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The American Lumberman states that the average cost of masonry and grading, plastering, plumbing, heating and painting on a specific Cleveland job is 28.5 per cent less than last year. Ten per cent, according to the Lumberman, "probably represents about the general decline in the retail price of building material." Labor, though commanding the same wages, is effectively cheaper because the better men are kept employed when work falls off. Contractors accept smaller profits and in some cases take jobs without expectation of profit to hold their men. Taking the country over, the Lumberman figures that buildings can be put up from 10 to 25 per cent below last year's figures. Interest rates on loans are no longer inflated. For men with capital this is in every growing section of the country a good opportunity to erect investment buildings against the certain demand for the near future. For homeplanners there is relatively an even better opportunity to get dwellings of special design built not only at a fair cost but carefully, properly and without vexatious delays. Not often is there such a chance to save money by rendering the public service of setting idle men at work.

Judge Davis handed down a writ last week, says the Vale Oriano, asking the county court to change the order regarding the closing of saloons in Vale. Also another regarding Ontario. While this order would have the effect of keeping open the saloons in these two towns the city councils of both towns will undoubtedly refuse to issue license for the saloons to run and the result will be identical, as if the mandate had not been sent down by the circuit judge. The judge issues the writ upon the ground that the city charters gave these towns special licenses to regulate saloons and that they are subject to the local laws. This is the same decision handed down by him two years ago and the points raised have never been squarely before the supreme court. We believe the judge's contention will be found to follow the law but the supreme court may extend the scope of the local option law by holding that as the people have voted dry the territory should be dry because there is no higher law than that of the people.

The passage of the law, which is now in effect, taking away from the district attorney the power to file informations and making persons accused of crime wait for the action of the grand jury may have a tendency to create a board bill the county will have to meet. Heretofore the district attorney, by way of information, dispatched of most all criminal cases without any delay and without the expense of boarding the accused for any length of time. By the provisions of the law no accused person can be indicted until the grand jury is in session and this may mean a considerable length of time in some instances and if the conduct of the people gets bad there may be times when the accommodation of the jail may be taxed to its full capacity.

A tract of 960 acres of land in Washington county has been acquired by a company which has commenced the preliminary surveys and will begin planting walnut trees in the fall. The company proposes to plant the whole tract to English walnuts and peaches, and expect to have the work completed in two years. It is claimed that this will be the largest walnut plantation in the world.

Oregon communities should commence at once to take advantage of the one-way colonist rates which will be in effect from Sept. 1st to Oct. 31st. No state in the Union has received greater benefit through these colonist rates than Oregon and at no time in the history of the State were more people expressing a determination to come here to make their permanent home.

Love may laugh at locksmiths before marriage, but it never even giggles at plumbers after starting house-keeping.

The Umatilla county court has voted the \$1000 appropriation for the Umatilla-Morrow County District fair which will be held in Pendleton the latter part of September next. During each of the two years the district fair has been held the county has given \$1000 for the purpose of maintaining a county exhibit. This is well and good and no doubt the county can afford it. However, in the light of this appropriation, the paltry sum the court allowed for assisting Milton fruit growers to change the channel of the Walla Walla river, that their little patches of land might be saved from destruction, is outlined in insignificant shadow.

The first case ever tried under the law making it a crime for a husband not to support his wife and children was filed in Marion county. The complaint alleges that the husband had remained away from the wife and wrongfully and without cause failed to support her and her child. The law provides that any person convicted under this statute shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than 30 days and not more than one year, and that time the prisoner may be compelled to work on the public roads or other public works. During the time he works the county may pay to the wife or child a sum not exceeding \$1.50 per day for their support.

The following card of thanks recently appeared in a Kansas town: "I wish to thank the authorities for quarantining me and my family for three weeks because one of them had the smallpox. During that time my wife caught up with her sewing, being undisturbed by callers just at meal time. We had three square meals a day, as no one came in and she was not permitted to go out. We enjoyed three weeks of good night sleep, and best of all a cousin with four children who arrived to visit us saw the smallpox sign on the door and left town so scared she will never come back."

A small boy up near Ritzville died the other day of lockjaw in consequence of the use of a toy pistol. This is the fate of scores if not hundreds of small boys in this country every year. The toy pistol ought to be barred from the market, since so many parents will allow their little children to play with the deadly little contraption. Boys can be given much better playthings than even harmless imitation guns.

Some of the conspicuous members of New York City's smart set have curious ideas of what constitutes comfort in life.

