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The Atlanta Journal rises up in its wrath and says: "It is avarice which is killing and wounding the scores and hundreds of passengers, freezing and starving the citizens of the northwest, threatening the whole commercial and industrial system of the country with a collapse. It is avarice which is pouncing the transportation systems of the country into splinters. They are trying to grab, today, the legitimate earnings of the future. And if they can't do it without wrecking the system of today, they are willing to do it anyhow, and let the system go to ruin. In other words, the profits that should be put into more mileage, that should be put into better equipment into safety devices, into cars and engines, into salaries sufficient to insure that no employe should have too much work on his hands—these profits are paid out as dividends on watered securities. It is a saturnalia of money drunkards. Drunk with the money which they obtain as interest on bonds which it was not necessary to issue, on stocks which are full of water, on fictitious securities. Drunk on money which should be put into up-to-date machinery and appliances, into safety devices, into more tracks, into cars and engines. Drunk on money which represents, in its analysis, hundreds and thousands of slain and wounded men, women and children."

Of late the Press has received from the Oregon and Washington Lumber Manufacturers Association numerous communications, the digest of which in each instance was hot stuff for a "roast" on the railroad combines, the car shortage, etc. etc. In these communications, citations to the claimants damage the car shortage is doing the lumber "interests" of course, not left out. The blighting effect of the present inadequate transportation facilities are noticeable in all branches of shipping, no more to the lumber "interests" than to any other, dollars and cents as a matter of investment, of course, considered. The "interests" of this lumber association is nothing less than a syndicate trust that has placed the price of lumber so high in the Northwest that home building is practically prohibited. For an octopus of this character, the Press has no space, whatever, to donate. It prefers the railroads and their methods, to the endless chain process that boasts the greedy aggrandizement of the avaricious ambition of a richer money loaner than John D. Rockefeller.

Corncoobs are to be used for something else than the manufacture of pipes. The department of agriculture is developing a new industry in the production of alcohol from corncoobs, which, the department says, promises to be of

much commercial value. Investigations are being made at Hoopeson, Ill., and have proved that the large quantities of corncoobs which every year go to waste, can be made to produce alcohol in sufficient quantities to justify the erection of a distilling plant in connection with a corn cannery.

ONE OTHER NEEDED REFORM.

In the state of Oregon one person is admitted to the state Insane Asylum at Salem every week-day. One-half of these unfortunate persons are women, so that, in the course of a year, a more than 150 demented wives, mothers, sisters or daughters of Oregon's citizens are turned over to the custody of the authorities for their detention, care and possible cure. The recruits for this unhappy little army come from every county in the state. The labor and expense for their conveyance to our single Insane Asylum at Salem are not light, though the cost is much less than it formerly was, when it constituted a very important item in what was known as the "Sheriff's grat." The effort to introduce in Oregon a humane and economical system of transporting insane persons to Salem met for years with organized resistance from all, or most of the sheriffs of Oregon. They were finally defeated two years ago, with results that fulfilled every promise made by the advocates of the new method. Insane men and women on their way to Salem are now cared for tenderly by experienced guards, male and female. The average cost per capita for the year ending July 1, 1906, was \$18.05, while the average cost per capita for the transportation of convicts to the penitentiary for the two years prior to December 30, 1906, was \$35.91.

Conveyance of convicts is under the old method. The present convict expense is about the same as it used to be for the conveyance of insane. The figures supply an answerable argument in support of Governor Chamberlain's recommendation that the law should be so amended as to require convicts to be conveyed to prison by officers of the penitentiary. There are, perhaps, no reasons of humanity, or even of public security, that makes one system preferable to the other. There are reasons of economy. The Legislature should heed them.—Oregonian.

A MOB'S EXCUSE

The lynching of a man who had killed his wife and young stepson, in Iowa, was unjustifiable, of course, but the mob gave an excuse for it that will find an approving echo in the minds of millions of Americans—that the sure and speedy legal punishment of the undisputed murder could not be depended upon. It appears that his guilt was clear, at least in the minds of the populace, but he was worth \$50,000, and they foresaw a long, wearisome series of technical movements in the courts to defeat the law's penalty; they saw an interminable succession of motions, and appeals, and arguments, and judicial farcicality; they had lately witnessed all this in a similar case; and so, since they could not depend on the machinery of the law to carry out the provisions of the law, they said they would do it themselves and make a short, sure job of it. So the man got what the law intended he should get, and his heirs instead of the lawyers—perhaps—will get his money. It was a bad act, but it must be admitted that the provocation in any such case is great. Courts and criminal lawyers are in many cases responsible for the activity of Judge Lynch.—Portland Journal.

TOO MANY NORMALS

In the course of his message to the Oregon Legislature, Governor Chamberlain has set forth his views on the normal question as follows: "There are too many normal schools in the state supported by money exacted from the taxpayers. One in Eastern and one in Western Oregon might with propriety be maintained, affording every facility for those desiring to fit themselves for teachers. But whether the four normals be retained or not, I repeat the recommendations made to the last Legislature that all

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"It should be provided that no regent or other officer of these or any of the schools shall be permitted to sell to them any supplies of any kind."

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