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Editorial Notes.

Now that railroad gossip is again filling the air, it is well to ask what the advent of the iron horse into Tillamook will mean to the county. To put that into a nutshell, it will cause a spirit of industrial expansion from one end of the county to the other; will enhance the value of dairy farms and give a wonderful impetus to the dairy industry of the county; will send timber claims away up in price and cause a wonderful revolution in milling along broad business lines and upon an extensive scale; it fact, if rates are equitable, a railroad will cause an industrial activity never before known in Tillamook. It may have the effect of knocking the bottom out of the value of city property after the first flutter is over and those who try to do business in one horse, tied up, style, but competition will become so keen that it will bring about a different state of affairs in which a survival of the fittest in manufacturing industries will ultimately predominate. It cannot be long, however, before Tillamook will have rail, road connections or bar improvements, or both, for the great amount of timber in the county, now there is a good market for it, is sure to hurry these long desired and much prayed for railroad and steamboat connections.

The bill authorizing persons and corporations to improve streams for logging purposes and collect toll upon logs floated down the same, was amended so as to give County Courts power to fix reasonable rates of toll. This bill is something which greatly concerns Tillamook, perhaps more than any other county, with its many streams and vast timber resources. Good arguments can be advanced for and against the passage of this bill. For instance, we all see what a benefit it would be to have the streams improved for logging purposes. But, on the other hand, for the sake of argument, parties who have no interest in the land or the timber tributary to certain streams, can obtain a monopoly of the stream by doing certain improvements. It does not look right that the settler or timber owners, who have invested money, should be subject to the dictation of others. The property owners should have some voice in the matter, and this is where the bill is lamentably defective and should not become a law. If a majority of property owners on certain streams desire to improve them for logging purposes, let the Court empower them to do so, but for private parties or corporations to tie up all streams in Tillamook for the purpose of placing a big tax upon all the timber tributary to them is not right. It was an eye opener how all the rivers and streams were gobbled up in Tillamook and Clatsop counties two years ago with this object in view. There is nothing in the bill to prevent this being done again. By all means let the owners of timber land and property owners on the streams have some voice in the matter.

The Postoffice department has announced its determination to establish no more free delivery routes over roads that require the payment of turnpike tolls. That should be the death blow to them, but as Tillamook county sticks to this antiquated idea of hemming itself in with toll roads, it would be useless, under the ruling of the department, for some parts of the county to petition for free delivery. Rural free delivery has exerted an important influence for the good roads movement, and if it serves to hasten the abolition of the toll roads still remaining in different parts of the country it will be entitled to another credit mark. When it comes to giving up rural free delivery or giving up private toll roads, we may be sure that free delivery will have the preference if the people themselves are allowed to decide. Anyway, we believe that the people in Tillamook would when it comes to a showdown, even if this county is considered by the "outside

world" terribly antiquated in this particular of toll roads. Away with them then, and let's get in and out of the county without being taxed, and which keeps hundreds of pleasure seekers from visiting the county every summer.

There is not a creamery or cheese factory in Tillamook County but what expects a large increase in the supply of milk the coming season over last year. And from all indications they will not be disappointed. The dairying industry in Tillamook County will take another jump this year, and will continue to jump ahead every year because dairying pays, and pays big, in Tillamook. Had this county manufactured four times the amount of cheese last year it could as readily have been sold at fancy prices. To give some idea of the demand for the Tillamook product, different parties in Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, San Francisco, etc., are now trying to contract for an unlimited quantity of this year's output. This is no idle assertion, as those who are engaged in the business will testify, and who will also inform you as well that the butter and cheese manufactured in Tillamook during 1903 will go but a short way to fill the demand.

There are gratifying signs that along with the quickened activity in the direction of better work in the public schools a distinct movement is on foot and steadily gaining headway for the improvement of instruction in our Sunday schools. While the efforts to secure the adoption of special made-to-order lessons on a plea for uniformity has not met with much success, or at least with the success expected by its promoters, the authorities in charge of Sunday school work in the various denominations and throughout the country are not only being impressed with their responsibility, but are also waking up to the fact that religious education of the young in this county is, on the whole, far less systematic and less effective than that in secular branches is. The main source of weakness arises, of course, from the fact that no adequate test of fitness is exacted from the instructors and little or no efficient supervision maintained over the teaching when under way. As a result, even the child who is intent on learning the facts that form the groundwork of religious belief is either confused by misdirected instruction or left to grope about in the dark because the teacher has no information to impart. The deplorable feature of such haphazard Sunday school work is that it wastes for the children precious time that can never be made good.

There is favorable promise that congress will appropriate \$12,000,000 for the support of rural free delivery service during the next fiscal year. The appropriation for the current year was \$7,500,000, which is just about twice as much as was allowed for the preceding year. The expansion of this service has been notable and there has been abundant room for its continued growth. Five years ago there were forty-four rural free delivery routes; now there are 12,500 and by July 1 there will be 15,000. This is very remarkable progress. It is understood to be the intention of the Postoffice department to establish 10,000 more routes with the money that will be available after July 1. At the present time the carriers travel daily over 275,000 miles of country roads to serve about 7,000,000 of the strictly rural population. The area covered by these routes is about 300,000 square miles. The establishment of the service has been fully justified by results. It is no longer an experiment, but has become a fixed and permanent part of the postal department which must be cared for and steadily expanded until there will be no accessible rural community without free mail delivery. It is a system the promotion of which is for the general welfare.