**TARIFF REVISION STRUGGLE.**

Both parties, republican and democratic, are to stand for tariff revision this year, and it is well to realize at once that the work of revision is sure to be full of difficulties. It is not merely that the professional stand patters will resist any and every change in their determination to yield nothing, but every industry that may be affected will be heard from and fight stubbornly against any lowering of duties by which it may be affected. For a hint of what is to occur we may refer to an agitation that has already begun in California. On the prospect of a revision plank in the republican platform a leading rural paper of the Pacific coast reported that California producers were properly getting together to make sure that whatever revision might be undertaken it would be of the right sort from California's point of view. A conference was called to meet at San Francisco July 16, the California promotion committee has been summoned to take action and every effort will be made to protect the producers at the meetings of the ways and means committee of the house.

It would not require a great gift of prophecy to present a pretty accurate idea of what the campaign of resistance is to be later on, but our illustration is interesting because it shows how swiftly the alarm has been raised, and we may expect that the preliminaries in California will be repeated elsewhere. Furthermore, there will be equal stubbornness, no matter whether the cause is meritorious or not. For that reason the friends of revision should prepare at once for the fray. They should equip themselves so thoroughly that they may be able to go before the committee of congress and make a clear and convincing showing in every case in which they believe that the tariff is inexorably high. Otherwise they can make little headway against the well-organized forces of the opposition.—Chicago Record-Herald

**VALUE OF RAILROADS.**

The state railroad commission is making a careful valuation of the physical railroad property of the state, with a view to using the results as a partial basis for determining what are reasonable rates. This is something that ought to be done in all states, and throughout the country by virtue of a federal as well as state laws. This was one of La Follette's rejected amendments to the rate bill, and it was overwhelmingly rejected by the Chicago convention.

But it is a reasonable, right and a

necessary measure. It is in force in Wisconsin, and though the railroads fought it there, as elsewhere, they finally submitted, and found that as long as they did business honestly and on the square the law did not hurt them at all. Why should it? If a railroad's stock has not been watered, if it is not compelling the public to pay interest and perhaps big dividends on fictitious valuations, it has nothing to fear. No railroad commission fit to serve as such is going to be unjust or unfair to the railroads or try to cripple them. On the contrary the people desire the railroads to succeed and that all should prosper fairly together. What the people object to is being over charged on false valuations and unjust discriminations. That the railroads fight this valuation movement furnishes foundation for the suspicion that they are taking unfair advantage of the people.

The public has a right to know, and in order intelligently to regulate rates—for this is what must in many cases be done—must know what the value of the railroads' property is—what the railroads and their equipment cost, or rather, what it would cost to replace them now. The people's commission having ascertained this, it will have laid a large part of a good foundation for determining what freight rates ought to be. Senator La Follette's idea on this subject is wholly and clearly right and reasonable, and we can see no good reason for the Chicago convention rejecting it.—Portland Journal.

**CONFEDERATE AT ARMY HEAD.**

On the sentimental side there is something pleasing in the presence of an ex Confederate soldier at the head of the war department just as 15 years ago there was something pleasing in the presence of an ex-Confederate soldier at the head of the navy department. Colonel Herbert of Alabama administered his trust well and General Wright of Tennessee is certain to win approval. The war is over and has been these many years past. Beginning back in General Grant's day many places of high grade have been found for men who wore the uniform of the Confederacy. The assertion that not until Mr. Cleveland entered the White House was the south admitted to anything like fellowship in the distribution of favors in the restored Union has nothing to rest upon. Grant, Hayes, Arthur, Harrison and McKinley all picked ex-Confederates of important appointments, and Mr. Roosevelt has repeatedly done so.

It is on the practical side that the appointment of General Wright deserves most consideration. The new secretary takes office familiar with many of the duties imposed upon him. He knows the situation in the Philippines quite as well as Judge Taft himself. In fact having administered affairs there later than Judge Taft, he is nearer to date. The Wright administration continued the policies of the Taft administration, and the Smith administration is continuing the policies of the Wright administration. There has been no break and will be none if Judge Taft is elected president.

The military features of the situation in Cuba and Panama are easily digestible by a man of General Wright's training, and as, like Judge Taft, he is a lawyer with experience on the bench, he should have no difficulties with questions calling for an interpretation of the law. As a soldier General Wright saw service quite young. His mature powers have been exercised in civil affairs, and with great credit to himself. His work in Memphis in the yellow fever epidemic of 1878 marked him as a citizen of the first mold. He remained with his people succoring the sick and preserving law and order in the panic-stricken town and in the end contracted the fever himself. There was something quite as heroic in that as in facing death in battle. Judge Taft's successor in the war department is altogether worthy of his important post.—Washington (D. C.) Star.

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