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The Observer has been established nearly 20 years, and it has some subscribers who have received it regularly for more than half a score of years. Many of these object to having the Old Reliable discontinued at the time of expiration of their subscriptions, and for their benefit, as for other reasons, we discontinue subscriptions only when notified to do so, except by agreement made at the time the account is opened, when it is noted upon the calendar to be discontinued promptly at the time specified. All persons desiring in advance at the time of subscribing, will have the benefit of the \$2.50 rate for one year, or the \$5.00 rate for five years. We send The Observer to any responsible person who orders it, though they may not send the money with the order, with the understanding that they are to pay 12 1/2 cents per month for it, until such time as they may wish to take advantage of the above liberal discounts. From this date we are prepared to discount rates to all leading Weekly and Magazine publishers in the United States, to any prepaid reader of The Old Reliable Observer. Come with the money—as that is indispensable.

At Staten Island, there has been built a house which is really fire proof. The walls and partitions are of hollow concrete blocks, the floors and roof of re-enforced concrete, the floors being supported by 3x10-inch concrete beams, re-enforced with bars. The slab forming the roof extends down to form a cornice, thus completing the frame without the use of a single piece of wood. The stairs and porches are also of cement, re-enforced with rods.

Klickitat county ought to be cut up into about six new counties. It is too big for any use whatever. The Wallamet valley could be set down on top of Klickitat county and still leave considerable of a ragged edge. The Columbia river meanders 198 miles of its water front. The towns and inhabitants are as widely apart as Portland and Eugene, Detroit and Sinslaw. Cut it up, save expenses in courts, taxes, mileage, etc. Do some developing over there. Get in and be up to date.

Maj. E. C. Dutton, dissents from the popular theory that volcanoes "are the chimneys of the world," and is convinced that "lava reservoirs" "rarely over three miles deep." Proof of this he finds in the study of earth quakes, which almost always accompany volcanoes. These are governed by the same laws as sound waves. The source of heat, which causes the gaseous eruption, is the radio activity of the earth's crust in limited tracts at a depth of from one to three miles, thus causing a melting of the rock.

Prof. Wisler of Heidelberg university, Germany, one of the highest authorities on natural history, has announced his conclusion that all highly developed races had their origin in the extreme northern latitude of 90° regions which are today inaccessible, as they are buried with ice or arctic seas. The continuous cooling of the north, sharpened the struggle for existence and created new forms of life. He dissents from the theory that the tropical sun has power to develop the human germ. He concludes that the first tribes of men followed in the track of the mammoth animals from the extreme north across the European continent.

After August 1st the O. R. & N. Co. will haul grain at 20 cents per a long ton of 2240 pounds. The new rate will apply from all O. R. & N. points, and also on the Columbia Southern and Columbia River & Oregon Roads. Local exporters have tried ever since the formation of the sailing ship combine to secure a freight at least on an even basis with the Sound, but it was alleged, towage charges and the cost of shipping seamen at our port were excessive, hence the differential. Investigations were made and data submitted to show the charges at both harbors were on a par practically, with odds in favor of Portland as regards seamen who had not been contracted for, but it was unavailing.

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TWO COUNTIES INTERESTED.

The resolutions introduced at the Farmers' convention held in Moro, Saturday, July 14, which were approved by the convention and referred to the executive committee, to see that they were presented to the courts of Wasco and Sherman counties, are of vital importance to this part of Sherman county, as well as to the southern portion as far as Kent. This road, known as the Harris grade, is for the portions of this county above mentioned at least, an exact parallel as the portage road is now, or as the Cello canal may become, to the regions directly tributary to an Open River Boat line—the farmers' "rate regulator," both from the railroad or from any mercenary merchanting that might chance to combine against them. With the Free Bridge in prime process of decay, and that road gone, which way could the farmer of this region turn for relief from high prices? Not to The Dalles, surely. Nor to that city for top-notch prices for wheat. There you are, bottled-up; with no avenue to help yourself.

