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One of the most important economic movements of the day about which the general public has yet learned little is the concerted action of owners of timber in different parts of the country in organizing associations to protect their holdings from fire. In the Pacific Northwest, the Washington Forest Fire Association has just elected officers at Seattle and begun work for the year with 3,000,000 acres under its care. The plans include a system of patrol by rangers resembling the work done by the United States Forest Service in guarding against and extinguishing fires. Organizations of similar kind and for a like purpose are at work in Oregon and Idaho. In the latter State, a portion of the expense is borne by taxation and paid from the State treasury. A western railroad company which holds large tracts of timber has taken steps to guard its property from fire, and during the short time that its plans have been in operation, it has met with most encouraging success.

At the Kansas station alfalfa roots have been traced to a depth of over nine feet, while at the Colorado experiment station Dr. W. P. Headen has washed out the roots of an old alfalfa plant to the depth of nearly 12 feet, says an alfalfa leaflet. Various reports have been made, without good authority, of finding alfalfa roots at even greater depths. It is without doubt one of the deepest rooting plants grown on the farm. Alfalfa will do more for western agriculture in the next 50 years than all the other crops which farmers may be able to grow in this region. The great value of the crop as a money maker is the main factor which is introducing it into the agriculture of the central west. Where alfalfa can be successfully marketed or fed, no other crop grown in the west will yield so great a net profit per acre in a series of years.

The Commercial Club of Walla Walla, Washington, has passed resolutions urging the railroad companies to grant a one-fare rate for the round trip, by continuous passage, between points in interior Washington and Oregon and the seaside resorts of these two states. It is understood that the Club also favors a higher rate when stop-over privileges are allowed. The Walla Walla Club has requested the commercial bodies of Eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho, as well as the Commercial Club of Portland, to pass similar resolutions. It is hoped that favorable action may be taken by all, as the people of the interior should be given the opportunity of visiting the coast especially during the summer months, at the least possible cost.

Owing to the fact that there is an unusually large amount of money on hand in the state treasury it has been decided to advance the various counties of the state a substantial advance on the sums due the counties from the common school fund. Their payments are due in August and the remainder of the moneys due will be paid at that time. Deputy State Treasurer Perkins states that the income from the school fund will be greater this year than at any time in the history of the state. Usually the total has been about \$250,000, but this year it is expected to be considerably more.

What a fine thing it would be for a change if men could be relieved of the necessity of scratching like mad to get the wherewithal to buy grub with, if women could be relieved of the drudgery of getting said grub ready to put on the table and washing dishes, kettles and pans after it was devoured! Really this would give us a little time to get acquainted with our families and our neighbors and live a trifle.

We read the other day of a farmer who had a good idea of the eternal fitness of things and was pretty level headed. He sent his wife, son and daughter to the state agricultural short course, while he himself staid at home, did the chores and concocted his own coffee and flapjacks. They undoubtedly appreciated his self sacrifice, the exercise of which without question had a wholesome influence upon himself.

With a view to freeing themselves from the dictation of beef prices by the Chicago packing houses, a group of central Iowa farmers have lately shipped a carload of fine beefs direct to Portland, Me., where they will be loaded for shipment to England. A prior shipment direct to the Liverpool market resulted in their receiving such good prices that they were led to try the plan again.

If the \$200,000, more or less, that is spent annually in the farcical distribution of seeds of very indifferent merit by the congressmen who hope thereby to better their chances of reelection were divided equally among the several states and territories for use in practical and helpful experiment station work, it would be a far more serviceable disposal of the money.

The proper spirit is in evidence up at Waitsburg and Dayton. The latter town proposes to close shop and attend Waitsburg's big picnic, and Waitsburg will go to Dayton's Fourth of July celebration. The pull-together spirit does not end with neighborly felicitations, but extends to a united boost for the upbuilding of that part of Washington.

A two line local in the home paper will in nine cases out of ten enable one to find a buyer for the article he wants to dispose of as well as quickly locate the party who has the thing that he may be in need of. Try it once if the method is new to you and see if this statement is not correct.

