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**Editorial Notes.**

Hang on to land with chittim bark if you have any, and if you haven't rubber-neck until you find vacant land with the valuable trees. A timber claim is a nice thing to file on, but freeze on to a chittim claim like grim death if you find one.

Well, after all that was said and penned about the Yankee crew on board the Reliance, it now transpires that the captain was a Scotchman and the rest of the crew were Norwegians, Swedes and Danes. Although not one Yankee helped sail the yacht in the recent races, the result would have been the same had there been an entirely Yankee crew.

It must be, by the tone of a letter we have received from him, that Chas. Pye, formerly of Nehalem, has embraced socialism, for he writes: "In your issue of Aug. 20 I notice your article, 'Bribery, the Besetting Sin.' I can indorse every word in it, for it is only too true. I can also point you to a remedy. Under socialism these things could not occur, for the incentive would be removed." It is not necessary to embrace socialism to remedy this besetting sin. Those who watch the signs of the times, and the fearless manner in which President Roosevelt is ferreting out bribery, corruption and fraud, and appointing men to public positions who are above reproach as well as weeding out those who have been connected with post office, land and other frauds, see a change for the better. Undoubtedly it will take years to eradicate these abuses, but no one is doing more in that direction than the president, for he has arrayed himself against the professional politicians, who, to a great extent, are responsible for the bribery and corruption that is so prevalent in national, state, county and city affairs.

It is unfortunate, and we say unfortunately advisedly, for Tillamook county that in recent years that a number of people who have come to settle in this county have gone away disgusted, even when they had deposited money to hold a farm. Simply because the real estate agents have been in the habit of undermining one another and telling all manner of lies to prospective settlers about the farms or property the other fellow had listed or wanted to sell. These are the tactics which have been resorted to, as most of our readers are aware, so much so, that home seekers who have come to Tillamook wonder where they are at with so much contention and with the real estate agents accusing one another of being prevaricators of the truth and ready to fleece any tenderfoot who might innocently fall into their clutches. No wonder that home seekers, finding themselves in that kind of environment, pull out in disgust and give the county a bad name. Tillamook does not get many people to look over the county with a view to settling here, and it is a shame that those who do come are scared away because the real estate traders are undermining one another for the purpose of knocking the other fellow out of a trade, lying about people's property and fleecing intending settlers. That is what some of the real estate traders have done.

The high school is a fine institution for either county or city, as is seen by the large number of pupils who attend the high school in Tillamook City this year. One pleasing feature is the number of pupils from outside districts who are taking advantage of the high school studies. Had the outside districts voted for a county high school last election all the pupils in the county who wanted to take the high school course could have done so, but as it is only those living in this district are admitted free, while those from outside districts have to pay tuition. Probably when the outside districts realize what an advantage and a benefit it is to the county to have public high school studies taught right at home they will vote for a county high school. There is a great ado made once in a while about patronizing home industry, and as the Tillamook City district has led the way and set the pace at considerable expense so that the pupils in this district can obtain enough credits in the home school to enable them to enter the state university, and for that reason there is now no necessity to send young people to high schools and colleges in other counties. Another thing, it is far better for young people, during the four years of high school studies, to be under or near the watchful eye of their parents, for many young people, not knowing the

many pitfalls that beset them, stumble headlong into them, and instead of improving their moral character, especially if their parents furnish them with plenty of money, they become to some extent reckless and often turn out the opposite of what was expected of them when they were sent away from home to school.

Most assuredly the material welfare of this country rests upon the success of agriculture. This fact is recognized by none more keenly than by those who are wrapped up in large financial affairs. Henry Clews says: "The agricultural situation promises to carry the country safely beyond any crisis. The farmer, whether he grows cotton, corn, wheat, hay, oats, live stock or dairy produce, is sure of profitable prices for his output. Apparently this is not to be a year of big crops, but our agricultural products are not increasing as rapidly as the demand for them, the consequence being high prices and good profits to the farmer. Very likely combines and speculation have enhanced costs of meat and cotton, but they could not have done this were it not for the gradual overtaking of supply by demand, the effects of which they simply exaggerated for their own financial advantage. It is many years since the American farmer enjoyed such prosperity as he is having today and there is every prospect of his having another year of the same sort. This means much for general business."

**Our Rival in Corn.**

Corn is king of American crops. Its yearly value is much greater than that of any other. It seems also more secure against rivalry than any other. Canada, Russia and other lands compete with us in wheat. Competitors in cotton are growing in many places at an ominous rate. But the United States has seemed to have pretty nearly a monopoly of corn growing. In this industry, however, a rival is also arising which may before long be developed into great proportions.

That rival is Argentine, a country which for more reasons than one might well be regarded as the United States of South America. It is only about two-fifths as large as the United States, and has only one-fifteenth as great a population. But its soil is wondrously fertile and its climate genial, and it is growing in population and in the arts of civilization at a gratifying pace. Its production of cattle and sheep, of hides and wool, of linned and various other things is well known to be great. It is to be remarked that it is also becoming a great producer of corn, for which crop its soil and climate seem to be particularly well suited. The last year's crop of corn is reported to have covered 4,300,000 acres and to have measured 130,600,000 bushels. That is, of course, very much less than our 94,000,000 acres and 2,523,000,000 bushels. Yet proportionately to the population of the country, it is a creditable showing. Moreover, it is to be observed that the Argentines get more than thirty bushels from an acre, and get \$1 of their currency, or 44 cents gold, a bushel for it, making a yield of \$13.20 an acre, while we, with our boasted higher civilization, are content with twenty-seven bushels to the acre, which, at 40 cents a bushel, means a yield of only \$10.80 an acre.