Representative H. C. Adams, of Weston, is ill and unable to attend the State legislature. He expressed the sentiments of the people when he said: "I was a supporter of the ex-Governor until he proved false to the Republican party at the last election, and I will never cast my vote for a traitor. Had he and the Republicans of Umatilla County played fair, Furnish would have defeated Gov-

ernor Chamberlain." That is a hard pill for Geer and his friends, and the traitors in the Republican party to swallow. But what a number of Republicans, who prided themselves on being leaders of the party, have found their political grave. Geer is one of them, and should he aspire to become congressman after his failure to obtain the senatorial toga, he will meet with defeat because he proved himself a traitor—rule or ruin politician. This is an object lesson for those who think they are the whole thing in the republican party.

The senatorial fight indicates that it is almost impossible to harmonize the different factions of the republican party in Oregon as long as leaders can use the republican party for their own interest and advantage. As long as men, with selfish motives, come before party, this factional fight in Oregon is likely to be kept up. And, of course, no one can blame the democrats for taking advantage of this split. The election of a democratic governor is the direct cause of it, and the end is not in sight.

Apostle Smoot has been elected to the United States senate from Utah for the term of six years despite the protests of the religious bodies of the country. It is probable that the fight against him will be carried to Washington. Smoot is not a polygamist in practice, but it is held that the Mormon church has never abandoned the doctrine of polygamy and that Smoot, as one of the authorities of the Mormon church would be inimical to republican institutions.

The State of Washington is through with its senatorial travail, and the name of the new baby is Hon. Levi Ankeny, of Walla Walla.

Home.

The first and greatest obligation that man has ever known is the sacred responsibility of bringing into existence the future generation. Hence the home. Obliterate the home and the nation becomes extinct. Our future posterity is the direct result of the home. I believe that the time is when every American ought to stop and consider the true value of the home, and the opportunities for those yet to come to acquire one. With the public domain practically exhausted—for homesteads, the colored people multiplying in the South, the hordes of emigrants arriving in the East from the slums of Europe, the Chinese and Japanese in the West, with an interest bearing indebtedness covering our resources as the waters cover the sea, to get her wit the greatest evil that ever befel humanity, viz., that of wasting the seed, either by masturbation, prostitution or abortion. Yet we hope for the home, the greatest institution on earth, trusting in the sovereignty of Him who ordained the home.

J. C. GOVE.

Blasts from Ram's Horn.

Vain the letter without the life.
A creed is a chart and not a compass.
A fine house does not make a good home.
One active virtue is worth ten absent vices.
Sincerity is the key to the secrets of wisdom.
The breadth of our influence depends on the depth of our earnestness.
There is no sunlight in the life where there are no skylights in the soul.
It is easier to know the way we ought to go than to go in the way we know.
The water of life is not enriched by running through the mud of our bigotry.

Patrolman MacMahon has resigned from the St. Louis police force to go on an Illinois farm. MacMahon said that he was not disgusted with the police business, but had had ten years service, and believed that it was better to live on a farm the rest of his life.

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General News.

Senator Mitchell is slowly recovering from a very severe attack of stomach and bowel trouble, having been confined to his bed since January 20. He is now able to be about his room, and expects to resume his seat in the Senate this week.

At Creston, Ia., a fatal malady has attacked the cattle. The disease is highly contagious. On the first farm where it appeared eighteen cows died. It spread to the neighbors and they lost from five to fifteen head each. The cattle are sick but a short time and but few recover.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, stated at Indianapolis that the settlement of the great coal strike was due to the wives and the sisters of the miners, as they had suffered bitter privations for five months that their husbands and brothers might win.

Orders have been received at the United States Army to rush the shipment of 100,000 Krag-Jorgensen rifles to arsenals over the country. The original cause of the order was the passage of the militia bill, but the rush feature of the order apparently has a special cause.

Corn cannot be raised successfully in the state of Washington, but what appears to be a new kind of grain has been raised called corn-wheat. It has the appearance of wheat and the taste of corn as high as 100 bushels having been grown on an acre. It is equal to corn as a stock food.

Captain Richmond P. Hobson, of Merimaec fame, has tendered his resignation as a naval constructor in the Navy. For some time Captain Hobson has sought to be relieved, but the board before which he was examined pronounced him fit for duty, and he was ordered to duty in charge of construction work at the Bremerton (Wash.) Navyyard.

The Hill of Tara, so rich in historic memories, will shortly be sold at auction in Dublin. Until the sixth century Tara was the seat of the Irish Kings. The last important gathering on the Hill of Tara was in 1813, when a gigantic meeting was held there under the auspices of Daniel O'Connell, who urged the repeal of the union.

Information has reached the War Department that William A. Wilson, disbursing officer of the Bureau of Coast Guard and Transportation, has been traced to Japan, and is now supposed to be in hiding in the interior of that country. Wilson disappeared from Manila about the 1st of January last, and an examination of his accounts is said to show a discrepancy of about \$8000.

The chairman of the Republican campaign committee of Alabama is out with an interview endorsing Hanna for President in 1904 and bitterly denouncing Roosevelt for his recognition of the negro element in the South. He charges that Roosevelt has gone out of his way to interfere with the plans being perfected by the Lily Whites, and, in so doing, has injured the Republican cause in the South. Indorsements of this sort are the worst that could happen to Hanna, as it shows his greatest strength to be in that section, which has the smallest Republican voting strength. It is the same thing that operated to a degree against Harrison.

A committee of leading citizens rather than the general public, which makes or breaks a theatrical venture, should decide what the stage shall produce, is the opinion of Robert Bird, professor of Greek in Northwestern University. In addressing his class Mr. Bird compared the dramas of ancient Greece to those of today, saying "the old drama was the good drama from every standpoint." "As a remedy for the existing evils of the modern stage," he said, "I would recommend the censorship of prominent people and that no play be produced unless these persons should recommend it. These censors need not be ministers, but representative moral citizens. I speak from conviction."

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