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ON THE WRONG TRACK

S. BENSON of Portland, who was honored at the Panama Pacific exposition as the foremost citizen of Oregon, announces that he will build a magnificent fifteen-story hotel as an annex to the Benson hotel built some years ago by him, the new structure to be located on the corner diagonally across the street and connected by subway.

The announcement is followed by Goon Dip, the Chinese owner of the Hotel Oregon, adjoining the Benson, that he will also erect a palatial fifteen-story hostelry on the site of the present hotel, involving a similar investment.

These announcements may be bluffs to force the sale of property, but it would be in line with Portland's past if they actually materialized. Portland is long on skyscrapers, long on hotels and short on industries to support them.

None of the large Portland hotels, with perhaps one exception, have paid dividends the past few years. Many of the hotels have been forced to close. Some have recently reopened, hoping that improved conditions will justify operation.

Portland millionaires should realize by this time the cause of the malady throttling the city. They should realize that the undeveloped country needs development and use idle money for it, instead of trying to build up an overbuilt city.

If Mr. Benson will take the lead and induce others to follow in upbuilding Oregon, he will have done something to justify the honor awarded him as the first citizen of Oregon.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

THE Christmas tree's valuable fruit is not half as interesting as the tree itself.

Christmas trees here are principally young Douglas fir—whose wood is known in the lumber markets of the world as "Oregon pine." In the east they are balsam fir.

This whole evergreen tribe is of aristocratic lineage; its ancestors lived in the ancient forests which made the earth's coal measures, and its most distinguished modern representative is the gigantic sequoia, or California redwood.

The use of the pine family for providing the special kind of living green required for festival decorations antedates the birth of the Christ child.

"The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary."

The Greeks burned the wood of the arbor vitae in sacrificial fires because of its agreeable odor.

In Oriental art the pine tree appears as the symbol of everlasting life. It is for this reason that the Japanese develop those choice specimens of horticulture, dwarf pines a hundred years old and a few inches high.

Lately in America, every variety of the family has been used as garden garnishments. But even fashion cannot vulgarize the evergreens. Whoever cherishes one of this family is serving humanity.

Although we treat our Christmas tree as an honored guest, we are, all unwittingly, its enemy. It belongs to a dying race, and we are hastening its destruction.

Lovers of evergreens who can afford it buy potted Christmas trees and set them in their gardens in the spring. It is a pretty custom, part of man's new and great joy in conserving all earth's beauties, of which the evergreen trees are among the choicest.

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EIGHT HOUR DAY UNIVERSAL FEW CENTURIES AGO

Long Workday Means Nothing But Toil and Sleep to Worker—Detrimental to Society and Humanity—Short Day Existed Until Increase in Pressure of Production.

By CHAS. EDWARD RUSSELL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—I hear and read the outgiving of many eminent minds about an 8-hour day, and they all seem to proceed upon the theory that eight hours for a day's work is a recent invention, a leap in the dark, a daring experiment and nobody knows what may come of it.

If there had been no change in the way we produce things, eight hours would probably be the standard today, and anybody that wanted to shorten it would be looked upon as a demagogue and revolutionist.

It was only because we had an enormous increase in the pressure for production, particularly since the introduction of factories and steam, that the working day was ever lengthened until life came to mean for the worker nothing but toil and sleep.

This is plainly wrong. It is rottenly and intolerably wrong. It is dangerously wrong for the community. The eight-hour movement seeks to set it right.

See how this is. Up to 1847 women and children worked 16 hours a day, or something like that, in the Welsh coal mines.

Most of them were unsexed by their toil. Nature mercifully made them incapable of bearing children. The rest, if they had offspring, brought forth idiots.

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ized that they grew up either criminals of strange types or imbeciles. Society had to pay for all this, and pay appalling costs. It is paying for them still.

After a time observers were astonished to see that social conditions improved, general intelligence rose, good order increased and the general welfare grew in proportion as the working hours were shortened.

In the olden days, when one man made a pair of shoes, let us say, he could exercise his mind and please his taste in designing and creating them.

The more people you have working long hours at these deadly employments the worse for the average condition of the population, which is the only national strength.

Everything that really counts comes out of the masses, the common people, the general run of mankind. All the inventions that amount to anything come from that source.

