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THE RAILROAD TO GRANT'S PASS

The continued rumors of the completion of the Southern Pacific line between Marshfield and Eureka, together with the agitation in favor of a bond issue by the bay cities for the railroad between Coos Bay and Roseburg, has renewed the interest in the proposed railroad from Bandon to Grant's Pass.

This Grant's Pass-Bandon railroad would do more for Bandon than any other railroad connection possible. It would bring down a vast store of wealth in timber, coal, lime, minerals farm and dairy products to tide water at the Bandon harbor. It would make Bandon the port of entry to a large inland territory. No coast line can do a fraction as much to develop Bandon as a shipping terminal.

There is the future possibility of extending the line through the Cascades and across the Dechutes into Oregon's Great Inland Empire, thus opening up a short route to tide water. Such a movement is now on for a railroad between Klamath Falls and Eureka, Cal. Electric power could be cheaply developed along either route for the motive power necessary for the road's operation.

Roseburg and Coos Bay can afford to vote bonds for railroad construction.

If, with the return of normal times the Grant's Pass-Bandon railroad resumes promotion activities, Bandon would do well to offer what inducements it may be able, either in cash or terminal facilities to further the enterprise.

It should be a strictly business transaction and no aid should be extended unless the successful completion of the road was absolutely assured.

Upon such conditions it would be good business to assist in every possible way the furtherance of the enterprise.

Had it been possible to have acquired such a road ten years ago, Bandon would have realized handsomely on any advance made.

With other cities acquiring direct railroad communication with the Willamette valley trunk lines, the urgency of the Bandon-Grant's Pass line becomes daily greater.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

One often hears that such legislation as Workmen's Compensation and Widows' Pensions are one of the causes of the increased cost of living. This is in a measure true in that it increases the cost of living to the fortunate but not by the amount paid in compensation and pensions.

Society has long recognized the justice of pensioning the wounded soldiers or their dependents. A man braves the dangers of war to defend his country and suffers an injury as a direct and unavoidable consequence, it is readily seen that it would be rank injustice for him or his family to bear the burden of his maintenance.

That the granting him a pension will increase the cost of living to those he suffered or may be died for, is not a valid excuse for not paying the pension.

But there is a credit item that must be entered that will largely balance the debit pension charge.

Society receives more return for the pension paid than the justice of so doing. If the family of a soldier killed in battle, has to support itself unaided; or another, in addition to maintaining itself, must also provide for the wants of an unearning, wounded soldier, such families will often deprive the children of proper nourishment, medical attention and education, to become efficient members of society when grown.

Society, through the paying of a just compensation to such families of soldiers, will often receive back in the course of years many times the original amount advanced through the greater returns rendered to society by the children over what they would have done had they been ground down in spirit, health and equipment, through having in childhood unjustly born the burdens of society at large.

The same condition holds if the injured man is an industrial soldier instead of a military one.

Those injuries and deaths that are as unavoidable a consequence of work in the industries that are essential to society's wellbeing as injuries are to soldiers in warfare that defends the country, should be born financially by all society together and not be shuffled off onto the injured one's wife and babies as has heretofore been done.

POLYGAMY AND ETHICS

Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles in an interview predicts the permission of polygamy in Europe after the close of this war.

A great many philosophical moralists including Herbert Spencer, teach that nothing is absolutely right or wrong. That right conduct consists of such actions that will in a given time and place cause the least suffering and the most happiness possible. This is to be taken in its larger sense.

Thus as conditions change the conduct that must classify as good conduct, must also change in unison with the conditions.

When the race was emerging from primitive conditions, little above dumb animal life, it was impossible for mankind to harness the beasts of the fields, much less the inanimate forces of nature. If each individual was required to provide his own necessities, he would not have time for mental and cultural attainments, but would be held down to a low physical and intellectual plane by the drudgery required to earn a living with his poor wits and hands.

The only way possible for the race to advance was for certain individuals to be relieved of drudgery so that they might have leisure and strength for improvements, intellectual and physical, that would enable the race to acquire knowledge, through which the general status would be raised.

This was possible only through the establishment of chattel slavery as mankind did not have the intelligence to free part of its members from drudgery in any other manner.

Thus the most capable or unscrupulous became masters. Women were the first slaves and only after men had acquired some advancement, due to female servitude, was the institution of compulsory, unremunerated toil extended to men who were usually prisoners of war.

As long as slavery was the only method possible for the race to advance, it was right and only became wrong when the progress attained by the race through slavery had enabled it to so harness the natural forces that the future wellbeing of the race could be further advanced by the abolition of slavery than through its retention.

Similarly in a savage state of society when different tribes were fighting so extensively that so large a proportion of the men were killed that the women outnumbered the men several times, polygamy was right and monogamy would have been wrong. For had a tribe, whose degree of civilization prevented it from abstaining from almost continual warfare with savage neighbors, practiced monogamy, not only would a large majority of the women of such tribe have been forced to live an unnatural life—but the numerical strength of the tribes would decrease relatively with those tribes practicing polygamy and would in time be unable to defend themselves against their enemies and finally suffer extinction.

In most of the countries at war there were over a million more women than men at the commencement of the hostilities. If the nation which is finally conquered should suffer such a loss of its male citizens that there would be a dozen women to every man it certainly would be a deplorable condition.

A large part of the work of building up the devastated country would fall upon the women. In addition, if monogamy were still practiced a great many of the women would grow old without the natural support and comfort of children. In the mean time the country would be unable to defend itself against further attack and rehabilitation would be slow.

It is very improbable that the present war will diminish the number of men so greatly as to justify a reversion to polygamy. Whatever the condition at the close of the war, polygamy would be abhorred.

The Umpqua Valley News has entered charges of immoral conduct against January Luna. The indictment is that the moon was full twice during the month. We wonder if the editor is young and in love. He is very well versed in the habits of the Lover's friend.

Took Him a Prisoner
A British soldier in Belgium was one fine morning wending his way to camp with a fine rooster in his arms, when he was stopped by his colonel to know if he had been stealing chickens. "No, Colonel" was the reply, "I saw the old fellow sitting on the wall, and I ordered him to crawl for England and he wouldn't—so I just took him prisoner."—San Francisco Argonaut

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