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TOO MUCH WASTE.

It is stated that only about ten per cent of the fruit raised in the Sandy district finds its way to market. With every condition favorable for production and more orchards being planted, the Sandy people must have some way to get adequate remuneration for their efforts. The Gresham cannery is going to help solve the problem, but there seems to be room for further efforts. The production will increase in this neighborhood and as the market grows our association can take care of a great quantity but it would seem to be good business for the people of the Sandy district to form an association of their own.

When a railroad is built through the town of Sandy and beyond there would be plenty for a fruit association to do. Until that time comes the Gresham cannery offers the best opportunity for relief and there is a probability that considerable more of the Sandy products will be saved hereafter than ever before.

AMERICA FIRST.

"Seeing America first" is going to become a reality next year as a result of two important things or rather conditions. The great European war cannot possibly be settled in time next year to lure the tourists of our Eastern states across the ocean, and there is the great Panama exposition at San Francisco to draw them to this coast. Either one should be an incentive to send the sight-seeing hordes of the East to visit the scenic wonders of the Pacific coast and the great mountain chains that divide the continent west of the Mississippi.

Sea travel will have its perils as long as the war lasts. Timid people will scarcely venture to make the voyage by vessel through the Panama canal. Some will make the trip but the great majority will prefer the route across the plains and mountains by rail, where the natural wonders of the Yellowstone, the Yosemite, the Columbia river and a thousand other places will reward them for making the trip. Incidentally their objective point is going to be San Francisco, coming one way and going home another, and the tourist travel of next year to our own section is going to be something unusual and never before dreamed of.

The opening of the Panama canal would have been an attraction next year and this coast would have profited greatly, even were there no war. Many will come to this coast through the canal, but no so many as it was hoped there would. To the latter there are the transcontinental railroads and they will bear an unusual burden of tourist traffic which will tax them to the utmost. But the leisure class must travel, and as the ocean trip will not appeal to them next summer, we may expect them here in swarms, and the Pacific coast will reap the benefits that foreign countries have been reaping to the neglect of America.

The completion of the Columbia River highway will be an attraction for this section and it will be utilized largely by those who can afford to travel over it in viewing the natural wonders along the Columbia river. It has taken a good scare to make the easterners realize that they have a few scenic attractions at home and they will be impressed with the idea of seeing America first. The impressions they will gain will be lasting, and there is a possibility that they will not be so eager to see foreign countries before seeing their own. Their experience will become a habit in other years.

Nearly all the country papers are howling themselves into a bronchial affliction over the political situation. Some are for one candidate and some for another and some don't even know where they stand, but they're getting up on their hind legs and telling the people all about it. Political stuff is easy to write but the masses don't care for it to any alarming extent and would prefer the story of a runaway or dog fight.

War bulletins have supplanted the six best sellers.

CONSOLIDATION MEASURE.

One of the constitutional amendments to come before the voters in November is the one to permit of the consolidation of cities and counties under one government.

It is in operation in other states, notably at New York City, San Francisco and Denver, but there is no evidence that it has proven to be the best form of administering dual governments, because of the fact boss rule predominates in those places to a great extent, and there are no available reports showing that any economy has been effected.

Every important city in the United States is growing in size and the tendency of the times is toward expansion. The money that would run a city or county five years ago is not adequate now and the cost is growing every year. Hence there is no basis for a comparison as to cost, and one result would be a tremendous howl if more money were spent to maintain one set of departments than it now costs for two. Yet an increase would be inevitable and the consolidation would be pronounced a failure. People would forget that a greater city would cost more than it costs now, even with a greater population than at present.

Multnomah county is the only one to be affected by the amendment, and Portland the only city of any consequence. Just where the new city limits would end is not known, but there would be some juggling for boundaries which might have a disastrous effect in Eastern Multnomah and the three cities of Gresham, Fairview and Troutdale.

The amendment provides that no new county shall contain less than 400 square miles, nor less than 1200 population. That provision would not prevent Portland from appropriating whatever territory it needs but it would probably have to adopt a new county name. More than likely it would be known as the city and county of Portland.

It is likely that all the territory west of the Sandy river would form the new city and then there would be the problem of annexing the remainder to some other county, as it could not possibly maintain a separate government. Or it might be that Gresham would become the seat of Multnomah county. In either event there would be a readjustment that would involve great difficulties.

The amendment to be voted upon does not give Portland any authority to act until another election is to be held. Nor does it create any new city or county. It simply gives the authority to bring the question before the people. There will be no harm in voting for the amendment, the voter reserving the rights to kill the proposition when it comes up for final ratification.

There is sure to be a great diversity of opinion over the question, but it is too soon to express any feeling either one way or the other at this time. There is no need to worry, but the intelligent voter will probably use his own judgment on the amendment. If it doesn't pass this time it will come up again, as there is an element in Portland that is determined to bring consolidation about, and it will probably come along in due time unless results at other places change the current of public opinion within the next few years.

