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Senator Dolliver has introduced a bill in the United States senate, designed to simplify the railroad rate regulating measures proposed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. It has not been the intention of the senator to introduce the measure until after the holidays, but it was agreed at the conference at the White House, that it would be more effective to have the matter referred to the senate committee on interstate commerce at once. The bill provides for a thorough inspection of railway accounts with a view to bringing to light those inequalities which have crept into the business of transportation through the greed of influential shippers or through the pressure of competitive conditions.

The expected has happened in Russia, hope deferred not only made the heart sick, but deranged the public mind. The French revolution is being duplicated, in a way, in Russia though it has not been directed with similar intelligence. We can see nothing now to prevent anarchy but the tottering throne of the czar, and no man can say whether it can stand or not. There is a large amount of virtual atheism in Russia, a republic could not last, the form of government needed is a modified Monarchy or Czarism. It looks, however, as if nothing short of a compact with other nations will be able to quiet the populace.

A poet has well said that "The races rise and fall. The nations come and go; Time tenderly covers them all with violets and snow. The mortal tide moves on. To some immortal shore Past purple peaks of dusk and dawn Into the evermore." The 1500 million people now living will all have passed away when this century closes, and be succeeded by probably 2 billion other mortals, who will return to the quiet bosom of mother earth. How pathetic the picture!

The trouble in China grows more menacing. The horrors in Russia are indescribable. Want—now stalks abroad in London. Iowa tariff rippers are mad as March hares. San Domingo's president has fled and the people are glad of it. England may grant Ireland home rule, and the stars may fall. Dowie has gone to Florida for his health and his Zion is shaky.

Ex-Governor Odell is making the biggest mistake of his life in warring on President Roosevelt, the most popular man in this country, and deservedly so. Better for Odell to quietly retire to the shady realms of oblivion than snarl at the president. The ex-governor is wholly in the wrong in attacking Roosevelt, and is making his inevitable exit all the more pathetic.

A man may think it is an easy thing to catch a "blind pig." Just get your chasers on and try it once. "Blind pigs" seem to be the most wide awake of the pig tribe. Ashland found them harder to corner than a "greasy" pig.

Immigration Commissioner Sargeant, in his report to the United States government, estimates that that country will have a population of 950,000,000 in 136 years, if the present rate of increase continues.

The British admiralty has declared its intention to restrict the use of alcoholic beverages among the officers of the navy, and no officer under 20 is permitted to consume spirits of any kind.

President Eliot of Harvard University, in a recent speech in Boston, declared himself opposed to all laws restricting immigration.

COYOTES SWIM THE COLUMBIA.

Oregon Irrigator.

It will be remembered that nearly two years ago, to be exact on the 18th day of February, 1904, about 1,500 coyotes crossed the river at this point early one morning, a full report of which was published in the Irrigator of the following week.

The story of that begira, as related in our columns, was laughed at by some, scoffed at by others, and some of our contemporaries even hinted that it was a lie. But there has never been any attempt made to disprove our report. And had there been we could have at any time proved our words true by showing the very place where they went into the river, the water they swam in and the spot where they landed on the Washington shore.

On Thursday morning of last week the Irrigator man was out of bed very early—long before any one else in Ir-rigon who had been in bed that night. Hearing a terrible noise down the river we nosed our way through the semi-darkness for about half a mile where we witnessed a curious sight, for the water was alive with coyotes swimming from Washington to Oregon. We made as good a count as we could and are ready—and willing—to swear that there were at least 6,000 coyotes of all ages, sizes and conditions.

As soon as they landed on this side they rolled over a few times in the sand shook themselves, cavorted around a little to get warm and wait for their fellows, and when all were landed they struck off southwest across the desert.

We do not think any other person saw them emerge from the river, but it may be that some person or persons on the Washington side saw them start on their nautical journey.

However, without any corroboration, we publish the story. Those who know us well know we would not tell an untruth for a million coyotes, and those who do not know us are welcome to come to Irrigon and be shown the very identical spot where the varmints landed.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS IN SOUTHERN OREGON.

Medford Mail

Unless all indications are deceptive the year 1906 will be one of unparalleled growth and development in southern Oregon in general and Jackson county in particular.

Never before has this section attracted so much attention from people of all classes.

Miners, orchardmen, lumbermen, all kinds of business men are finding out that the many and varied resources of southern Oregon offer a field for their energies unsurpassed anywhere.

Jackson county is just starting on a steady, upward march toward prosperity, which nothing can stop.

Next year will see the mineral-seamed hills to the west and south begin giving up the stored wealth of centuries in greater proportion than ever before. East of us the vast pine and fir forests will begin paying tribute and in return a stream of wealth will flow into the pockets of the people. A start at least will be made toward the irrigation of the valley and

within a few years after this is accomplished not two, but many blades of grass will grow where none grew before. Orchards, gardens, and happy homes will take the place of the waste places and nowhere on earth will there be a more prosperous vale than that of the Rogue. All this will not come in a day, to be sure, but the start toward it will be made during 1906, and most of us will live to see its realization.

TOOTHPICKS AND CUT GLASS.

New York American.

Hearty, old-fashion graft in Panama was indicated yesterday in the shipment from this port to the canal zone by the United States canal commission of a cargo of 5 o'clock tea sets, ladies' nightrobes, suitcases, imported English quadruple silver plated cutlery, toothpicks, cut glass finger bowls and other evidences of Broadway luxury. Loaded to the gunwales the good ship Meiderskin cast off from the commission's pier, at the foot of Twenty-eighth street, on the North river, late yesterday afternoon. Shipments of similar "equipment" for the greatest engineering feat the world has known are to be rushed to Panama henceforth every five days, according to Alfred Anderson, purchasing agent for the canal commission.

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- 1,200 high, best quality, latest style, gentlemen's collars.
- 1,200 turndown, latest style gentlemen's collars; best.
- 1,200 various style, best quality gentlemen's collars.
- 72 best silk pocket handkerchiefs.
- 1,000 pairs best tan sewed shoes for gentlemen.
- 1,000 pairs best colored leather shoes.
- 72 best quality gentlemen's suitcases.
- 500 umbrellas at \$5 each.
- 100 shaving sets.
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