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Federal Control of Railroad Rates.

While nearly all of the railroads of the country are opposed to federal control of rates, as contemplated in the proposed amendments to the interstate commerce law, it is interesting to note that so great a corporation as the Pennsylvania railroad is not among the opposition...

In regard to the apprehension that the proposed amendments to the law would give the commission too much power, Judge Logan said: "For my part, I have faith in the integrity of governmental agencies, especially those of the dignity of the Interstate Commerce Commission..."

Railway managers who oppose legislation for strengthening the interstate commerce act fail to see, as the sagacious men of the Pennsylvania company evidently do, that if such legislation is not had the day may come when a wearied and indignant public will compel congress to adopt very drastic laws for the control of railways engaged in interstate commerce...

Type Tinker or Hitching Post?

We have received this communication from a person well known in Tillamook county:

"A NOVEL USE FOR WIRELESS TELEPHONE. Mr. Paine was rung up on the long distance telephone, on the line west of Cape Meares, and in answer said that he remembered being interviewed by a little man from Georgy (Tillamook) who was trying to colonize some niggers, that belonged to his (the little man's) father but a short time before Uncle Abe's famous proclamation that all the niggers in the South is and ought to be free."

Attached to the above was a clipping, we suppose, from the Appeal to Reason, which explains itself:

A gentleman handed the editor a copy of "The Age of Reason" Monday and suggested the thought that it might do good. Now, as a matter of fact, we believe that "The Age of Reason" is about the most unreasonable publication with which we are acquainted. The editor of this paper knows the editor of "The Age of Reason," a number of years ago in the Sunflower State, when we were both out and fresh. Wayland the editor of "The Age of Reason," was then, is now and perhaps ever will be, mixed up in all the reform movements that come along. We know he is unreasonable, impractical and unprincipled in his political methods and insincere in his teachings—Tillamook, Ore., Herald.

The type tinker of Tillamook who penned the above retains so much of his former freshness that his statements require salting. The gentleman gets "The Age of Reason," a book written over a century ago, mixed up with the Appeal to Reason, a contemporary exponent of modern socialism.

The editor of the Appeal certainly never met the gentleman of Tillamook and is not particularly sorry of it. Perhaps it was Mr. Paine with whom he hobbled "a number of years ago," but Tom Paine is generally credited with keeping more intelligent company. We are inclined to doubt his former residence in the Sunflower state, for Kansas people generally know what they are talking about even when they have nothing to say.

If the editor of the Appeal were a reformer he might assume the task of trying to reform the editor of the Herald into something useful—a hitching post, for instance; but an evolutionist who can evolve anything out of nothing,

The Appeal appeals only to people who possess intellect and is, of course, unreasonable to those who do not. Poor, ignorant sycophant! Such are they who in the commercial age pose as teachers of the people. He knows not enough of the Appeal to know its name, and yet denounces it and its teachings. His claim to acquaintance with its editor is untrue, as I did not live in Kansas "a number of years ago." His misrepresentations will probably be copied by others of his ilk and add to the sum total of cussedness that goes to support Hamaism. Thus spurious statements are coined by those unable to say any thing else, and thus the servile tools of monopoly renders service to their masters. Poor deluded editor!

The Headlight would suggest to the Appeal to Reason to look up R. M. Watson's record while in the Sunflower State, for, from what we can learn from parties in Tillamook county who knew the editor of the Herald while in Kansas, it would prove spicy reading.