The Portland public markets are already making preparations to get under cover for the winter. While a few growers have found the sale of produce an easy matter at the street booths, it is not plain that the markets are of any great benefit to the general public. The winter business will be what it always has been, and the Portland system will have to be reorganized before many more summers have passed.

While this little unpleasantness exists there is a possibility that the Astorblits, Vandergoulds and the other illustrious globe trotters will take the opportunity to see what a really big country this is and get acquainted with some of the beauties and attractions of the great west.

A national law preventing the loan of money to foreign nations by anyone in the United States would stop the European wars about as quickly as anything else that could be thought of. The Outlook is entitled to first prize for this suggestion.

The Oregon City firemen are staging a street carnival this week which will have a serious effect on the county fair to be held next week. Not very loyal.

Not long since the Jew in Russia was beneath any notice except to be kicked around like a yellow cur. Now one of them is the hero of the nation.

Another president once raised a \$100,000,000 on government bonds and left the office a millionaire. Things seem to be different now.

Land Products Show.

As it draws near to the opening of the Manufacturers' and Land Product Show, October 26th, 1914, the Exhibits committee are beginning to realize the great importance and the wonderful scope that this exposition is taking. It was first thought that nearly all of the products and manufactured wares could be displayed in one or two buildings, but as county after county of Oregon, southern Oregon and Washington commence to realize the importance—through publicity—of this exposition, they have secured space ranging from 100 to 50 square feet, for the purpose of displaying grains, grasses, fruits and products of the farm and orchard.

Up to date such exhibitors who have secured space will represent about two-thirds of the state of Oregon and about one-fourth of Washington. The entire Willamette Valley, numbering eight counties, has secured space. The beautiful grains, and grasses of Morrow county, Baker county and possibly Sherman county will furnish an educational lesson to the visitors.

Wasco county and The Dalles Business Men's association have taken 300 square feet; Salem Commercial club the same. Exhibits of the Oregon Agricultural College will cover many districts.

As the title indicates, this show will be a combination of agricultural and horticultural products, such as grains, grasses and fruits, and also an exhibit of food material and manufactured articles, together with machinery used on the farm and in the factory. Thus the show will be made interesting both to the farmers, fruit-growers, canneries, packers and to the general public.

A Test Case for Home Industry.

An acid test will be put to our theories about supporting home industries when we build the Interstate bridge at Vancouver.

\$1,750,000 of public money will be expended in a highway crossing the Columbia, money raised out of the taxpayers of two states.

In both states there are expensive home industries campaigns carried on, and both states have manufacturers' organizations.

As a matter of fact, in expending public money, the home industries in the past have got the worst of it nine times out of ten.

Cities, counties and states, board and commissioners have paid little or no attention to the rights of taxpayers, or the dinner pail. As a nation we disclaim free trade policies and seek to enact laws to protect home industries, but among ourselves it is free trade.

In building this bridge it will take 8,000 tons of steel at forty dollars a ton, \$320,000 and \$100,000 of cement.

The rest of the money put into that bridge—\$1,330,000 will be paid out for labor and material that can be supplied in Oregon and Washington.

Even the cement could be manufactured in the Pacific Northwest and probably will be, as both states now have cement plants on large scales.

The construction of the Vancouver bridge will be divided as follows: steel work \$750,000; pier construction \$700,000; approaches \$300,000.

Oregon and Washington have great contracting firms and plants for the fabrication of steel paying taxes on millions.

These firms employ labor by the thousands at big wages, and enrich their respective communities with taxes and payrolls running into hundreds of thousands.

Here is an opportunity to say that we will stand by the home industries and keep nearly a million and a half of our own money among our own people.

Will we do it? Not if we do as we have been doing in the past and let nine-tenths of our business go to the outsiders.

This test case is going to be put before the citizens of both states, and let the world know whether we stand by home industries or not.

Notice of Meeting of County Board of Equalization.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, September 14, 1914, the Board of Equalization of Multnomah county will attend at the office of the County Assessor, at the Court House in Portland, and publicly examine the assessment rolls for the year 1914, and correct all errors in valuation, description or qualities of lands, lots or other property, assessed by the County Assessor. And it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. If it shall appear to such Board of Equalization that there are any lands or lots or other property assessed twice, or incorrectly assessed as to description or quantity, and in the name of a person or persons not the owner thereof, or assessed under or beyond the actual full cash value thereof, said Board may make proper correction of the same. If it shall appear to such Board that any land, lots or other property assessable by the Assessor are not assessed, such Board shall assess the same at the full cash value thereof.

HENRY E. REED, County Assessor, Portland, Oregon, August 21, 1914.

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