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SOMETHING WORTH ATTENTION

The Inspector of this district is expected to visit Cape Arago Life Saving Station about the middle of this month. Why wouldn't it be a good idea for the citizens either through the Chamber of Commerce or otherwise to interview the gentleman and display some interest in the project to connect the Life Saving Station with the telephone system of the bay?

The advantages to be deprived from telephonic communication with the station and with the lookout station immediately overlooking the bar seem self-apparent, and they have already been pointed out.

The line from the lookout to the station, passing by the government works, is already in operation. To connect with the telephone system would require a short line up the west side of the bay and a cable across to Empire City. The ground has already been examined by a representative of the Department and there is good reason to believe that if the Bay would display some desire to see the connection made, the government would put in the connecting link. Until some interest is shown probably nothing will be done, and it seems as though the coming visit of the inspector would be a good time to start the ball rolling.

CRAZY UNIONS

The attempt of the Portland labor unions to kill the Lewis and Clark Exposition, for the avowed reason that the contractors and builders of their city would reap a large benefit from the fair is one of those things which go far to justify the harsh things that are said about the labor organizations.

We of Coos and other parts of the state remote and almost inaccessible from Portland, may oppose the half-million appropriation from purely selfish motives, on the ground that the cost for us will far exceed the benefits we would derive. But for the Portland working men in the building trades to oppose a thing that would make a veritable boom in building operations looks very much like the act of the Oriental suicide, who takes his own life by way of revenge on some one who has injured him.

Such acts are a disgrace and an incalculable injury to the cause of labor unionism, for they place effective ammunition in the hands of its enemies. This act of the Portland unions will be pointed out to support the argument that labor unions always fall under the leadership of agitators and mischief-makers, whose sole object is to exploit the working man by making trouble and intensifying the struggle between capital and labor, without regard to the effect on society or on the laborers themselves.

Much is said and written about the

identity of interest of capital and labor. While a good part of this, under present conditions, is pure rot, yet it is easy to see that in a case like this in Portland it is to the interest of both capital and labor in the building trades that the Exposition should go ahead, and that the consequent building boom should materialize. Then the master builders would have work at which to employ the laborers, and then it would be up to the unions to see that the workers were paid fair wages.

And this brings up the point on which the ceaseless war is waged. The employer hires his men as cheaply as he can. No matter how much he is profiting on the laborer's product, it is none of the laborer's business, so long as he receives the going rate of wages. There is no thought of sharing the profits with the laborer by voluntarily paying more than the market rate of wages. The employer who would do so would be considered a fit candidate for the insane asylum. At the same time, if he is losing money on the job he considers that a good reason for screwing wages down if possible.

On the other hand, the laborer wants all the wages he can get, without regard to whether his employer is making or losing money, and if through the union and close communion and limiting of apprenticeship, strikes or boycotts, he can force up the rate of wages, he does so whether the business will stand it or not. In this way he often over-reaches himself, and kills the goose that lays the egg, which though perhaps not golden may be a pretty good egg, after all.

All this is human nature, and human nature is much the same in all ages.

In working out the solution of the problem, however, we may be pretty sure that the world will not take a step backward. The business world will not relinquish the benefits of combination, and neither will the laboring man. The trusts will continue to merge into larger and larger aggregations of capital, and the labor unions will combine into larger federations. Both capital and labor will learn their lesson, before the problem will be solved and matters will not be so hard to arrange, at the last, as they appear to be now.

In the mean time, the Portland labor unions should study assiduously, for they seem to have more to learn than they can easily assimilate.

THE ROOSEVELT SPEECHES

(Salem Journal)

The present series of speeches being made by Mr. Roosevelt is the work not alone of the student, plodder and faithful in research, but has the impress of actual genius. They combine with history, with history that is to be. They point out to each section not only what has been accomplished, but that which remains to be done, and point out the way with the faith of a prophet. The friends of Mr. Roosevelt are exultant. His enemies are dumb. Either they must be silent or join in the praise of this forceful, far-seeing man. By court-ing familiarity with the people he has gained a following that, of course, will be satisfactory to contemplate, albeit the following already was ample for all practical purposes. It is not the president so much as the man who is drawing admirers to himself. As he appears before vast throngs the president is applauded, but as he talks, it is Theodore Roosevelt, the man, who holds the attention. The dignity of his office would not make him the central figure of the

present were he not big enough to fit and honor the office.