A move for the better appearance of Main street was made this week when several scale-infested shade trees were cut down. This should be followed by turning signs to the walls of buildings and lowering gas-pipe hydrants below the surface of the walks.

The Pilot Rock News "made good" with an eight-page special edition, which contains a creditable writeup of Pilot Rock, her industries and the resources of the wonderfully productive country, tributary to the town.

The platocratic press are quite enthusiastic for the nomination of Gov. Johnson instead of Bryan. Naturally. They hate Bryan for the enemies he has made and they love Johnson for the friends that surround him.

For the first time in several years it was boldly declared and successfully maintained in the house of representatives last week that "the president is not the commander-in-chief of congress." What's the matter?

The Beef Trust is still booming the price of its products, and the administration makes no effort to curb the combine. President Roosevelt evidently considers the packers' combine "a good trust."

Secretary Cortelyou is also swinging around the New York circuit with a few addresses to business men. Is he preparing them for the campaign fund collector who will follow later?

President Gompers continues to declare that if congress does not pass the labor legislation asked for, Republican candidates for re-election will be opposed at the polls.

We shudder to think what will happen when that Indiana man who has remained at home for 19,000 successive evenings does get a night off!

Congressman Hobson is not without a certain cheerful optimism. He thinks that somebody will take the Philippines off our hands.

Briefly, then, the south seems to be divided into two classes—those who are fighting drink and those who are fighting drunk.

Tatt adherents in Arizona have bolted the Republican convention and will select a contesting delegation.

HATED TO LEAVE THE MORGUE.

M. Gand, for 30 years the superintendent of the Paris morgue, said farewell to the grewsome place with tears in his eyes and words of regret on his lips. Newspaper men asked him for "experiences" and "impressions," and when he had given them he received from those who had heard him the title "Philosopher of the Morgue." To the representatives of the Matin he said that he had been very happy at the morgue and had learned there the lesson of life. "When one sees before him continually," he said, "what it is for which we work and slave and commit all sorts of folly, our fears and our worries vanish. Of course it took quite a while before I realized that a dead man is no longer a man before I learned to look upon those who are brought here from the physical point only. Until that was accomplished I could not eat, except with aversion. Two weeks ended me." He recalled some of the grewsome scenes which he had witnessed, and said: "I became accustomed to all these things, but never to the police practice of con-

fronting a prisoner with the body of a murdered person. It always disgusted me, probably because my experience told me that these experiments are senseless. The dramatic breakdown never follows except in books. Only once did I see a man go to pieces, and he was the giant wrestler, Gamahut, in 1885. Now I go to the country, to a little house with a garden, where there are fresh flowers and green fields. Who knows but what I may not find there in the pastoral surrounding disappointments and sorrows which I escaped while I lived with the dead? Who knows?"

COMMENT OF THE TIMES.

Minneapolis Journal: Kylie Bellew says that "the public—the great public—will never take to Isben's plays." Well, baseball is more cheerful.

Kansas City Star: Governor Johnson of Minnesota denies being James J. Hill's "man." Yet the fact remains that he is permitted to dwell in Mr. Hill's state. Mr. Bryan regards this as a pretty suspicious circumstance.

Philadelphia Inquirer: Another Rough Rider in Massachusetts has got a job with the government. This is singular. How did the man escape so long?

New Orleans Times-Democrat: Oyster Bay is now looking eagerly forward to its annual appearance as a popular newspaper date line.

Baltimore American: Perhaps the hardest thing in human experience is to get away from prejudice. In the last few years we have had extraordinary changes in America, and it has not been easy for some people to readjust their visions. When an honest president, in doing honest work, disturbed established evils he necessarily jolted some good people who were perfectly sincere in believing that their personal integrity was proof against the insidious influences of a wrong system. So, instead of blaming the system or of seeing the broader moral purpose of a policy of simple honesty, they took the shorter course of saying Roosevelt did it.

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