It has been the policy of the past to treat that road as not worth the cost of repair, and perhaps in the matter of immediate returns for the outlay, that may be true, but of one thing the farmers may be assured: If they permit the free bridge to go to pieces, and the grade be destroyed, through criminal neglect of the county officials, each far-paying farmer will find himself paying a vast deal more annually thereafter, in sundry different bills and expenses than his share of the cost of proper maintenance would amount to. Vandalism, camping under the bridge on this side, we know not from where, have been guilty of using the approach materials as fuel for camp fires, and evidence is still apparent that the timbers have once been on fire, whether by accident or otherwise, we are unable to say, nearly destroying the structure before it was put out.

In talking with people about putting this road into shape it is surprising to find some who contend that a good road is now in use over the Rattlesnake grade. But few of them are farmers, and even a less number of them realize that the distance from Moro to the top of the Rattlesnake grade is 9 miles, while it is only 9 miles from Moro to the free bridge via Harris grade, and even less for many farmers who use the Harris grade. The majority know of this difference in distance and our farmers know that even after attaining the top of the Rattlesnake grade, coming this way, there is some pretty stiff grades to pull up, which act as a hindrance to the use of it. So with the obstructionists. But when asked to do something to preserve the bridge, saying nothing about the grade, the rank iniquity of their schemes come to the surface, and "want nothing" to be done is quite as apparent as the bump on a log.

A petition, signed by a large number of bona fide tax-payers of this county, was not long since presented to the county court, asking for repairs to the Harris grade, but about the only satisfaction that the petitioners received was a hunch that "some of the Morosites wanted a short road to go a fishing;" completely ignoring the great benefit that this road is to the farmers of Sherman county generally; even though hundreds of them never use it. This fall it would be a blessed good thing for the farmer if it was in condition for travel.

Wasco county, particularly The Dalles, Dufur, Tygh, Wamie, etc., is much interested in the restoration of this route, and under the administration of Judge Lake, has shown a disposition to do something and it is the earnest hope of The Observer that there may be some

concerted action brought about between the commercial bodies and the courts of the two counties to assert that we shall not go back towards a decade in this day of an enlightened and greater Oregon, to fasten the shackles upon our most worthy class of citizens.

The following resolutions were introduced and approved by the convention, and were referred to the executive committee for its approval and to be forwarded to the respective county courts for their action:

Whereas, The necessity for an open river is fully appreciated, and we pledge ourselves to use our best endeavors to secure the same for the benefit of The Inland Empire as well as of all Western Oregon, we should not neglect our immediate interests; Therefore we, the farmers of Sherman county, solicit the support of our community; at least to resist the encroachment of railway corporations upon our right of maintaining county roads, and

Whereas, It is not riotously true that the railways in Sherman county have ruthlessly destroyed, and never repaired, our county roads, where ever traversed by their lines, and as we believe, now seek to destroy our main outlet to the Dalles from central and southern Sherman county, via the DeChutes Free Bridge, and

Whereas, Heavy team travel will this year be of larger volume and heavier loads than for many years past, caused by lumber and wood hauls from Dufur and vicinity, and grain hauls to the Dalles; therefore be it

Resolved, That we petition the Honorable County Courts for Wasco and Sherman counties to protect and save the Free Bridge across the DeChutes river, and particularly ask of the County Court for Sherman county, that they cause the road known as the Harris grade, to be immediately repaired and put in condition for team travel.

Resolved, That when said grade is once more in repair that an annual appropriation be made for its maintenance, to so prevent it ever again being in such disgraceful condition as it is at the present time.

Resolved, That inasmuch as right of way is now being acquired by railway corporations along DeChutes river, our County Court is earnestly requested to prevent destruction of the only DeChutes river road we now have; as was done by the Columbia Southern Ry. company, when it built its line between Biggs and Wasco, and between Wasco and DeMoss Springs.

