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**"HOT AIR" PORTLAND.**

The following from the Pendleton East Oregonian is a sentiment that universally exists in Eastern Oregon:

What's the matter with the Multnomah county delegation and Portland business men and commercial bodies?

At several enthusiastic development league mass meetings held during the past year, Portland has professed to be the friend of government irrigation and has repeatedly pledged herself to do everything reasonable within her power to clear the way for government irrigation.

At the recent banquet and talkfest of the Commercial club, these pledges were voluntarily repeated and great interest was shown in the subject.

But when it comes to a "showdown" in the legislature, where Portland must uncover her motives, where is she found on the subject of irrigation? What did she do to help Eastern Oregon secure a modern irrigation code?

She sat like a mummy, speechless, tongue-tied, passive and heedless to the interest of the state as an Alaskan totem pole! She never raised a hand while the enemies were striking the Cole irrigation bill dead in the committee room.

Portland is a great "developer," when it comes to pumping hot air into Eastern Oregon's ears, and making pregnant promises that cost nothing. She loves Eastern Oregon about as fervently as Bill Dalton loved a railroad train—it depends altogether on the booty in sight.

Portland had an opportunity to show her genuine friendship for Eastern Oregon by passing the Cole irrigation bill. The passage of that bill meant the expenditure of perhaps \$3,000,000 in government irrigation works in the state in the next two or three years. Did she raise a hand to help, although her pledge was recorded at the organization of the Development League that she would help?

Did any Portland paper raise its voice for a good irrigation law? Did any of them urge the passage of a measure which was intended to open the door of government irrigation in the arid counties? Not a word. Not a mention of irrigation legislation!

The next hot air artist who comes cavorting over Eastern Oregon telling what Portland will do and how Portland loves the Eastern Oregon counties, her granary and money chest, the people should close their doors against him, and send him home with a message that only by performance, and not by promises, can Portland "square" herself with the bunchgrass counties.

A London writer says that a German paper manufacturer at Essenthal has just made an experiment to see how rapidly it is possible to transform a tree into a newspaper. Three trees in the neighborhood of his factory were cut down at 7:35 in the morning. They were instantly barked and pulped, and the first roll of paper was ready at 9:34.

It was lifted into an automobile that stood waiting and conveyed to the machine room of the nearest daily paper. The paper being already set the printing began at once, and by 10 o'clock precisely the journal was on sale on the streets. The entire process of transformation had taken exactly two hours and twenty-five minutes.

Every county in Eastern Oregon has arranged to make an exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair except Grant county. From every point of view Grant county can make an exhibit that will equal that made by any county in the state, and it is a shame that the county will not be represented among the exhibits in the Oregon building.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

W. L. Douglas the newly elected governor of Massachusetts, whose photograph is familiar to every child in the land, is credited with the following advice for boys: "Be honest, faithful, industrious, save your money."

Prof. Ross, of the Nebraska University, says every family should have four children. Parents who have already exceeded the limit may adopt their own plans for getting rid of the surplus.

Wilson, in Tillamook county, Oregon, has the reputation of being the wettest town in the United States. Rain fell there during the year 1904 to the depth of 136 inches.

King Alfonso wants a rich wife. Rich American mothers should not put a queen's title beyond the effort of money as a matchmaker.

The New York Herald gives the timely information to a correspondent that while he does not write it O'Yama, he fights as if he did.

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**Notice.**  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the matter of the estate of Angus McDonald, deceased. Notice of final settlement. Notice is hereby given that I, Hugh Worthington, executor of the estate of Angus McDonald, deceased, filed my final account and report in the said estate on the 2nd day of February, 1905, in the County Court of Umatilla County, Oregon; that Hon. H. J. Bean, County Judge, thereupon appointed Saturday the 4th day of March, 1905, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as the time, and the County Court House as the place where any and all objections to said final account will be heard and the settlement of the same passed upon.  
Dated this 3rd day of Feb., 1905.  
Will M. Peterson, Hugh Worthington, Attorney, Executor.

**Notice.**  
In the County Court of the state of Oregon, for Umatilla County. In the matter of the estate of Ermelia Stone, deceased. Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given that I have been duly appointed executor of the estate of Ermelia Stone, deceased, by the above entitled court. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them to me at the law office of Will M. Peterson, Athena, Oregon, with proper vouchers as by law required, within six months from first date of this notice.  
Dated this 31st day of January, 1905.  
Will M. Peterson, E. H. Stone, Atty. for Estate, Executor.

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