The demoralizing effect of nick-in-the-slot machines upon boys is a matter of common knowledge, if not of record, in every city that has been swept by this species of gambling within a few years past. While proprietors of these devices, and of places where they were operated, in many instances accumulated large fortunes by running them, boys and youth have received through this means pernicious training in the "get-something-for-nothing" school. These machines have been abolished by law in some states—Montana among them—though not without a stubborn struggle which ended in the latter in the Supreme Court. It was shown in the investigation that resulted in the passage of the law interdicting them as much as \$50,000 had been made by one man in a city of that state of less than 15,000 inhabitants, within two years. The returns for the money were intangible—nothing in fact—hence the plea of legitimate business could not be made to hold in favor of this method of acquiring wealth. Still, had it not been for the fact that the gambling mania fostered by these machines extended so rapidly to boys and youth, it is doubtful whether legislators would have taken cognizance of the evil. This, according to one office of the law in Helena, became such a nuisance that it had to be stopped. As an illustration of its demoralizing influence, it was cited that some of the boys of that city who worked and helped support their mothers before the advent of the slot machines came habitually to lose all their earnings in them, while others would get up at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning to sell papers and go home without a cent. One boy of 10 years lost his whole month's pay within a few hours after receiving it. Clearly, the men of any community should protect the boys from a temptation to gamble at once so enticing and so demoralizing. A breeding of mischief, a promoter of vice, a waster of substance it is inconceivable that this gambling device known as the slot machine should ever have been permitted to obtain a foothold in any self-respecting, law-abiding community. The subtlety of the device and the specious claim set up for it as an adjunct to business furnish the only possible explanation of this fact.—Oregonian.

Home seekers are coming to Oregon by the thousands this spring and Tillamook has done nothing to induce them to come to this county. Again we see the necessity of a Push Club or some organization of that character to devise ways and means whereby Tillamook may not be left out in the cold again. As long as everybody appears to be wrapped up in their own businesses and will not spare a little time for the general good of the county cannot be expected that Tillamook will succeed in landing many of these home seekers in that county when the people in other parts of Oregon are wide awake to the situation and making an effort to induce the new comers to look over their section of country. Because we are prosperous in Tillamook, and because there is room for plenty of more people to become likewise, this ought to be an incentive for us to bestir ourselves a little by getting out of the regular Tillamook gait and make a united effort to get more settlers into the county this spring and summer. Tillamook is the best dairying section in Oregon, the most prosperous dairymen in the county is proof of this, as home seekers would see for themselves if they could be informed where Tillamook was and how to get here. Every business man should take a lively interest in an organization which would be of special interest to the county in general, and besides, it would be a good place where business men could assimilate.

Out of all the county officials, the two most important are county judge and assessor. With the exception of the two county commissioners, most of the officials work is clerical. With the judge and assessor it is different, for they can run the county with business economy or pile up indebtedness in the shape of outstanding warrants. The revenue of a county depends largely upon the assessor, and if he is too low and lenient with his assessment, the county is not getting the amount of revenue it otherwise is entitled to, and, further, when we have so much timber lands in this county held by non-resident speculators, assessed at a figure altogether too low, it is plain to see that an assessor who adds many thousand dollars to the county's revenue if he is wide awake and has the backbone to get out of beaten ruts. With the county judge, with the commissioners, it is different, for he has to do with the expenditure of county funds and can use them extravagantly or otherwise. Whoever may be elected next June to fill these offices, it depends greatly upon them as to the county's condition for the next few years.

Saturday, when the democrats hold their county convention, will tell whether the few bolting republicans have entered into another "collusion," this time with some of the democratic war horses, for the purpose of defeating the regular republican ticket. For some reason the bolters have sourced more at Sheriff H. H. Alderman more than any of the other nominees on the republican ticket, and to defeat him, if possible, is their purpose, and it is said the bolters' choice for sheriff on the democratic ticket is John D. Edwards. Such a collusion may be on the tapis by the political wire pullers,

but it will meet with as crushing a defeat as the collusion forces did at the republican primaries. If Mr. Edwards is willing to sacrifice himself and become the scape goat of a few bolting republicans he is at liberty to do so, but when placed before the voter in cold print, such a collusion is the worst kind of a political hoodoo for an office seeker to start into a fight.

