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#### Offering Inducements.

To give some idea how other towns are trying to foster industries, this is a criterion, the offer being sent to the Portland Chamber of Commerce:

"The town of St. Helens offers a five-acre tract directly on the Columbia river, with deep water frontage, to any reliable person or company wishing to erect a saw mill or sash, door and blind factory. The advantages of location need no comment, being in the midst of vast timber belts."

Only a few weeks ago a mill man was in Tillamook looking for a mill site, and one was offered him for \$2,000. Which of the two places are likely to get a saw mill? St. Helens is alive to the situation and fully cognizant of the fact that to bring new industries into the town the people must pull together and offer inducements.

Tillamook City has everything to gain and nothing to lose by making an effort in the same direction. It is easy enough to talk about bonding the city for a big amount of money, but that will become a burden to the city if a manufacturing center should spring up elsewhere, as probably it will unless Tillamook City exerts herself. Don't bark up the wrong tree, for the first thing, in our judgment, is to endeavor to make Tillamook City the manufacturing center and not load it down with taxation.

#### Drifting to the Danger Line.

There is some truth and cause of alarm in the statement that when the farmer becomes rich enough to retire from agricultural pursuits and removes himself and his family to town, to live on the rent of his farm, he has reached the danger line, although no objection can be raised against a successful farmer doing so; in fact, this is what must be expected. What is most to be dreaded for the Western states is the degeneration and the demoralization of the farmer. When farming is done by proxy and the sons and daughters of the farmers desert the soil on which they were reared to seek the allurements of the towns and cities, American agriculture will be remanded to an impoverished tenantry, drifting steadily downward to the state of vassalage that has driven away farm workers from Ireland, England, Germany, Austria and other foreign countries, where the owners of the land live in luxury in the great cities while the toilers eke out a wretched existence tilling the soil. The same tendency is to be seen in the United States, and even here in the West. The shifting of populations from the farms to the cities has been increasing from year to year and is rapidly increasing in the great grain belt. It is stated that perhaps one-half of all the farms of Illinois and Iowa are already being operated by tenants, while the owners are living in towns and cities, either paid in cash or in a division of the crops. In some instances this tendency has gone so far as to produce sub-tenants, with the first renter living a life of idleness in town on the advance of rents by reason of the high prices of food products and abundant crops. Such a condition bodes no good to the West, or the country. It foreshadows a serious problem that will confront the country at no distant day.

#### The Large Immigration.

In the twelve months ending December 31, 1902, 739,289 immigrants arrived on our shores. This was more than 200,000 in excess of the number that came in the previous calendar year. There was thus added last year to the number of consumers in this country nearly three-quarters of a million of people. This means so many more needing food and clothing, so many more added to the workers of the country and so many more people engaged in enlarging the nation's productive capacity.

The large immigration movement continues and is likely to do so as long as the present prosperous conditions here prevail. It is not a new experience.

Whenever our industries have been active and there has been a demand for good people they have come here freely from Europe. Besides, in most foreign countries during the last year or two there has been industrial depression, which of course stimulated emigration from those countries and the United States offered the best invitation, in the opportunities and the higher price of labor. It seems that this large immigration has been fully absorbed and provided for. There is no complaint anywhere of great excess of labor and it is quite probable that in portions of the country it will soon be found that the demand for labor exceeds the supply. There is a vast amount of work to be done the coming Spring and summer that calls for such workers as are coming from Europe and there is no doubt they will all find abundant employment. It may be true that some of these immigrants are not of the most desirable class, but there is a demand for the unskilled labor which could not be met if the advocates of restriction could have their way.

#### Quaint Features of Life.

The editor of the Oak Hill (O.) Defender discourses: "Ye editor went to church last Friday night. Before entering the auditorium he removed a pair of cloth overshoes and set them down carefully in the class room. At the close of the service he found a pair of worn-out shoes where the new overshoes ought to have been. \* \* \* It is bad enough to be a sneak thief anywhere, but the most detestable scamp of all is the scamp who will come to the house of God with an abiding impulse to steal whatever is found loose. And the crime is all the blacker when a man will steal from an itinerant preacher or a country editor. \* \* \* Oh, the baseness of it all is blackness cimmerian."

The remnant of a strange tribe of Esquimaux has been discovered on Southampton island, at the north end of Hudson bay. These people had never seen a white man until recently. Their huts are built of the great jaws of whales covered with skins. In the middle is an elevation, on which is a stone lamp, used for lighting, heating, cooking, melting snow and drying clothes. The tribe is almost extinct, only some sixteen being left.