All the ideas that really help come from what the snobs call plebeian sources. It's only the average that counts, and there isn't much chance for a high average on intelligence where the workers toil long hours.

Sixty years have passed since Australia adopted the eight-hour day.

FIEND WITH AX SLAYS WHOLE SOUTHERN FAMILY

MINDEN, La., Dec. 27.—The axe with which John Nelson Reeves, his wife and their two children are believed to have been murdered in their home near here Christmas night was found today by searchers about half a mile from the scene of the crime.

Minden is quiet and the sentiment here is that the law be permitted to take its course.

It is said Mrs. Reeves recently received \$3500 in the settlement of an estate and this, with the \$500 which her husband kept in the house is supposed to have furnished the motive for the murders. None of the money has been found.

WEDDING BELLS Boosey-Trier Anne H. Boosey of Jacksonville and Marion E. Trier of Talent, were married at the home of Ray H. Teft in this city Monday, by the Rev. Paul H. Bandy of Jacksonville.

April 21, 1836, was the day. In Australia it is celebrated now as a kind of Fourth of July—a day of national freedom and greatness.

In the United States we are still talking about it, more or less. "The glorious spirit of American progress" goes rather lame when you think of that.

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BAKER BACK OF BUREAUCRATS IN WAR SCANDAL

New War Secretary Has Failed to Clean Out Department Cliques, But Plays in With Them—Mail Robbery of 8th Ohio Letter Only One of Many Damaging Situations.

BY GILSON GARDNER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Invasion of the privacy of the mails in time of peace by army officers or at the instigation of the army is just as criminal a performance as if such an act were performed by a common highwayman.

To Probe Bureaucracy.

This is the opinion of the post-office department officials, and it is this aspect of the trouble over the seizure of the "round robin" sent by the Eighth Ohio regiment that has stirred congress. It is the real reason for Senator Pomerehne's resolution demanding an inquiry.

It is intended, however, that the investigation shall take broad lines and shall cover the whole matter of press censorship and bureaucracy in the war department.

Pomerehne is not picking a quarrel with the war department, but there are members in congress who are intensely stirred and interested in the matter of official usurpation under the guise of war powers in time of peace. A lot of trespassing has already taken place on the rights of civilians with the sanction of Secretary of War Newton Baker.

Baker is Blamed.

The secretary has declined to denounce the reported seizure of mail and will not even discuss a hypothetical question, nor state that such seizure would be improper. Instead of instituting an independent inquiry for his own information and for the enlightenment of the public he has followed the military tradition of calling upon the army of officers under accusation for a report. Such reports, of course, will implicate the officer in question.

In so doing, Baker is following his usual course. Much to the disappointment of his friends and admirers Baker has permitted himself to fall under the domination of the war department clique. In the matter of the Lewis machine gun scandal his activities have all been in the direction of whitewashing Crozier and the ordinance board.

Why Baker is Popular

Baker is becoming very popular with the "Cauder" crowd by doing such things as endorsing the Taylor system of department efficiency, which congress has forbidden in government contracts, and which Crozier has fought.

Baker also follows Crozier's recommendation in endorsing private rather than exclusive government manufacture of munitions of war.

His recent political report was a terrible disappointment to all his listeners.

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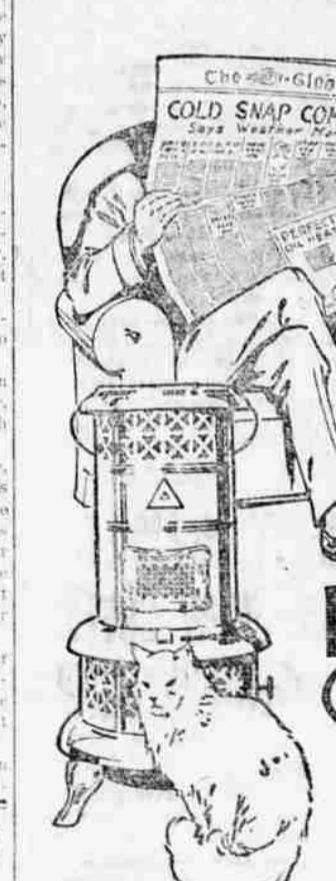
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