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The population of Oregon is open for a guess.

It takes the world a long time to learn that the vapor of benzine and gasoline is as dangerous and deadly as gunpowder.

In all parts of the country the manufacturers report shortages in transportation facilities. Building of railroads seems to be ahead of car building.

Bank looting is becoming an active industry in the United States. According to the bankers' association 179 crooked bankers have been arrested the past year.

Uncle Sam has noted the increased value of coal lands and will now withdraw his remaining possessions of that kind from ordinary entry, a rule that should have been made in Lincoln's day.

It looks as if every time Mr. Harriman buys or gets control of a railway he uses it to raise means with which to buy another. All that is necessary is to increase the stock. The people pay the freight.

In the legal investigation of trusts and monopolies a system of rebates is almost invariably uncovered. And yet, giving rebates is a crime, clearly defined by the laws of the country.

An ordinance has been passed in San Francisco making it a public offense to stand in the aisles or on the running board of any of the cars when they are running. It is pretty drastic, but evidently the proper thing to do.

The former husband of Amelia Rives declares that any sane man may be shut up in an insane asylum in New York, if his relations wish to get control of his property. He may be wrong, but it is certain that private insane asylums are no more tolerable than private penitentiaries would be. If any man is to be detained, the state should take the responsibility of doing it.

The Reno Hutchinson assassination at Spokane is one of those peculiarly shocking crimes which leads us to wonder if anyone is safe from the thug or cold-blooded murderer. It would appear that a man who was engaged exclusively in religious work should, from the very nature of his occupation, have some assurance of immunity from violent death at the hands of another.

Some of the Goldendale senatorial district press have considerable to say about "Hon. W. B. Presby indicted." It would be more in harmony with truth for them to say: "Hon. W. B. Presby acquitted," of a trumped up charge, without introducing a witness in his own behalf. The up to date style of abusiveness in and out of some courts, appears to be that a lie well stuck to "is as good as the truth." In Mr. Presby's case the witnesses for the prosecution didn't stick.

The Observer Editors have something before them all of the time, of general interest and for the public good, and must be excused for not diverting attention to a fiste, continually snapping at our heels, itching for notice of some kind.

President Roosevelt asserts that the best way to insure peace is "to shoot straight." Altho he did not mention it, it is altogether likely that the president's western training has taught him that time is also an element to be considered—not only shoot straight, but shoot first.

NO MORE JUTE BAG RING.

Hon. E. F. Pike of this city member elect to the lower house of the coming assembly from this district, has devoted much time to the subject of a jute bag factory in the Oregon penitentiary, and has in fact drafted a bill for the purpose which he is prepared to introduce on the first working day of the session, providing for an appropriation sufficient to plan, build, purchase and operate the machinery, etc., successfully. The sentiment of this state is in favor of it, and if our farmers must buy sacks for wheat, hops and wool, they may be freed from extortions of the jute bag ring in future. Senator Bowerman and Mr. Donnelly are with Mr. Pike in this movement, and from the valley we are advised that Senator Kay, of Marion, and many in the Multnomah delegation favor the plan. Dr. Smith, of Umatilla is enthusiastic over it, and the farmer at home is reading up and posting himself on the proposition. G. A. Meloy, one of the leading Sherman county farmers, hands us for publication, the following:

Oregon will be asked in January to appropriate something like \$350,000 for the equipment and operation of a state jute mill at Salem. While at first glance the figure seems a large one, the measure will have at its back all of the wheat and other grain raisers, hop men and wool growers of the state. Since this class is much in evidence in Oregon, it is probable that no very serious objection will be raised to the passage of the bill.

