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**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

The Evening Telegram is asking some of the country editors to write articles on the subject of "Oregon's Needs and How Best to Supply Them." That's easy and don't take a long article either, for "Coal, Manufactures and a Weekly Pay Roll" are the most important needs of Oregon. As to how best to supply them is a sticker, for one is so wrapped up and dependent upon the other that if we cannot procure plenty of coal in Oregon we cannot hope to become a manufacturing state, consequently a comparatively small weekly pay roll. The question then presents itself, Have every effort been exhausted in Oregon to find sufficient coal for manufacturing purposes? We hardly think so, for a united and systematic effort should be made to ascertain, with practical and experienced men, what amount of coal is hidden in the bowels of the earth where there are indications of such. But another sticker is, Where can the money be obtained from to carry out such a project? In recent years we have seen hundreds of thousands of dollars fooled away by political "grafters" in the city of Portland, to wit, the county money tied up in the defunct Oregon National bank, the city hall commission, the county jail site, the purchase of the rotten Stark street ferry and the fancy price paid for the Morrison street bridge. Could all this money have been used in trying to find and develop coal mines tributary to the Portland no doubt that city would be in a fair way today to becoming a manufacturing city. This lead to another of Oregon's needs, to rid the state of political grafters. It is, however, humiliating to see so much of Oregon's raw material shipped out of the state, such as lumber, wool, hides, pelts, tallow, young stock, etc. If should be the aim and ambition of Oregon to become a manufacturing state, for as long as we continue to send large sums of money East for manufactured articles, it will make that section of the country prosperous at Oregon's expense. If the money cannot be obtained to locate and develop coal mines let the legislature hold out some inducement by way of a bonus, which is sure to cause some interest in different sections of the country, and in this way we believe the problem of a plentiful supply of coal for manufacturing purposes would be solved quicker than in any other way. A little rivalry is different counties of the state as to which could develop the best coal mine would show a great deal of laudable enterprise, not only so, for the county that can develop coal mines is in a position to offer inducements to manufacturers to locate there, and the indications are they would. As coal is of vital importance to the industrial and commercial development of the state, we hope that the Evening Telegram and the country pencil pushers will succeed in creating sufficient interest so that some plan may be devised to ascertain once for all whether enough coal can be found in Oregon to assure this state becoming a manufacturing center.

Benjamin Fay Mills, an eloquent orator, has been lecturing in Portland, and this is how the Evening Telegram sizes him up: "He used to be an 'evangelist.' Now he is a Unitarian. When he dies he may be an 'infidel.' He is not only an entertainer, but a very brainy man. He 'converted' a great many people some years ago. Let us hope that one out of a thousand of them staid 'converted.' If they did they did more than Mr. Mills did. But few of them have his brains. He very eloquently and really effectually preached ten years ago that the story of Jesus' miraculous birth and resurrection was literally true; that Jesus came from the skies from 'God who is our Home'—as Wordsworth, that prince of poet-philosophers says—as a God to save humanity. Now Mr. Mills says, in effect, that Jesus was only a great man and teacher, like Socrates, Buddha, Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Goethe and Tennyson. Was Mr. Mills right ten years ago? or is he right now? It is very interesting, if not important, for us ignorant creatures to know."

If the new road to Beaver is to be opened this season it is high time there was something being done. Several of our business men have expressed themselves favorable to the development of this prospect. Why not a meeting be called to put the business on a footing and get to work at once. Beaver is in the midst of one of the richest parts of Tillamook county and has no railroad facilities. This new road would put them in touch at this place and naturally cause people to come here when desiring to go to any part of the country. The S. P. R. R. will, we have been assured, do their share towards opening up this road. It only remains to be seen if there is enough enterprise or not in McMinnville to push the business ahead.—McMinnville News. Presumably, from this, the business men of McMinnville must be agitating the

question of building a railroad to Beaver for the purpose of catching trade from this county.

Only a few years ago we were told that the days of the horse had passed. The bicycle was to take his place as a mode of recreation, the traction engine, the trolley car and the automobile truck were to supersede him in traffic and as burden bearers. The horse decreased in value and breeding was either discontinued or less care taken to rear good animals. The various devices which were to take his place have been in large measure perfected and today the horse is as indispensable in the affairs of men as ever. Good horses bring good prices and the demand is in excess of the supply. Particularly is this true of the animals combining size and quality. The English government is scouring the country for horses of this class to mount its soldiers in Africa, and the United States is having difficulty in securing enough for the new regiments of cavalry, offering as much as \$150 for horses suitable for that purpose.

We are indebted to Rev. F. H. Neff for calling our attention to a sentence in an editorial which conveyed a wrong impression. It read: "The church has been practically dormant for years," but a part of the sentence had been inadvertently omitted, which was "in making provision for widows and orphans apart from charity," concluding thus, "and when the idea of fraternal life insurance came to be discussed and understood such orders as the A.O.U.W. had a wonderful growth." Bro. Neff, we may say in this connection, thinks that Rev. F. E. Coulter, whose sermon on "Socialism and the church" was under review, was preaching for notoriety, and he also considers him an enemy of the church. We beg to disagree with the reverend gentleman, and, furthermore, think that Mr. Coulter was prompted with a pure Christian motive and with an idea to elevate the church.

We have always looked upon the government distributing garden seeds as a bit of foolishness and a waste of public money. It will cost the government this year \$170,000 for common garden seeds and \$28,000 for clerical help in scattering them among the people who have no use on earth for them. If the amount of money for clerical help had been used to make government improvements in Tillamook it would have been expended to better advantage. These seeds, though, undoubtedly have quite an influence politically in determining the fate of many a congressman, and thus is explained why so many old seeds get places in congress.