MIGHTY GOOD ARGUMENT

In his speech at Ashland, A. E. Reames, Democratic candidate for Congress, said: "In a congress already heavily Republican, the election of a Democrat from this district would make no difference in national measures."

Down here in Coos county Mr. Reames' utterance will be considered mighty good argument—against his election. If what he says is true, what in the name of common sense would a Coos county man, Democratic or otherwise, be thinking about to vote against Binger Hermann, the man who has always done things for Coos Bay, and will do them again.

Even if it would make a difference in national legislation, a Coos county Democrat should hold the interests of this section above his party prejudices; and if it cannot make a difference in national policies, then he has no possible excuse for voting against his local interests.

Binger Hermann is big enough a man so Mr. Hearst, the Great American Newspaper Wonder sees fit to have his land office record probed to the bottom. The find must be quite unsatisfactory from a Democratic standpoint. It has not yet appeared in print.

Toussing the Congressional campaign the Roseburg Review says: "All this talk about what a man of experience can do is mere rubbish." It is such brilliant utterances as this that make the world stand aghast when the Democratic press and orators allow their so-called think-tanks to boil over.

Circuit Court Docket.

- 1708—Tenbrook Bros to J T Hall, assignment, J T Hall, atty. Final report filed and approved.
- 2034—John Bear vs A Markievitch, suit for injunction and damages J W Bennett atty for p'tf Hall & Hall atty for def. Referees report filed argued and submitted.
- 2035—C Long vs Alvin Musck et al in for foreclose real estate mortgage (on motion to confirm) G P Topping atty for p'tf. Sale confirmed and sheriff ordered to place purchaser in possession.
- 2047—H R Reed vs C H Ackerman action at law J S Coke atty for p'tf D L Watson atty for deft Verdict for \$539.19.
- 2048—Florence Sheridan et al vs Empire City a municipal corporation; suit to quiet title, J W Bennett and C F McKnight atty for p'tf Hall & Hall atty for def. Referees report filed, amended answer filed. Plaintiff given 15 days after adjournment to reply. Continued.
- 2049—A B Daly vs Elizabeth Munro, et al, suit to foreclose mortgage J F Hall atty for p'tf. Decree of foreclosure.
- 2061—Marie Miller vs Henry Miller suit for divorce, Hall & Hall atty for p'tf. Default, decree of divorce and custody of minor child.
- 2066—William Lackstrom vs schooner Annie E Smale action at law W U Douglas atty for p'tf. Settled and dismissed.
- 2070—C H Bannings vs C G A Romander and J B Dully as county treasurer, of Coos county, suit for injunction, Sperry & Chase, attys for p'tf. A J Sherwood atty for def. Demurrer argued and submitted. Dismissed on motion of plaintiff.
- 1421—David Morse, Jr, to I Hacker, Assignment, A E Seaman, atty. Report of sale of real property filed and confirmed.
- 2071—A J Hamlen, vs W F Bovee, suit

for specific performance, Sperry & Chase atty for p'tf. W Sinclair atty for def. Demurrer withdrawn and answer to be filed Monday morning. Settled and dismissed.

2072—H K Root et al vs Marie Heuckendorf et al, suit in equity to reform deed, A J Sherwood atty for p'tf. Decree for reformation of deeds.

2073—J Danly Budd vs E N Smith, Frank E Alley and Stephen Gallier suit in equity for injunction, John T Long atty for p'tf. Default and decree.

2074—Lee Crew vs C H Crew, suit for divorce, J M Upton, atty for p'tf. Default and decree of divorce and custody of minor child.

2075—Thos D Holland vs Coos Bay Mill & Lumber Co, action at law, to recover money, Hall & Hall atty for p'tf. Set for trial Monday. Tried by jury; jury disagreed. Continued.

2076—C C Johnson, admr vs Elbert Dyer, L A Roberts atty for p'tf, J M Upton for def. Dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

2077—C C Johnson, admr vs — Clinton, L A Roberts for p'tf J M Upton for def. Deft given leave to withdraw demurrer and file answer. Tried by jury, verdict for defendant.

2078—John Tellefsen vs H R Reed, J S Coke for p'tf J M Upton for def. Deft given leave to withdraw demurrer and file answer. Decree for foreclosure.