There is no occasion to get scared at the specter of Argentine competition in the corn market. Yet it is evident that Argentine is destined before long to be so considerable a producer of that crop as to cut a figure in the markets of the world, and probably to rank as a rival of the United States.

**The Irrigation Congress.**

The irrigation congress, which convene at Ogden, last Tuesday, promises to occupy an important place in the movement for national irrigation which has taken an unprecedented impetus as a consequence of the irrigation legislation enacted at the last session of congress. The adoption of a national irrigation policy and the inauguration of irrigation work under national supervision and at national expense marks the close of the era in which irrigation was supposed to be a purely local matter.

In the early days it may have been practicable for the pioneers owning land along the streams in the semiarid states and territories to utilize the water by diverting it in their own ditches, although in some cases this practice has reached considerable dimensions. The Mormons more than fifty years ago, led by Brigham Young, irrigated the valley of the Salt Lake on a large scale by turning the streams that fed the lake over the sagebrush plains and laying the foundation for the present great fertility of that remarkable section. It has taken a whole half-century to achieve full recognition for the doctrine that the water in the streams are subject to private appropriation only subordinate to the reserved rights of the entire population and that to secure the reclamation of a large area by expensive irrigating works requires national action.

Various phases of irrigation as a national problem will be discussed at Ogden and the results already accomplished exemplified by the exhibits of the products of reclaimed lands. A most representative list of delegates is already assured and some of the most eminent experts in practical irrigation engineering will take part in the program.

**More Kickers.**

The Astoria Budget contains the following relative to the proposed county road between Tillamook and Clatsop counties:

"Word has been received by the county court from Tillamook county that surveyors are at work running the lines for the proposed road to the line between the two counties, but there is considerable controversy among the settlers over the selection of the route. There is only one place where the road can terminate and be connected with a highway leading from Astoria and unless that route is selected the object of securing a continuous highway from Astoria to Tillamook will not be attained. Every farmer in Tillamook county, however, appears to want the road to run by his doorway or he is unalterably opposed to its construction."

The Tillamook county court is having considerable trouble in surveying the new proposed county road connecting with Clatsop county. Some of the farmers want the road to run close to their front fence, or they will fight the road. It looks as though some of them had been raised on the Lewis & Clark. The indications are that the road will never be constructed.—Seaside Sentinel.

**Crew of the Reliance.**

The Astorian is indebted to the Skandinaven for a roster of the crew that so successfully handled the yacht Reliance in defense of the America cup against Shamrock III.

The Skandinaven replying to a remark of the Chicago Daily News, to the effect that Shamrock III might do wonders with a Yankee crew, says:

Perhaps she could. In days gone by the fame of the Yankee sailor was wafted by the winds across all the seas. But in defending the famous cup he has been conspicuous by his absence. In previous races the crews of the cup defenders have been made up largely of Scandinavians, in whom the managers of the Reliance likewise placed their reliance. Here is the roster of the victorious American yacht:

Captain Charles Barr, Scotchman.  
First mate—Chr. Christenson, Arendal, Norway.  
Second mate—G. Pederson, Arendal, Norway.  
Third mate—Harry Nielsen, Aalesund, Norway.

Crew—G. Gunderson, H. Haraldstad, Chas. Nielson, H. Henrikson, Chr. Baarolson, all of Stavanger, Norway; S. Anderson, G. Jacobson, B. Hanson, O. Knudson, S. Christenson, all of Larvik, Norway; J. Christenson, A. Hanson, Th. Svanto, B. Mathiesen, Olaf Berg, all of Bergen, Norway; B. O. Wiig, John Olson, M. Baardson, Michael Baardson, Claus Clauson, all of Haugesund, Norway; S. Nielson, Arendal, Norway; O. Nielson, Boeroen, Norway; William Backer, Christiania, Norway; N. Baero, Kragero, Norway; John Hanson, Tysnaes, Norway; Chr. Nielson, Tom Pederson, Chas. Jorgenson, Andrew Nielson, Herman Carlson, John Johnson, Chas. Johnson No. 1, Chas. Johnson No. 2, John Larson, Louis Johnson, all of Norway; William Gudman and John Mathieson, Norwegians of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Harry Molin and John Swensson, Swedes; Hans Pedersen, Dane.

It will thus be seen that there is not a Yankee on the Reliance. The captain is a Scotchman; the mates are Norwegians; and the crew are all Norwegians with the exception of two Swedes and one Dane.

There has been nothing but praise for the work of these men. That they are better sailors than the picked men of Shamrock III. is admitted even by the expert yachtsmen of Great Britain and Ireland. Sir Thomas himself is reported to have said:

"The smartest sailors I ever saw in my life are those who sail the Reliance." In view of these facts it would be in order to amend the motion so as to make it read as follows:

"Still, Shamrock III. might do wonders with a Norwegian crew."

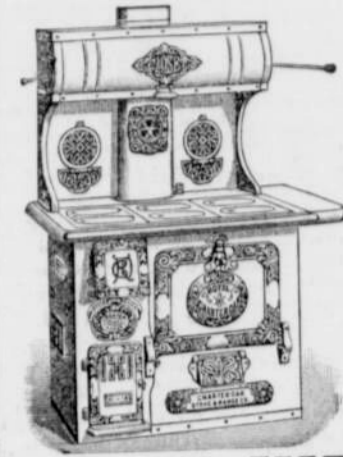
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