Mr. L. B. Cox, a well-known lawyer in Portland, died last week in that city. It was his motto that he would rather be right than president. In a letter addressed to his friends, and made public after his death, among other things he said was this good advice: "Give a helping hand and a word of comfort and hope to your struggling brother; clear his path of difficulties, rather than beset it with obstructions; help him to be a better man, and by so doing you will help yourselves to be better men." There is none of us that good but what we can heed this and make it a trait of our character.

So the Steele combine in Portland could not make the graft stick. This should make the taxpayers of Multnomah county breathe a little freer, for if they can get rid of the political grafters one at a time they, no doubt, will be able to rid themselves of ring rule politicians. It is plain to see that the Steele grafters have been fighting for control of the political sack at the next election in that county.

Character is just as pronounced in a newspaper or magazine as it is in the friends you know personally. Some of your friends you know are always truthful, and some of them you would not believe under any circumstances, while others you have to watch constantly. It is just the way with any sort of publication, for it reflects the character of the people who are behind it.

President McKinley is coming to Oregon and is not going to take a trip down the Columbia river. Probably those who made his arrangements did not know what they were depriving the president of in a delightful trip from Portland to the mouth of the Columbia.

Kansas has decided to sue the state of Colorado for diverting the water of the Arkansas river from its natural channel and appropriating it to its own use. With Carrie Nation smashing the joints, the question of water is a vital one to Kansas.

The butter producing value of a cow is more often determined by the number of pounds of milk she will give in a year than by the butter test of her milk. Few cows that give less than 5,000 pounds of milk in a year are worth keeping as dairy cows.

Farms located on rural mail routes are said to be worth about \$5 an acre more than those not reached by this new postal service. If that is the case then it is time Tillamook county had a few mail routes.

**The Present Status of the Bicycle**

Judging from present indications, the outdoor bicycle season, which usually sets in about the middle of April, will this year be open in all its glory before the close of the present month. Indeed, it may almost be said that the season is even now under way, so great is the activity existing in the bicycle trade and among the clubs of the wheelmen, and so numerous are the wheels in use. Weekly runs have been held, and others have been announced, and from now on nothing short of heavy roads and bad weather will prevent the peddlers from enjoying to the utmost the first weeks of spring.

From a commercial viewpoint, the beginning of the new century finds the bicycle industry in this country in excellent health. Never since the wheel first made its appearance has the business of its manufacture and sale been carried on so satisfactorily as now; never, we believe, has the quality of the machines produced been better or their price so reasonable; and at no time has there been a clearer or more widespread understanding among riders of what constitutes a first-class machine. The truth of these statements is shown in many ways. The systematic conduct of the bicycle industry is apparent from the lack of strife and indecision among the manufacturers, and the absence of unfavorable criticism of their output is proof enough that it never has been excelled.

Believing, therefore, that the wheels of 1901 will be taken at the proper value and that their sale will be large, makers and dealers are planning for a busy spring. All over the country cycle factories are being prepared to receive large orders, and stores and shops are being renovated and enlarged. Experienced and wide awake agents who have visited the South and West aver that several features of the trade this year contrast very strongly with the conditions prevalent in the past. They report that, particularly in towns and small cities, there has been a general clearing out of small dealers whose responsibility was doubtful, whose capital, in many cases, was too small to enable them to meet the exigencies of their trade. Their places have been filled by trustworthy representatives of large and established manufacturers with a reputation for conservatism and fair dealing which promises to inspire confidence and promote business.

The desire for improvement, ever present in America, has been the cause of marked advancement in the art of wheel-making, and the various mechanical features of this year's models seen at the Cycle Show become even more striking now that the wheels are actually in use. The cushion frame, for example, which has undergone material changes, appears in greatly improved form, and is sure to have a host of admirers, particularly among middle-aged persons who hitherto have found the bicycle's vibration objectionable. But if any one of the three distinctive models of this year's make—the chain mount, the chainless, and the motor cycle—become more popular than another, it is likely to be the chainless. Heretofore the wheels of this pattern, it may be said, have had merely an experimental existence; but the term of doubt and experiment is now ended, and in the coming months chainless machines, with their carefully encased gears, and with their price reduced to reasonable figures, are certain to be prominent.

**Don't Monkey With a Buzz Saw.**

A cashier in one of the larger cities has just been convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to the penitentiary for a long term. He was an honest man, and he intended to put it all back.

A cashier in one of the Colorado towns has just gone to the penitentiary for five years on the same charge. He was also honest and intended to put it all back. His wife is paying part of the money by writing and teaching. She couldn't do otherwise, because she is a woman, and women are almost pathetic in their devotion.

These cashiers each made a mistake. They monkeyed with a buzz-saw and they will have to stand the consequences. It doesn't pay to gamble with your conscience. The penitentiaries of the country are filled with men who are just as honest at heart as any man outside the prison walls. They have just as much moral integrity, as a matter of fact. They are referred to as victims of circumstances. They were victims of weakness—that's all.

They thought to play fast and loose with conscience, and they lost, as men always lose who enter that game. They had no thought of being criminals. They had no guilty intentions. They plead that their trouble was brought on not by their conduct, but by being found out. One of the unfortunate circumstances of crime is discovery.

No matter what a man may be, if he allows himself to become anything else he loses his original identity. If he is an honest man and allows himself to fall into dishonesty, then he becomes a dishonest man. It's one of the laws of nature.

Men may play skittles with good intentions if they wish. They are free moral agents. But it is just as certain that when they have entered the game they must play it through. You can't be a sort of a criminal and a sort of an honest man. You must be

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