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The "handout" man and his companion, the "pauhandler" will find short pickings in the northwest this year. Millions of dollars in capital will be invested in the development of Pacific Coast states this season. Miles of irrigation canals and many more miles of railroad building are in course of construction. The completion of this vast amount of development work is being greatly retarded because of a great scarcity of labor. Good wages are being offered, but it seems to be almost impossible to secure men sufficient to carry on the work mapped out for the year by promoters and contractors. The middle and western states have been drained of working men to such an extent that Kansas, Nebraska, and the Dakota wheat fields, now almost ready for harvest, have slight prospects of attention in time to save all the crop, and yet the labor channels of the Northwest remain unfilled. As an exchange truthfully remarks: "There is absolutely no excuse for the man who cannot find work in Oregon this spring. There is work for everybody in the northwest, and the professional loafer will have a hard time finding an excuse for idling away his time this year. The man who is looking for work and praying that he may not find it, had better keep away from the northwest. People are working up this way."

The Union Republican, sees it after this manner: "With Union county gradually working out of debt and the school district only three months behind in the payments of its warrants, the tax-payer begins to see some day-light in public affairs. It is to be hoped that these branches of the public machinery may continue to improve in condition until the last vestige of indebtedness is wiped out. The time when the people will be satisfied to have towns, counties and school districts dragging along under a ruinous load of indebtedness, has passed, and they now demand that public officials shall make a showing each year along this line "to the good." The county and school district seems to be headed the right way."

AN INJUSTICE TO OREGON.

Portland Oregonian. Senator Fulton's protest against the slight that has been offered Oregon in distribution of the reclamation fund is a point that should be well taken by the people of Oregon. This state

has vast areas of marvelously rich land which with the advantage of irrigation would add millions of dollars annually to the wealth of the state. It also has an abundance of water running to waste through courses, which can be utilized comparatively easily in making productive thousands of acres of land. It was the great extent of these lands and plentiful supply of water available which gave Oregon such prominence in the original plans for irrigation work in the West. The possibilities for wonderful results, where rich soil and water were both abundant, were so great that quite naturally Oregon was leveled on heavily in the interest of the general reclamation fund.

This fund now amounts to many millions, and while extensive irrigation projects are under way in Colorado, Arizona, Idaho, California, Washington and other western states, all of which have smaller contributions to the reclamation fund than have been made by Oregon, this state has been practically ignored. The Klamath irrigation project, which is the most important one yet undertaken in the state, as is well known in both states and probably at Washington, is much more of a California project than of Oregon, as the state lying to the south of Oregon will reap greater benefits than any that will accrue to this state.

It is in Central and Eastern Oregon that the Government's neglect will be felt the most seriously. When the reclamation plans for the Government began to assume definite shape and it was clearly apparent that there would be millions of dollars available for carrying on the work, settlers began moving into the districts already stated—rich land and an abundance of water—Oregon, of course, attracted much attention, and hundreds of settlers poured into the dry regions and began preparations for making the desert blossom as soon as the life-giving water was available. They are still waiting, and unless there is a change in the policy of secretary Hitchcock, the work of development, in what will some day be the richest part of the state will be delayed many years. There have been rumors that the work has been retarded somewhat by the numerous private irrigation projects that have started in various parts of the state, but as the largest of these projects is small in comparison with those planned by the Government and would not conflict in any way with the latter, this could not be construed as a reason for long delay in granting Oregon the assistance to which this state is entitled.

Land which has been brought under irrigation and cultivated to a high degree is selling today at Clarkston, Wenatchee and North Yakima at \$1000 an acre, and is yielding fruit and other products that justify the prices at which it is selling. Equally rich land, well located for irrigation purposes, can be secured in Oregon in immense areas at from \$3.50 to \$10 an acre and needs only application of water to bring it into condition where it will produce crops that will swell its value to maximum figures. The Government owes it to Oregon to make an equitable division of the funds, to which this state has contributed so heavily. This is a duty which should be discharged for reasons other than the money rightfully belongs to this state.

With the development of our lands which are susceptible to irrigation will come increased population, better transportation facilities and greater prosperity, all of which will contribute to the general good of the Government, as well as the people. When this development comes, the large deficits, now due in maintaining expensive stage routes and remote postoffices in the isolated regions of Central and Eastern Oregon, will be eliminated. As a plain business proposition, aside from the moral obligation of the Government in the matter, Oregon's full share in the reclamation fund should be spent in this state at the earliest possible moment.

SHOULD BE GENUINE INSPECTION.
Walla Walla Union.
When Mr. Armour says that Presi-

ant Roosevelt "has a strong personal deimus against the packers," he utters an unwise and untrue thing which will injure his cause.

When John D. Rockefeller in Paris tells an American newspaper reporter that "we must hear both sides; public opinion is apt to be rash," he tells the truth and strongly appeals to the public sense of fair play.

When the report of the experts of the agricultural department says that "the sanitary condition in some abattoirs is good, in some bad and in others bad," fair-minded readers will regret that the Reynolds-Neill report did not discriminate, naming both the good and the bad.

When Mr. Armour himself refers to the damage done American trade abroad by the exposure of unsanitary and revolting conditions, he cites an evil already noted with regret by every business man of wide experience.

But how shall the packers restore confidence at home and abroad? Not by denying evils that at the very moment of denial they are working night and day to remedy. Not by continuing the use of lying labels. Not by instructing their men in congress, like Wadsworth and Lormer, to press the enactment of a federal inspection law which would be a sham, a cheat and a fraud. When the packers favor such inspection they strengthen the suspicion that they have much to conceal.

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12:30 p. m.	Mixed, Walla Walla to Pendleton.	
4:53 p. m.	Fast Mail for Pendleton, LaGrande, Baker City, and all points east via Hunington, Ore. Also for Umatilla, Heppner, The Dalles, Portland, Astoria, Willamette Valley, Polina, California, Tacoma, Seattle, all Sound Points.	4:53 p. m.
	Mixed, Pendleton to Walla Walla	7:05 p. m.

H. W. Smith Agent, Athena.

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