force, Mrs. Joseph Sowell, Misses Gail Shadinger, Dora Baine, Lenora Sowell, Lella Bryan, Pearl Bryan, Bessie Bryan, Edna Russ, Bessie Babcock, Agnes George, Julia O'Brien, Esse O'Brien and Messrs. Ralph Fehely, Ray Briggs, Maurice Bryan, Lee Sowell, John Sowell, Robert Kitterman, Frank Sowell, Joseph Campbell, Ray Green, Harry Sowell, Grover Grinnett, Paul Force, Charley Sowell, James Spence, Edward Spence, Harry Force, Robert Force, Raymond Baldwin, Marcus, Orby Shaffer, Joseph Sowell and Carl Caid. The guests departed at a late hour, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

State of Ohio, city of Toledo, Lucas county, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY, Sworn to before me and subscribed to my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D., 1886. (SEAL) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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MAYOR SAYS BOND ISSUE IS CONSTITUTIONAL.

Editor Courier: My attention has been called to a statement in a local paper to the effect that the city bonds are unsalable because the issue is in violation of the state constitution. This, I believe, is vitally and absolutely unfounded. I have had much correspondence with bond buyers and not one has claimed the bond issue is in conflict with the state constitution. I don't think a lawyer whose opinion would be taken by any bond buyers could be found who would give such an opinion. Of course if the bonds are in violation of the constitution, no one would buy them at any price because they would be worthless. The fact that we have had offers as high as 96 1-2 cents shows that the bonds have a good legal rating, as at that price the interest would be only 5 1-5 per cent per annum, whereas many towns are paying 5 1-2 and 6 per cent.

The statement that the legislature can pass an enabling act to legalize bonds issued in violation of the constitution is absurd. The legislature cannot amend or change the constitution and cannot make anything constitutional that is unconstitutional. If the bonds are unconstitutional, they will remain so until the constitution is changed and that can only be done by vote of the people. The enabling act before the legislature was prepared by myself and introduced at my request, and I hope no one will believe for a moment that I expect in that manner to amend the constitution. The bonds will be sold in proper time for the best price obtainable, as surely as the town stands. ROBERT G. SMITH, Mayor, Grants Pass, Feb. 20, 1913.

WIRE BRIEFS.

OREGON CITY, Feb. 20.—An honest man has been found. Burmeister and Anderson received 18 cents from W. S. Davis, Albion, Wash., due them on a subscription to the Oregon City Academy which suspended publication 12 years ago.

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Feb. 20.—Edward Butler and Frank Grady knocked a shark senseless and dragged it into their boat. The shark came to life and they shot it dead, shooting several holes in the bottom of the boat. It sank. They had an awful time getting ashore.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—Because Mayor Alexander and two police commissioners each had a favorite candidate for the last of the city's 200 saloon licenses, no agreement could be reached. Los Angeles citizens must exist with 199 thirst parlors this year.

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—Peeved because the conductor did not stop the car at the right street, Fred Henry rang up eleven fares on the register. The judge thought the conductor's cash box had done deadly enough execution and ordered him released.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—"Charge against you dismissed; go home with your father and be a good child." This was Judge Rose's admonition to James Morris, 53, arrested because he manhandled his father, Thomas Morris, 84, because of an attempted spanking.

GOVERNMENT AFTER McCASKEY COMPANY.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 20.—Claiming it criminally restrains trade, the government has brought suit against the McCaskey Register company, makers of office appliances, here today. The defendant is said to own the Dominion Register company, Limited, of Toronto, Canada.

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+ RATHER BE FOOTBALL COACH OR EX-PRES. OF UNITED STATES? +  
+ NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 20.—Salary of President Taft as professor of law at Yale, \$5,000 a year. Salary of Howard Jones, Yale football coach, \$4,000 season. To this may be added his salary of \$1,000 or so while working elsewhere during the "off seasons."  
+ These are the figures that are interesting the members of the University colony and many others here today. Jones is but five years out of college, while Taft has a record of 36 years as a distinguished alumnus and master of law.  
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MINERS ARE DROWNED.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 20.—In an accident at the Siwash Creek mines near Yale, B. C., yesterday, two men, W. H. McBeth and J. A. Flodin were drowned when the creek burst into a tunnel into which they were at work.

GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY GETS \$3,000 SALARY.

SALEM, Feb. 20.—The house has today passed the senate bill fixing the salary of the secretary to the governor at \$3,000 a year. There was no opposition.

ITALIAN SPECIALIST TO ATTEND MORGAN.

ROME, Feb. 20.—Summoned to Cairo to attend J. Pierpont Morgan, Prof. Bastianelli, one of the greatest specialists of Italy, will leave here tonight for Egypt. It is stated that Morgan told Bastianelli that his condition seemed satisfactory, but that his presence was desired as a precaution.

Dispatches received here say that Morgan took a brief drive through the suburbs of Cairo today.

MOTHER CAT THAT COMMITTED SUICIDE.

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 20.—The Norwegian steamer Hornelian from Sydney, Australia, via Honolulu, is in port today with a story of mother love, even to death.

On leaving Sydney a stowaway cat was found on board which ten days later gave birth to two kittens. All went well until the youngsters were lost overboard in a gale off Honolulu. Since then the mother has refused all food, and last night when she fell overboard, the crew were positive that she committed suicide from grief.

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MISCELLANEOUS

FOR RENT—A tract of orchard land in good bearing trees. Address P. O. Box 340, city. 2-7-ft

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