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SWORN CIRCULATION. AVERAGE FOR YEAR 1910, 2485

Perhaps the leader of the English orchestra that played "God Save the King" when President Taft came into the theater at Washington was thinking what would happen to the King if the president should ever fall on him.

Somebody says that he is going to import cattle from Brazil in order to beat the meat trust. That is one way, perhaps. Another way would be to stock those abandoned New England farms with portehouse bearing kind.

Russia proposes to build a \$75,000,000 fleet of battleships for the Black sea. It will be comparatively safe for Russia to do this, owing to the fact that other countries cannot send war ships to Black sea ports.

A New York woman who has been arrested for bigamy says she married her first husband for spite and the second on a bet. We think the joke was on the man who enabled her to win the bet.

The people who captured John Dietz of Wisconsin will probably agree with the London police in the opinion that taking desperadoes from their own strongholds is no fool's job.

It took 12,000 hunters to kill 5551 deer in Maine during the recent open season. If the hunters had used clubs instead of guns they might have brought down a few more.

We believe in progress and invention, but the Massachusetts woman who tried to make a vacuum cleaner do the work of a bathtub was carrying the idea too far.

Something untoward is always happening in this old vale of tears. On days when we don't have boiled cabbage for dinner, a suspender button usually comes off.

This kind of weather is splendid for a smiling countenance. If the face should happen to freeze the smile would stay there.

One New Year report says that "Money is easy." Don't tell that to father while he is in the bill-paying agony.

If the real estate ad "reads all right," go and see the property, and you'll probably find that the ad is "straight" and candid.

With the esteemed cucumber retailing at 15 cents each, we are not in quite so much danger of stomach ache as we might be.

Boston elevated railway supplies voice culture to conductors so that they can say, "Step lively," in kindly accents. We have known railroads to do worse things.

Time is at hand when the weary aviators will learn the art of landing lightly on tall buildings as half-way stations.

A sporting writer says that a certain baseball player's one weakness is a low ball, but he can manage as long as it isn't a high ball.

After a man gets along in years the pockets in which he formerly carried love letters are filled with spectacle cases.

Chinamen are rapidly giving up their pigstails, but a large percentage of them insist on remaining in the laundry business.

No one ever gives the fly or the English sparrow any credit for their habits of industry.

A lot of resolutions that were perfectly good a week ago are badly frayed.

What a lonely life an honest man must lead in Adams county, Ohio.

ROUTE SHIPMENT OVER HILL LINE.

MEDFORD wants to be the terminal of the Hill line in Oregon. It will be, according to the maps issued by the Hill system. It is merely a question of completion of the Oregon Trunk system between Butte Falls and Fort Klamath. This will give Medford a shorter route east.

Medford is now endeavoring to secure lower rates from Portland, from the east and from San Francisco over the Southern Pacific. Its claims are moderate and legitimate. Yet the Southern Pacific has contested the highest courts the decision of the state railroad commission ordering reductions, and is doing everything in its power to prevent Medford's securing just and equitable reductions.

Under the circumstances, it is to the interest of every shipper and business man of Medford to do everything in his power to repay the Southern Pacific for its unfriendly attitude and to encourage the completion of the Hill system by diverting to Hill lines all the traffic possible from the east.

Every merchant of Medford is vitally interested, as well as every citizen. The future of the city depends upon the reductions secured in rates. It is therefore a matter of public policy for every shipper to route his purchase over the Hill lines, not only as a protest to Southern Pacific but as a mark of appreciation of the entrance of the Hill lines.

OREGON'S CHAUVINISTIC BOURBONS.

ONE distinguishing characteristic marks the old-line machine politicians of Oregon—total inability to analyze public opinion and dense stupidity in learning lessons from previous blunders. Chauvinistic bourbons, they continue the worship of the setting sun, long after it has sunk amidst the darkening mists of oblivion.

Like the exiled nobility of the French revolution, they childishly and confidently expect a restoration that will put them back at the pie counter, unable to comprehend the fact that the old order changeth, that out of the confusion and turmoil of an electorate seeking escape from the reign of corruption and privilege, a new order is arising, in which altruism replaces cynicism and the rule of the people, the rule of the corporations.

Overwhelmed by repeated defeat, discredited again and again, these political spiders after each house cleaning start anew weaving cobwebs of intrigue and obstruction only to be swept ruthlessly aside by the reform broom.

Jay Bowerman made his campaign for governor upon abuse of Jonathan Bourne. The November election indicated its popularity. And now Mr. Bowerman and his allies are making the hall of the capitol at Salem resound with mere vituperation of the same kind. Why? Mr.

Bourne is not an issue. But the politicians are rapidly making him one. In efforts to discredit popular government, which is dear to the hearts of the people, they are making Mr. Bourne, whom the people do not care about, the leader of the people's cause.

The more Mr. Bourne is attacked the stronger he becomes. Neglect in attention would destroy him, but to continually, without provocation, assail him, to make him a martyr for popular government, to give him undue and undeserved prominence, is to build up his political fortunes and make him, not only a possibility, but a probability.

So the myopic politicians defeat their own ends—and this glimpse of their tactics is sufficient to explain why captained by folly they always fight a losing battle.

USE ROGUE RIVER GRANITE.

WHILE the east side is gasping for breath and the west side is gloating over the location of the federal building, this opportunity is seized for both factions to urge upon red-tape officialdom the use of Oregon granite in the new structure.

The ways of the government are past comprehension of ordinary man. Presumably some senator or other influential personage owns or is interested in a remote quarry somewhere or other, and the use of material from this quarry is usually specified over superior stone in the locality, at least this has been history with other federal structures.

No better building granite exists anywhere than in the Rogue River valley. No sandstone is superior to that quarried here. No handsomer marble, white or black, in America than that yielded by the Siskiyou.

It is up to the Commercial club and to various other organizations to exert all the influence at their command to have native Rogue river materials specified in the contract for the new postoffice building.

A HOME SEEKER'S SECTION.

OWING to complete exhaustion of the New Year edition of the Mail Tribune, and the demand still existing for it, an eight page "Homeseekers' section" has been printed, containing much of the matter printed in the New Year's edition, together with some of the cuts. This section will be widely circulated and the means of attracting many homeseekers.

To contemplate advertising won't bring business. Start now and you will become convinced that it pays to advertise all the time.

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