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**Hoodoo to County's Development.**

Congressman Hermann's letter to us last week was a surprise, for we were greatly surprised to hear that Tillamook County is again up against another engineer's report that is adverse to the improvement of Tillamook bay, especially as we have been reliably informed and it is generally supposed the local engineer's report was favorable to the improvement. We have, thus far, been unable to secure a copy of the engineer's report. To be told, at a time when most everybody expected to hear a favorable report from the engineers, that it is adverse to the improvement is enough to raise the righteous indignation of every citizen of Tillamook County. We would not be surprised to hear that the engineers have based their objections upon the old chestnut argument, that the present commerce of Tillamook Bay does not justify the expenditure, and make no mention of the resources of the country and what an immense commerce it would have if it was not bottled up with a shifting and shallow bar. It can be seen, however, that the Oregon delegation is up against a serious situation as far as the improvement of Tillamook bay is concerned, and it is a much more serious state of affairs as far as Tillamook County is concerned, for it will, in all probability, retard the development of the county another ten or twelve years. Yet, for all that, if there is a ghost of a show to bring about enough pressure to have the improvement sanctioned and incorporated in the present river and harbor bill, no stone should be left unturned to bring it about by those who have timber and property interests within the county, for with another adverse report to hoodoo the improvement of Tillamook bay, it is, as we have previously stated, a gloomy outlook for Tillamook.

**What Fraternalists Think.**

Gladstone remarked, "Liberalism is trust of the people, tempered by prudence, conservatism, distrust of the people, tempered by fear."

A writer says of a fraternal order: "Its same doors open no wider to receive a king than a peasant, no more quickly to a millionaire than the man of modern means. The passport to its precincts is not rank, but 'virtue,' not money, but manhood, not power, but character."

The members of a fraternal beneficiary organization are not unlike the men in a boat that is being forced through the waters by the efforts of the oarsman. If every man in the boat handles an oar and handles it vigorously, the craft will progress swiftly; but if, on the other hand, half of the crew are merely passengers, so much dead weight for the scullers to contend against but little headway will be made—Knights of Honor Report.

When I contemplate this great fraternal crusade, when I think of this stream which pours its constant light into desolated hearts and homes, kissing the shadow from the brow of pain, illuminating the soul of despair, directing the aged, the helpless and the weak along the shining pathways of virtue, of industry and of honor, guiding millions of young lives to usefulness and hope, it becomes a matter of wonder to me that every American citizen does not hasten to identify himself with such a movement. And I feel that the man who opposes or discourages it is profaning an instrument of Almighty God.—Morris Sheppard.

Fraternalism has come to stay, because it is founded upon the true basis of permanency—the brotherhood of man. Other insurance organizations may be organized and managed for speculative purposes and money making, but fraternal societies are organized in the interest of their members. The aim and object of fraternalism is protection in all that expressive word implies, protection in life from sin and wrong, ignorance and vice, and protection of beneficiaries when death robs the home of its natural protector. The true basis of success and permanency in any insurance organization is its acceptance with the people. If the people have confidence in it, and come to it easily and naturally, then it will continue. If the people distrust and avoid it, then its doom is sure to come sooner or later. Tried by this test fraternalism has nothing to fear, but everything to expect.—The Toiler.

It cannot be gained that the actuaries have had an influence in the fraternal field. They have had direct influence with the National Fraternal Congress and this is where the great danger of the day is most menacing for our fraternal beneficial orders. The old-line actuaries, with no idea of fraternity, or without taking into consideration in their calculation the value of the bond of fraternity have agitated adequate rates to the leaders in our Fraternal Congress, and we fear some of them, for mercenary or selfish purposes, have assumed conditions and formed conclusions, looking through the spectacles of the old-line actuary, and have started the various state insurance commissioners to think-

ing as they think, and undertake to measure fraternal brotherhood. They have established a minimum table of rates approximate to that of the old-line companies when the sworn statements of these old-line companies show that one-third their receipts only, are used for the payment of death benefits.—The Chariot.

**The Pure Food Bill.**

The bill relative to the adulteration and misbranding of food which, under the leadership of Mr. Hepburn, passed the House last week complements valuable legislation on the same subject which was secured last winter. The earlier enactment, forming a feature of the Agricultural Appropriation bill, applied only to imports, while the latter one deals with domestic productions which are impure, unwholesome or falsely labeled. Both measures protect the honest packer, dairyman and wine grower, and shield the consumer from imposition, not to say injury. Common justice dictates the adoption of safeguards against frauds and poisons at home as well as those coming here from foreign countries. Should the Senate concur, as it is to be hoped it will, uniform standards will be set up for the whole country in place of the heterogeneous regulations of State authorities. Singleness of policy in administration, too, will be substituted for an unfortunate diversity of practice.

