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The Southern Pacific.

A great deal is being said about what the SPR Co. "will do" after it becomes possessed of the narrow gauge system, as well as the OCR, of this valley. Some things it may very reasonably be supposed "they will not" do, chief amongst which is the construction of two or three bridges, unnecessary to shortening the haul between Junction and Portland via McMinnville. It has been stated over and over that the valleys of western Oregon will support a population of 1,000,000, and then people will not be as thick as in Ohio or Illinois. The Southern Pacific is going to be one of the great agencies in filling up the Wallamet and Umpqua and Rogue river valleys. They will do more in this direction in one year than the UPR and NPR will in five. The SPR people are not philanthropists, but they are sound business men and they are residents of the Pacific coast. Unlike many rich men in Portland, they are not afraid to invest a few dollars unless they can see a certain 10 per cent, at the end of one year. The building of the Hotel del Monte at Monterey is an example of risking a large sum for a distant future return, and it came. The SPR are going to boom Oregon just as they have boomed California.

Gen. Bullers report concerning landlordism in Ireland was diametrically opposed to the interest of his employers, and that's what's the matter. He frankly told them that in the counties where an extra-legal refuge has most frequently been sought there is no such thing as law for the poor and it is a mockery to tell such that they must first "look to the law" for relief.

The Oregon-fur company, incorporated in this city, have a license to kill ever fur bearing animal in the country in season, if they can. They have already captured a mink, a coon, and an otter, and have only been organized about six weeks.

W. C. T. U.

\$900,000,000 FOR LIQUOR.

\$85,000,000 FOR OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Records of the Internal Revenue Department do not Lie--Figures that are Appalling.

That we are a thirsty people is pretty generally submitted, but few suspect just how much fluid, besides water, it takes to keep the throats of our population in a satisfactorily moist condition. The records of the Internal revenue bureau throw some light on the question, and, being official besides, leave no room for doubt or dispute. If all the beer drank last year by our people was impartially allotted to every man, woman and child in the nation, in equal quantities, it would give each one ten and three-quarter gallons. To this must also be added one and one-fifth gallons of spirituous liquors.

But pursuing these figures a little more closely give us other results worth mentioning. Not every man or every woman drinks beer or whisky, and none of the children. It is safe to assume that one-third of our population, or about twenty millions of our citizens, absorb all the strong drinks of the country. This would make the allotment of beer to every drinker at least thirty-two gallons and nearly four gallons of whisky.

But they indulge in other luxuries also. Enough cigars are smoked in the country to give forty-two to every inhabitant, besides several cigarettes and three and a quarter pounds of chewing tobacco. It is estimated the cost to the American people of drinking and smoking, if equally distributed among the portion of our population which does drink and smoke, would give an average cost to each of \$57, or enough to buy all the food they can consume in a year. The army ration cost the government \$38 per annum, and it gives the soldier more than he can eat. In short, the drinking population consumes enough beer, tobacco and whisky to buy them food supplies for the entire year.

But study the following recently compiled by a Hartford contemporary as showing how we spend our money.

Liquor	\$900,000,000
Tobacco	600,000,000
Bread	505,000,000

Meat	303,000,000
Iron and steel	290,000,000
Sawed lumber	223,900,000
Cotton goods	210,000,000
Boots and shoes	106,000,000
Sugar and molasses	155,000,000
Public education	85,000,000
Home and Foreign Mis-	
sions	5,500,000

Thus our liquors cost \$900,000,000, or one-eight more than all our meat and bread; Three times as much as our iron and steel; Ten times as much as our public education.

Our tobacco costs \$600,000,000, or one-fifth more than our bread; Twice as much as our meat and iron; Three times as much as our boots and shoes; Seven times as much as our public education; Our liquors and tobacco costs one billion five hundred million dollars (\$1,500,000,000), or three times as much as our bread. Five times as much as our meat and iron. Seven times as much as our lumber. Seventeen times as much as public education, and these two items alone cost more than four-fifths of all the rest.—Mrs. Beecroft.

Our State Pride.

Salem is spending more money proportionately for public schools than any town in the state. A special tax of five and one-half mills was levied by the annual school meeting last week.—Oregonian.

Badly mistaken. Pendleton has levied a six mill tax, and would have levied more, which would have been collected readily, had it been needed. East Oregonian.

The Dalles, at the last public meeting, levied a tax of seven and one-half mills. Who is ahead now? Dalles Times Mountaineer.

Astoria levied a nine mill tax some time ago, and collected 98 per cent. of it. Next.—Astorian.

From all the above it appears that the principal cities of Oregon are proud of their public schools, and willing to give them liberal support. It strikes us that McMinnville should go ahead in point of beauty and adornment. This city certainly has natural advantages second to none, which could be very easily utilized to make it the handsomest city, if not on the coast, at least north of California. And these advantages should be made use of. The city council should make an annual appropriation of an amount sufficient to put the streets in presentable shape, and to keep them so. A very small appropriation would do this. Property should be secured for a public park; we need better school buildings, and all that; what if it does cost a-bit-a-piece around. There can be no pockets in our shrouds.

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