For some years Oregon farmers, and all classes that are forced by their business to use jute bags or burlap sacks for any purpose whatsoever, have been grumbling under excessive and extortionate charges for these materials. The Sherman county grain producer has this season paid 11 cents each for his wheat sacks, and nobody knows where the extortion is going to stop, or when it will commence again. Mr. Pike has learned, in support of his intentions, that wheat sacks manufactured by convict labor in the Walla Walla prison, under the statutes of Washington, were sold to farmers of that state this season, at 5 1/2 cents per sack, and that they were fully 25 percent superior to the sacks sold here by the combination. As a result of this extortion farmers have become aroused, as have the wool growers. It was the farmers of Sherman county who first "spoke out in meeting" against the combination at an organization for mutual protection. Since that time the idea has been growing, and has been continuously agitated until hop raisers have joined the wool and wheat raisers, and now both Eastern and Western Oregon are working together for the enactment of another measure on this proposition.

We say for the enactment of another measure on this proposition, because this will not be the first time in Oregon. It may have been forgotten that 12 years ago, Hon. W. P. Keady, then a member of the house from Multnomah, drew a bill which became a law, providing for this same thing. But it was cast up in a stove factory that never has cheapened a stove in any Oregon

home. Spoken to upon the subject in Portland last week Mr. Keady estimates that it require \$300,000 to purchase the machinery and install a jute mill of 100 looms. An additional \$50,000 would be necessary to form a revolving fund for the purchase of raw material which comes from India. This fund, which would increase out of the earnings of the plant as the output grew, would be utilized over and over again. A jute mill of 100 looms would employ approximately 300 convicts the year round in the manufacture of jute bags, wool sacks, hop cloth, door mats and many other articles which are not now manufactured in Oregon and for which the consumer has to pay double and treble the value. When the farmers now pay 11 to 14 cents for their grain bags, it is estimated that the state could furnish them for 6 cents, and then make such a profit that it would practically put the state prison on a self-sustaining basis. The bags can be made for 5 1/2 cents and then cause the state no loss on the investment.

The foundry building at the prison will in all probability be accessible by the first of the year, should it be desired to use it to house a jute mill, as it is understood that the contract with the stove company has not been renewed by Gov. Chamberlain. In the estimation of Mr. Keady the foundry building would house a 100-loom mill. "I think the jute mill is the solution of the convict labor question," said Mr. Keady. "It looks like a large expenditure at first glance, but it would save the farmers thousands of dollars and eventually make the penitentiary self-supporting. In a short time I will be in possession of data which will convince the most skeptical, and which cannot be disproved. The idea of working convicts on public roads is an idle dream. It is not practicable, and will not give satisfaction. Besides, it comes into contact with free labor and is not right. The jute mill will solve the problem." Mr. K. will have his data ready for submission by the latter part of November. Senator Kay also objects to convict labor on roads for the reason that they can be employed only about seven months in the year, and are forced to remain idle during the remaining five, whereas in a jute mill they could be employed during the whole year. Furthermore, he declares that only a few valley counties would profit from the convicts working on the roads and says that Marion county will not be so selfish as to ask that the plan be continued, though that county would profit more than any other by such a scheme.

"We are going to rely upon Senator Kay to help us get our jute mill proposition through," said Mr. Pike yesterday, discussing the proposition. "Experience fully shows that the idea of having convicts work the public roads is not practicable. Of those that have been at such work during the past summer ten percent have escaped, and all of the prisoners have been trustees. This fact alone should be enough to condemn the policy of working the prisoners on the roads; and especially in the manner proposed. Oregon is yet too cosmopolitan for distinctive roads for automobiles.

The Local Churches

More Presbyterian Church.

There will be services in this church Sunday morning and evening. All are cordially invited.

At the recent session of the Synod held at Newport, Rev. A. J. Adams of this city, was elected clerical commissioner of Pendleton Presbytery, to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, which meets in Columbus, Ohio, next May.

A Christian Endeavor Society was organized at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening, with a membership of about 20. The society will meet every Sunday evening at 6.30.

October 30 and 31 the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce will entertain a strong delegation of Oregon assemblymen, who will then visit the jute mill over the line in the Walla Walla prison, on invitation of Gov. Meade of Washington. Our Mr. Pike is No. 62, in the prison gang.

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THE OVERLAND ROUTE.

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