Resolved, That the secretary of this organization forward a certified copy of these resolutions to each county court for information, and to The Dalles Merchants Association and The Dalles Commercial Club, as a matter of record of our desire for maintaining our free outlet from the central and southern portions of this county, by wagon road to and from The Dalles, Dufur and vicinity.

From the report of this meeting, published in the Evening Journal, we quote:

Over 3,500 tons of grain were pledged from the Moro district alone, while it is expected that about double that amount will be pledged in the county along the Columbia river.

The matter of the destruction of wagon roads was also taken up and the executive committee was instructed to take the matter up with the Wasco and Sherman county courts.

The farmers have no objection to the railroads, but they do object to having their wagon roads destroyed especially as such action always gives the railroad undue advantage.

Much credit is given to Geo. N. Crossfield, who has been the most enthusiastic advocate of the present organization and who declined the presidency on account of private interests making it impossible for him to attend to the duties of the office. About 100 members were added to the roll and unbounded enthusiasm prevailed.

J. N. Fordyce, manager of the extensive mercantile company of Moro, (the S. T. Co.), pledged his support to the movement, and asserted that he would have freight hauled by wagon from the river, thus enabling farmers to load both ways. By so doing he saves about \$4 a ton on freight.

road be operated. And if the portage road is shut down, from lack of business, then the enemies of the Dalles-Cello canal might consistently say that it would be foolish to put millions of dollars into a canal and locks where there is not business to justify the expense of a short portage railway.

Mr. Overbaugh, traveling traffic agent of the O. R. & N. Co., was present, and upon invitation made a short speech in which he said that although he had no authority to make any promises, yet he thought that from the fact that there was no longer any Columbia Southern Ry. operated independent, that the Columbia Southern Express Co. would also soon cease to be operated as such, and this road being operated now as strictly O. R. & N. Co. property, meant well for this section, and to him indicated that in the near future something would be doing in rates.

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A surplus of \$26,187,150 is shown by the treasury department's statement of the financial transactions of the government during the fiscal year ending June 30th. Receipts were \$594,591,714, an increase of \$51,490,855 in customs and internal revenue.

CITY AND COUNTY.

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We've got the tools and whate more we know how to use them in this Print Shop. Come and see for yourself.

That the tredo is an obstacle to the Jetty at the mouth of the Columbia will be news to many old-timers in Oregon. The late report of Col. Roessler is the first we've ever heard of tredo anywhere within the swish and swash of the waters of the Columbia river.

Vingless potatoes barred. The post master general has issued a fraud order against the Vingless potato company which has been advertising a substance at \$4.50 per bottle known as potato, which was guaranteed to produce as many potatoes in a bin of sawdust, without vines or foliage, as could be grown on an acre of ground, within a period of 60 days. See the point!

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Wm. McMurray, general passenger agent of the O. R. & N. Co., and S. P. lines in Oregon, has favored the editor with a copy of this publication and informed him that readers of The Observer, by sending the names and addresses of friends in the East, and four cents in postage for each address, may have the book promptly mailed to the addresses given.

Screen doors. The Wind River Lumber Co. now have a nice stock of these doors, of both plain and fancy patterns, in assorted sizes, all strong and well built. Do you not need one or more of them?

Wanted. A position as Harvest Cook, by two young ladies of Moro. For particulars apply at this office.

Farmer's Meeting. Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the farmers of Sherman county, in Moro, July 14, at 10 o'clock a. m., to discuss matters of great importance to our interest. Come, everybody.

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Wanted. Gentleman or lady with good reference, to travel by rail with rig, for a firm of \$250,000 capital. Salary \$1,062 per year and expenses advanced. Address, with stamps, Jos. A. ALEXANDER, Moro, Or.

Brick Yard for Sale. The Moro brick yard property, adjoining and west of the Court house, is for sale. Besides two city blocks there is an acre good for first class gardening, and the whole tract will make a lovely suburban residence. Price \$700. For particulars address B. F. HOOPER, 542 East 36th street, Portland, Or.

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