1617—E B Denn vs J S Coke, as admr of David Wilcox, deceased, suit for dissolution of partnership, etc. A McCrawford and D L Watson attys for p'tf, Bennett & Coke, attys for defense. Settled and dismissed.

1750—J B Hunt to Geo P Topping, assignment, atty G P Topping. Report filed and approved.

1943—W E Baines vs C B R & E R R & N Co, action at law, J W Bennett & A J Sherwood attys for p'tf, J S Coke atty for def. Deft given leave to file second amended answer. Tried by jury and court instructed verdict for defendant.

2051—Thos. H. Walker vs E B Burns action at law, A E Seaman, atty for p'tf, Hall & Hall atty's for def. Set for trial Monday. Dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

2060—Buffalo Pitts Co, a corporation vs H Powell, Matt Nystrum and E B Hermann action at law Pipes & Tift and E B Seabrook atty for p'tf L A Roberts atty for def. Demurrer overruled and deft given until Monday morning to answer. Dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

2065—Rogue River Packing & Navigation Co vs Stephen Gallier action at law Hall & Hall atty for p'tf A E Seabrook atty for def. Leave given to withdraw demurrer and file answer. Dismissed on motion of p'tf.

2063—Henry Sengetacken vs J T McCormack suit for injunction, J Thornburn Ross and E E Seabrook atty for p'tf Hall & Hall and A E Seaman atty for def. Leave given to withdraw demurrer and file answer. Motion to strike out and motion to elect one of two defenses argued and submitted. Referred to Mrs. Francis McLeod to take testimony.

State of Oregon vs Frank A. Ingels, indicted for murder; Geo Brown dist atty; C F McKnight and E A Seabrook for def; verdict for manslaughter.

State of Oregon vs Carl Newhall, indicted for larceny in a dwelling; Geo. M. Brown, dist atty, E B Seabrook for def. Convicted.

2080—G Tonacia vs C Martini, action law; A J Sherwood atty for p'tf fault, judgement and order of sale attached property.

963—D L Watson et al vs M L Floyd et al, suit for partition. Dismissed on motion of p'tf.

2081—J A Peabody vs D W Small, act at law. J W Bennett for p'tf; McKnight for def. Continued term.

State of Oregon vs A E Suckan, indictment for larceny in a dwelling by Baile. Geo M Brown dist atty; warrant of arrest issued. Convicted of petit larceny and fined \$100 and Cost.

New Director of the Census.
S. N. Dexter North, who was selected to succeed Mr. Merriam as director of the census, has been prominent in the work of the census bureau for many years. He had charge of the



statistics of newspapers for the tenth census and also made a special report on wool and wool manufactures for the eleventh census. Until March 1 of this year he was chief of the census division of manufactures, when he resigned to become secretary of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers. Mr. North is in his fifty-fourth year.

A Bath at Tidis.

To take a bath at Tidis is to court a wonderful experience. Abundant springs of water, strongly impregnated with sulphureted hydrogen, supply the building, and in its vaulted chambers, far below the street, there is no sound but the splash of the fountain and the rolling echo of one's own voice. Henry Norman gives a description of the measure who presides over the bath and makes its most eccentric feature. "He is a Persian, who speaks but a word or two of Russian. His head is shaved, a rag is twisted round his waist, and his feet are dyed orange. "First he rubs you, and then suddenly, as you lie face downward on the marble slab, he is upon your back, his feet dug into your spine, his hands grasping your shoulders, to increase the pressure. Slowly, with skillful appreciation of every muscle, his feet grind up and down your back. They encircle your neck. They are on your head.

"Then he vaults lightly off, and in a moment from a linen bag filled with soap he has squeezed clouds of perfumed bubbles, and you are hidden in them from head to foot as completely as if you had fallen into a snowdrift. You are not absolutely bruised, but you are clean."

For the Brain and Nerves.

Science has demonstrated most conclusively that mental and nerve power is dependent upon food containing phosphorus. It is but natural that the same laws which apply to the muscular system should apply likewise to the brain. For instance, wheat contains phosphorus, which it gets from the soil and in the absence of which it could not live. Wheat is supposed to supply to the human system the elements it gets from the soil. Since the action of the mind is dependent on phosphorus, wheat, fish, cheese, oatmeal and barley can be regarded as brain foods.

