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A Subject to Amuse Enthusiasm

In a very able editorial last week the Portland Telegram gave much information concerning the Umatilla rapids project and the great benefits that would follow in the wake of its construction. The Portland press is generally favorable to the project and such interest is justified because the project is one of genuine state importance. In fact it may be truthfully claimed for the project that its development would serve a need that is nation-wide in character.

Here is why. The project, though its first purpose is irrigation, involves power development of such magnitude as to win attention from those who see danger in the growing scarcity of coal and oil and wish the situation relieved. The railroads are great users of coal and oil. It is said that coal constitutes approximately 35 per cent of all freight carried by the railroads. According to the same engineering authority almost a million cars are devoted to coal carrying and they carry 42 million tons at one loading. Of all the coal mined in the United States one fourth is used by the railroads themselves. The railroads devote one third their total energy to hauling coal for their own use and annually pay out stupendous sums for this class of fuel. The shipper of course pays the bill and the burden ultimately falls upon the consuming public. The high cost of fuel is one reason why freight rates are high.

In the case of the northwest railroads this use of coal represents an economic waste because our power streams may be made to provide sufficient electric power to move all traffic. The Umatilla rapids project alone, if constructed, will provide 120,000 continuous horsepower in addition to a still larger amount of secondary power for use in pumping for irrigation purposes. With the project developed there would be no occasion for the O. W. R. & N. system to use coal. There would be sufficient electric power to move every O. W. train and still have abundant power left for other industrial and domestic uses. The roads would not only have cheaper power but better power and more economical operation. An electric locomotive does the work of two or three steam locomotives. Where electricity is used in railroad operation track capacity is increased 50 per cent, thus working to reduce the need of double tracking.

Through the fact the power at Umatilla rapids goes unused we lose annually from five to 25 millions of dollars. This is a staggering sum and when this waste is considered the cost of building the project seems small. This region is being continually penalized because this natural resource is not put to work. The whole Oregon-Washington country is penalized. So is the nation at large because every car of coal brought here for railroad operation or for use in an industry that could be electrified, represents coal taken away from some other region that needs it worse. The price of coal throughout the nation is needlessly elevated by this process and the consuming public of the nation pays the bill. We are using up an exhaustible resource when there is an inexhaustible re-

source available that can be made to serve the purpose better. The Portland Telegram and other newspapers supporting the Umatilla rapids project are to be complimented on their vision. A northwest newspaper that cannot enthuse over the subject of hydro-electric development in the Columbia basin is not awake to one of the big things of this region and fails to understand one of the most pressing needs of the whole nation.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Slats' Diary

By ROSS FARQUHAR.

Friday—pa & ma including me & 2 of my cuzens went to Jaxon squair to a political meeting. They sung the Star Spangled banner & pa & a gentaman was talking & when the singing seized they dident notis it & pa was a yelling out loud so evry I cud hear You Only Need 2 rasins. sum peopel laffed. except ma.

Saturday—we are getting redy to go back home agen tonite. are avissit has ben very pleasant to the majority of the famly. pa sed he wood halfo ast for a weak off when he got home to rest up from his vachashun. met a poor little orfan kid & give him a dime. he had never new the love of a pa & ma them haveing died before he was born. I seen a lot of sad incidents when I was travelling.

Sunday—is a good day to be on a trip not haveing to go to any church or sunday skool. pa is getting ust to riding in a sleeper now only ma was very angry at him when he clum out of his shelf this morning & stuck his foot in her face.

Monday—home agen. this issent such a bad ole town after all. all the kids and my dog is anxious to hear me relate my experiences. ma sed I musent go down & a swimming. So I went. & cut my foot on a musel shell.

Tuesday—the sunday skool had a picknick today. I had a sore foot & had to stay home. thats my luck. The only day in the year when they is enny fun about a sun. skool & then hafta stay home. all the other kids have went. I feel as lonesum as a gote without nothing to but at. ma sed it serves me rite for disobediens to her commands.

Wednesday—they was a man in town who sed you cud blindfold him & he wood find enny thing. I wood like to see him play golf & find the golf balls. I beleave he is a lire.

Thursday—went to see about a posishun as a offis boy but the manager sed Yure not big enuff. So I repleyd & sed All rite I'll go back to skool. that maks me shivver. saw Jane. she was smileing. But I dont think shq seen me.

