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It is now a late date to deplore the way the United States government has frittered away land that ought to have been retained for actual settlers, now that nearly all the best has been given to private corporations as subsidies for first one thing and then another. Nevertheless the following from the East Oregonian is well worth considering even at this time:

"The criminal recklessness with which the government has thrown away the priceless public lands of the west is beginning to be realized by the people now. In the rich Malheur basin where the government is attempting to establish an irrigation project, lie the great areas of the old military road grants, now owned by Paris capitalists. This great body of land, comprising each alternate section through the heart of Central Oregon, is not for sale nor will it be improved. The tireless industry of settlers on all sides of it is advancing its value without an effort from the non-resident landlords. These large holdings now lie squarely across the path of government irrigation. The actual settlers are ready, anxious to comply with the laws, requiring a reduction of the individual holding to 160 acres, but what interest has the French monopoly in sacrificing an acre of this land to the general good? The surrounding industry is making mints of money for them. Why should they improve or sell to actual settlers? The Southern Pacific in Southern Oregon and the Northern Pacific in Northern Idaho and Washington hold millions of acres of valuable timber land and the cities of the east are teeming with the homeless cramped hordes of humanity. Will the people ever come to their senses and stop this almost criminal plundering of the public domain?"

The Heppner Gazette paints the following word picture: "To the people of Morrow county who are not satisfied with the country and environments, just a few words in relation to actual conditions may be interesting. It is human nature to complain and perfection has never yet been found by man. We measure almost everything by comparison, so let us look at other places. Even in the far famed Willamette valley, the present season has been so dry that crops are very short. Kansas has had great floods. In Minnesota this week a terrible tornado caused the death of 20 people and a property loss of \$3,500,000. Up in the great wheat belt of the Manitoba country the black rust is ruining the crops. A short study of the actual conditions ought to relieve somewhat the man with pessimistic views. Here in Morrow county we are enjoying prosperity and the anticipation of a bright future. Morrow county this season has produced more and will have more to sell than ever before in her history. This is a great country and our greatest need is more people to develop our resources."

The mining congress in session at Portland last week passed resolutions favoring the creation of a department of mines and mining, making the head of the department a cabinet officer. Since mining in its various forms is one of the greatest industries of the nation the miners feel that their business should be represented in the president's cabinet's.

The good resolves of President Roosevelt to eliminate federal officials from active participation in the campaign seems to have been forgotten already, observes the Times-Mountaineer, since it is announced that Secretary Shaw

will open the republican campaign in Montana in a few days.

Women cannot be carriers on rural routes. Only male mail carriers go. This is on account of the order that a certain suit must be worn—a suit not made for women. The order, no doubt, will be modified in time.

The south is having a time of it burning human beings alive. It's an awful reputation they are getting. It looks as if hades was located in Georgia and the imps of darkness were turned loose at Statesboro.

General Stoessel says Fort Arthur will be his tomb. It is already the tomb of thousands. It looks like madness for him to hold out so long against the inevitable. He has sacrificed many precious lives uselessly.

The most eulogized woman in the United States just now is the Indiana girl who took her piano into the woods to do her practicing.

The czar's kid has been baptized all right and the czar modified his iniquitous oppressions the least little bit.

Many times and oft are the people fooled by the correspondents at the front.

RESOLUTIONS.

Castle Hall, Pythian Lodge, No. 29, Knights of Pythias.

Whereas, it has pleased the great God of the universe in His all wise providence to call from earth to mansions in the skies, the beloved wife of brother E. L. Hiteman, and

Whereas, we being deeply conscious of the loss he is called upon to sustain, therefore be it

Resolved: That we sincerely condole with him in this his sad hour of affliction, and we would, however, commend him to a higher source of consolation and comfort, and that he look to the great beyond where the sundered ties of the family are united.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy be presented to our brother, and a copy be given the Press for publication.

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Personally Conducted Excursion to St. Louis.

On September 6th the O. R. & N. will run a through tourist sleeper to St. Louis under the personal supervision of Mr. R. A. Smith, city ticket agent at Walla Walla, who will go through to St. Louis with the car. A side trip will be made to Salt Lake City where arrangements have been made for an organ recital in the big tabernacle for the benefit of passengers in this car. Reservation can be made with the local agent and should be made as early as possible. Detailed information can be had by calling on or addressing,

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Just a Talk

There probably isn't a reader of this newspaper who will not want to buy some house furnishing article or other between now and the holidays. So, 'tis proper for a store that feels quite sure that it is better able to serve you than any other to have a word with you at about this time.

As things go in Walla Walla (and they certainly go to suit us) the Davis-Kaser store has made probably the greatest success of all stores here. At least we have tried hard and earnestly to do everything in the world that would ordinarily bring success to a store.

The rapid—almost phenomenal—increase in our business would indicate that we are at least pleasing a great majority of the buying public; and, for this we feel highly gratified and thankful. Our customers always come the second and the third time, and this of course is the basis of our success.

We want to, therefore, talk to those who have not tried trading here as yet. We want to say to you, TRY. If we do not make your trading both pleasant and profitable we incur a great business risk. At least that is the way we figure it, for to have a disappointed customer is about the worst thing that can happen to a store. You can rest assured, therefore, that you will like your trading here when you try. All Davis-Kaser patrons are more than satisfied—they are pleased.

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