Secretary Wilson says that the new German meat act prohibiting the importation of meats containing boracic acid, which is to take effect October 1, will cut off most of our trade in pork with Germany. A dispatch from Berlin says that the action taken is simply in the interest of health and that if our agricultural department can demonstrate to the German imperial health office that boracic acid is not deleterious "no political object will stand in the way of admitting it from America." It appears that heretofore German scientific authorities have held the application of boracic acid for the preservation of meats to be entirely harmless, which suggests that perhaps agrarian influence has obtained control of the imperial health office. Whether or not the agricultural department will undertake to demonstrate to the German health office that boracic acid as used by American meat exporters is harmless remains to be seen.

This is a question which is of some importance to a liberty loving and independent people. "Because you work for a person, firm or company, what right has that person, firm or company to expect or demand that you vote a certain way?" The man who has one bit of American independence and spunk cannot be controlled in this way, for he is intelligent enough to know when he goes to the booth to vote he can vote for whom he pleases, and this is one reason why the vote at the republican primaries was so disappointing to the collusion faction.

The boys at the logging camps were not required at the democratic primaries, so were not brought to this city on Saturday, but if they are good little boys and grandpa tells them, they will be given another opportunity to do as they are instructed. But the most amusing thing about these dear little boys from the camp at the republican primaries they became naughty little boys by showing their independence and voting contrary to what they were instructed. The little rascals, they can't be depended upon to vote as they are told.

Since Simon cannot control the republican party in Multnomah county it remains to be seen whether his henchmen can control the democratic party in that county and make a dickie with the untried. If the democratic party in this State is wanting to be Simonized now is the time to make a collusion. Let us hope that the democrats in Tillamook will have enough sense to resist Simonized republicans prostituting their party, but we ought not to say this for Simon is the political hoodoo in Oregon today.

Democrats had no kick coming last Saturday that republicans packed or in any way monkeyed with their primaries, but they have a great big kick because the free whiskey was shut off before they had their primaries. This is not giving the democrats square deal, and they were not even lead into temptation by taking a few dollars from the politicians and then voting against them. We hope our untried friends are not feeling bad.

A bevy of citizens were having some good natured fun on the street a few days since, when a well-known democrat tried to make this kind of dickie with his republican friends. "You fellows give us the Headlight from now until election and we'll beat you, sure. That's what we'd do." We did not hear this conversation, but since it has been told us we have been wondering whether our democratic friend thought the man behind the pen was a kind of mascot in politics.

The republicans who prat so loudly about their reputationism before the nominations are made and after that want to defeat the republican ticket because it has not gone their way are not worthy to be called republicans, and sooner they become "bolters" and continue such, sooner will there be harmony in the republican party of Tillamook county.

Tillamook county is capable of supporting many times its population if its idle lands could be improved and brought into use. There is abundance of room for hundreds of homes for industrious people, and many eastern people would be glad to know of these opportunities. But we take too little interest in advertising. As yet eastern people know very little of Tillamook.—Ocean Wave.

Not that the HEADLIGHT is wanting to offer any suggestions to our untried democratic friends in making up their ticket, but we would suggest, seeing that G. O. Nolan has written a letter to the Sappington "graft" organ about roads and bridges, he should be nominated for county judge, for we conceded him to be an authority on building bridges by the silent partner process.

The Herald, only a few weeks since, belched forth a flippant edict that it was going to re-nominate and re-elect Sappington. Since the primaries the little silly, silly little man has crawled into a hole and has offered no word of explanation why he wanted to fasten another four years of "graft" upon the taxpayers of Tillamook.

When you see enthusiasm in a political party it is a sure sign of aggressiveness. This enthusiasm at the democratic primaries on Saturday was conspicuous for its absence, and sadly so, which forebodes an ill omen for them on the day of election.

The lynching bee in Wyoming is another instance where public opinion is opposed to the slow process of the law in executing murderers.

In the excitement of the republican primaries and since that time no one has thought to ask whether the populist party is dead or only a lifeless corpse.

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