Pep Is Distilled Brains

One of our interesting contemporaries has aw riter who undertakes to put the binger on "pep." In an article which shows in every line that he himself has pep but that, singularly, he knows nothing about the real meaning of "pep," this writer remarks: "The quiet, steady, thoughtful man who has his employer's interests honestly at heart is outshone by the shallowpate who gurgles with easy enthusiasm and imparts to his labors a noisy and feverish activity." That is our idea of the worst definition on earth of a word. It is just as if, upon being asked to define the word "man," the writer had replied "A man is a tree." Our friend has evidently watched a few nervous, four-flushing, unsuccessful (unsuccessful is right) frauds at work, or at play, and has jumped to the conclusion that they are examples of pep. They are as far from real pep as Milwaukee is from Timbuctoo. Pep comes from the head, not

from the legs, arms, tongue and muscles. Pep is silent, distilled brains, not noisy acrobatics. Pep is the result of downy hard thinking on whatever work the individual has in hand—think out the problem so that the best results of which that man is capable shall be obtained with the least expenditure of time, money and labor. Jumping and running around, making one's tongue wag like a dog's tail are simply the very opposite of real pep—a definition of another thing altogether.

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Our own experience is that those who object to pep are folks who never "get there," chiefly because they are lazy with their brains. Brain laziness is a common human vice, and that's why most people never reach a point much above the bottom of the ladder.

Try this some time: If you have an employe who "gurgles with enthusiasm and jumps about in noisy and feverish activity," give him a problem of your business that will take hours to think out and solve. Make him sit down quietly and actually think. Ten to one he'll be up and on the go in half an hour. That one is lazy with his brains and has no real "pep."

Trying to End War

Conflict was so costly in treasure and in human sacrifices that I believe mankind today is standing in combination and in the consciousness of a determination that the whole development has been wrong, that acquiescence through might is contrary to human justice, and in our sorrow and sympathy and our sacrifices, we of America, and all the world, are resolved today that warfare ought to come to an end.

I am happy to bring you word that your government is doing all it can to bring about a conference of nations and to have their spokesmen look each other in the face and come to an understanding that will remove the causes of war. Not a surrender of nationality, which we cherish, not a surrender of our liberties, of our right to determine the ways we shall pursue, but to remove the reasons for war and put an end to costly armaments. I believe we shall succeed.

I would like to have much less of resources for destruction, and more of resources for instruction in America. I would like to have less of toil to maintain arms, and more of play to hearten the American people. I do not believe the best of citizenship comes out of the constant grind.—President Harding in an address to citizens of Lancaster, N. H., August 4, 1921.

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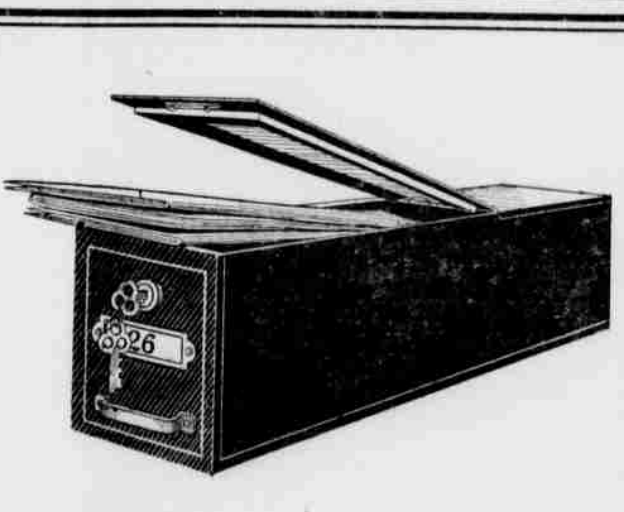
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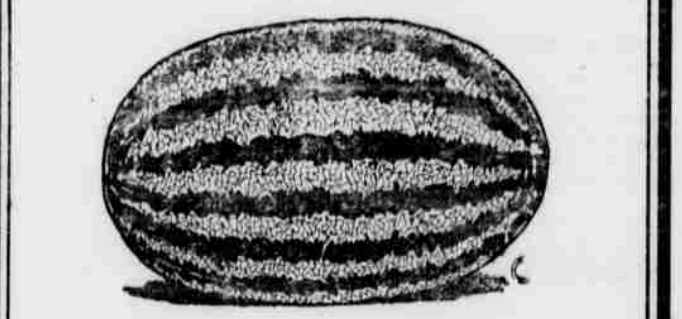
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