It is a well known fact that the brain contains phosphorus in proportion to its power of producing mental effort and that this element must be supplied in proportion to mental activity. So it can be readily seen that one's mental education begins in the dining room as well as in the classroom.—American Queen.

Clews.
"Have you any clews to the murder?"
"We have plenty of clews—too many, in fact."
"Then what are you waiting for?"
"We can't decide which to follow first. If we tried to follow them all, it would take a lifetime."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Chop.
Sadie was eleven and Alice was seven. At lunch said Alice:
"I wonder what part of an animal a chop is. Is it a leg?"
"Of course not," answered Sadie. "It's the jawbone. Haven't you ever heard of animals licking their chops?"
—Little Chronicle.

Two of a Kind.
Jenkins—What an egotistical fellow Jasper is!
Hawleigh—Not more so than Blare. When the two get together, it reminds me of the law of retaliation; an I for an I, you know.—Boston Transcript.

How to Clear the Voice.
To clear the voice, to a teaspoonful each of glycerin and lemon juice add a half cup of hot water, stir well and drink. The dose, if necessary, may be repeated several times during the day.

General Summary

The weather during the week in the Willamette valley and in the coast counties was very favorable for the growing crops. In portions of southern Oregon more rain is needed for spring wheat and for corn. In the eastern sections more rain is also needed, and the nights have been too cold for rapid growth.

Fall wheat is backward, but otherwise thrifty and promising. Spring wheat is nearly all seeded, and with the advent of warm rains will make rapid progress. Corn and potato planting are well advanced. Hops are doing nicely, but some yards are very backward. Early vegetables are in the market and good progress has been made in planting late varieties. Stock is gaining flesh, and the flow of milk in the dairy districts is satisfactory.

Light frosts have occurred on several mornings in many portions of the State, and although fruit is generally in full bloom, correspondents are unanimous in their belief that no serious harm has been done by frost, and they report the prospects so far excellent for good crops of prunes, cherries, pears, apples, strawberries and all bush fruits. Early peaches suffered from frosts during the middle of April, but late peaches promise well.

COAST DISTRICT

Svensen, Clatsop county, J. T. Coffey.—Weather warmer; grass growing nicely; oats look well; early fruit in good condition; good prospect for gardens and fruit; potatoes nearly all planted; nothing damaged by frost.

Nehalem, Tillamook county, E. K. Scovett.—Weather warmer; plum trees in full bloom; gardening general.

Toledo, Lincoln county, Otto Krogstad.—Conditions favorable for fruit and crops of all kinds; late copious rains brought on an abundance of grass; spring sown grain short but looking well; radishes, onions and lettuce in the market.

Acme, Lane county, E. R. McCormack.—Medium early fruit trees in bloom; vegetation growing rapidly; gardening waiting for dryer weather; cattle gaining in flesh; cows giving good flow of milk.

Arago, Coos county, G. W. Webber.—Good growing weather; fruit trees blooming finely; strawberries in bloom; early sown crops looking thrifty and making strong growth; stock doing nicely; prospects very favorable; early gardens good.

Harbor, Curry county, A. H. Snodgrass.—Weather warmer; light frosts first of week; grass growing nicely; stock looking well; grain growing slowly; potatoes and other garden truck up, but not growing very rapidly owing to cool nights.

Against Forest Reserve

Citizens of Josephine County petitioning to not set aside its lands and there is a strong opposition to the establishment of the great forest reserve in Western and Southern Josephine County and Curry County, as is being planned by the government. It is believed the establishment of this reserve will retard the advancement and development of this section. It will be especially detrimental to Curry as nearly half of that county, practically speaking, is embraced in the reserve and will be withdrawn from use for any purpose. The citizens of that section also claim that the argument for the establishment of the reserve that the streams are drying up because of the removal of the timber is not well founded. As a matter of fact, but little timber has been removed from that section—not enough by any means to have any effect on the flow of the streams. Petitions, urging the tracts not to be set aside, are being circulated in Josephine and Curry Counties and are being liberally signed.

How to Fold a Dress.

Fold a dress across rather than lengthwise. It gets lengthwise creases in wearing. The folding across counteracts this. Stretch the skirt out full width, then fold down from the belt to the trunk.