The Minnesota legislators are wrestling with the problem of how to provide against accidents from the use of kerosene and gasoline. One member has introduced a bill providing that all kerosene or coal oil kept or intended for sale in Minnesota must be colored a deep red by the use of alkanet or similar dye stuff. The offer for sale of oils not conforming with the requirements of the bill is defined as a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine or not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, or in default of fine by imprisonment for a term of not less than thirty nor more than ninety days. Other bills provide that all gasoline must be kept in red painted cans.

An Oklahoma paper prints this story: She was from Boston, he from Oklahoma. "You have traveled a good deal in the west, have you not, Miss Benson?"

"Oh, yes, indeed—in California and Arizona, and even in New Mexico."

"Did you ever see the Cherokee Strip?"

There was a painful silence, but finally she looked over her glasses at him and said: "In the first place, sir, I deem your question exceedingly rude; and, in the second, you might have been more refined in your language by asking me if I had ever seen the Cherokee disrobe."

Assemblyman George B. Clark of the Twenty-ninth New York district has not only returned a Pullman sleeping car pass sent him by the company, but has sent the secretary of that organization \$1 in payment for a ride in a car which the conductor had failed to collect knowing the official position his passenger held. "I called on the attorney general," Mr. Clark said in speaking of the occurrence, "and was informed by him that it would not be right to use a pass. That was enough for me. I immediately returned the pass with my check for the amount of the palatial car charge."

The London Times predicts that the United States is on the verge of another financial panic.

#### BENSON IN JAIL.

Murderer is Captured Near Olympia—He Offers no Resistance.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 7.—Christ Benson, the murderer of Jailer Morrell, was captured to night two miles west of town, and is now safely lodged in the steel cage of the Thurston County Jail. A half-dozen armed men patrol the jail grounds, and a deputy with a Winchester stands at the head of the narrow stairway leading to the second floor, where the steel cage is, and admits no one to the foot of the steps. At this hour, 9:30, a large crowd of men surrounds the jail, and there are frequent yells of "Hang him!"

The first news of Benson's appearance west of town was telephoned to the Sheriff's office late this evening. The first message was so jumbled that Deputy Faylor, who answered the telephone, did not understand its importance, and left for the locality alone. He reached the west side of town, and met a man coming on horseback, who told the news secretly. The deputy stopped only long enough to get Sheriff Mills, and with the team on the run they soon reached a deserted cabin in which it was said Benson was located, and which was surrounded by five woodchoppers. Faylor was stationed at the window where Benson had broken into the cabin, and Sheriff Mills stood at the front door with a double-barreled shotgun in hand.

#### Throws up His Hands.

"Come out, Benson, with your hands up," he demanded.

"I can't; the door is locked on the outside," came the reply from within.

Mills unlocked the door, threw it open and out walked no other than the much-sought fugitive murderer, with hands held high in the air. He was immediately hurried to the carriage in waiting, and the team was headed for Olympia.

When Olympia was reached the horses were whipped to their utmost speed. They dashed through the town and toward the jail, but the news spread like wildfire. From every doorway men ran toward the jail, shouting, "Hang him! Hang him!" The officers and prisoner heard the shouts, and Benson ran up the steps of the jail, realizing that every second was valuable to save his life. The heavy door was swung to, and in a few minutes a big deputy with Winchester in hand stood on a narrow landing and admitted no one but a few deputies and newspaper men.

For half an hour Benson stood in the main entrance of the jail where on last Sunday he had fired the first shot into Dave Morrell's body and talked to half a dozen newspaper men. He presented the most abject appearance. There was nothing about him that denoted the desperate criminal. Tears rolled down his cheeks as he related his story, and sobs choked his breath. All the while the mob outside could be heard demanding admittance and that the prisoner be delivered over to them.

Benson was dressed according to the descriptions, but with disheveled appearance, wet clothes, unshaven and dirty face he would be hard to recognize from the pictures that have been published of him. Between his sobs Benson admitted the whole murder to the men surrounding him, and in doing so endeavored to implicate three other prisoners in a plot to break out of jail.

For over a week, says Benson, they had talked of escape. Last Sunday, Clark, the murderer of Lela Page, and Bradley and Green, two prisoners in for larceny, and Benson evolved a plan. They drew lots to see which should strike the jailer on the head, secure the keys and let the other prisoners out.

#### He Drew the Shortest Straw.

"The man who drew the shortest straw was to be the one, and I drew it," said Benson. "I did not intend to kill the jailer. I only wanted to stun him and get the keys, but I did not hit him hard enough and he drew a revolver. I grabbed his wrist and twisted it and he pulled the trigger while we were fighting and shot himself. I was so excited I did not know what I did. I got the revolver and shot him again in the little room there and then ran out the door."

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