With eminent good sense the House struck out the Hepburn bill before its passage the amendment which made it necessary for the prosecution to prove that violations of the law were wilful. The introduction of that provision was a grave mistake. It is a fair presumption that any wholesale producer of food or drink who puts a deceptive label on his package or permits the admixture of even harmless adulterants with pure goods known what he is doing. Theoretically, he is more familiar with his own business than anybody else can possibly be, and he is responsible, therefore, for anything that goes amiss. If new possibilities of contamination develop—if arsenic gets into beer from an unusual source, for instance—the courts may be expected to make due allowance. In the vast majority of cases which would arise under the proposed law, though, design, not accident, will furnish the only rational explanation.

**Passing of Cattle Barons.**

Several large cattle companies in the northwest are either going out, or preparing to go out of business. The cause for this impending change is the contraction of the range and the invasion of the small cattlemen. The farmers have taken up the land along the streams where the water is found, and while there are thousands of acres of dry range land which afford good grazing for part of the year they are removed from water and the sources of supply are cut off by the small farmer who is utilizing it. This is by no means an un-mixed evil, or even the fore runner of the impending decline of the cattle raising industry. It simply signifies that the cattle barons are slowly finding themselves short of territory on which to range their stock. Their places, however, will be taken by the farmer and stockman of limited means, who is content with devoting his energies to raising small herds of cattle.

The passing of the cattle baron in the northwest marks the transition era from low grade to higher grade live stock, that is destined to revolutionize and revolutionize the cattle raising industry. The displacement of the cattle baron with a vast area of land devoted solely to the grazing and breeding of low grade cattle will give way to diversified farming that will insure sheltered cattle feeding in the winter seasons, fewer losses of live stock and better quality of cattle for the stock market. The impending change does not augur disaster to the state. On the contrary, it will be a harbinger of more substantial prosperity.

The subdivision of the great cattle ranges into stock farms will be followed by a marked increase in substantial wealth and population, which will grow from year to year and cannot fail to give the highest development to the resources of the state.

**Against American Cotton.**

In a recent report the consul general of the United States at Berlin states that foremost among the economic movements in Europe, which may have a serious meaning for important interests in America, is the present simultaneous effort of Great Britain, France and Germany to emancipate their textile industries from dependence upon American cotton. He says the portentous feature of the situation is that not only in Germany but throughout Europe there is a growing feeling of resentment against this dependence and a determination that their spinning and weaving industries must at any cost be emancipated from such vassalage by the development of wholly new sources of supply.

Associations have been formed in England, France and Germany for the purpose of stimulating cotton production in the colonial possessions of those countries and according to the consular report the German association is especially active in the work of promoting a colonial cotton supply. As yet the movement is in its infancy, but it has been taken up with so much earnestness and zeal in the several countries that

there is every reason to expect that it will be vigorously pushed. But as our consul remarks, it may be many years before this European crusade for colonial cotton can be accomplished, so that there is no immediate danger to the American product from this threatened competition.

**Kidnaps Her Child.**

STOCKTON, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Noah Mynatt who for several months past has been living in Oregon, most of the time in Portland, kidnaped her 6-year-old daughter, Ethel, in the Presbyterian church yesterday. She snatched the child up from a pew, ran out to the street, threw the girl in a waiting buggy and sprang in. She started to drive away, when John A. Clark, superintendent of the Sunday school, grasped the horse by the bit. The police came running and took mother and child to the police station. The affair caused a big sensation.

Mrs. Mynatt is suing John F. Mynatt for divorce. She formerly had the custody of the child by his consent, but when a few months ago she started for Oregon, she left the child with its father, Mr. Mynatt placed the child in care of friends Mr. and Mrs. Bugbee, in this city.

Mrs. Mynatt returned to Stockton from Portland a few days ago and attempted to secure possession of her daughter. She was unsuccessful. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Bagbee, having the child in charge, took her to the Presbyterian Sunday school. Ethel Mynatt was reading aloud her Sunday school lessons when her mother, elegantly gowned, swept up the aisle of the edifice, snatched up her daughter in her arms and ran out with her. The action caused the greatest commotion. Mrs. Bugbee screamed for help, some women fainting, while others rushed in pursuit of the kidnaper. The affair broke up the Sunday school.

Chief of Police Walker called the attorneys of Mr. and Mrs. Mynatt to the police office and after a long conference they agreed that the child should be taken by Mrs. Bagbee pending the court's action as to which parent should have its custody. Today Judge Smith decided that the child should be in the custody of Mrs. Mary Bugbee until next Monday, when he would make a permanent order in the matter.

**Tells of a First Wife.**

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Jan. 31.—George Stoll, arrested after marrying a young girl who worked in his restaurant here last week, has been charged against him. Alleged wife No. 1 has been heard from and states that she has been living with Stoll for five years, and that the child they had here was the offspring of this union. That she is a Mormon and believes in polygamy. She says she was never married to Stoll, as when she met him he was married to another woman. Two boys were born of that union. The first wife was not a Mormon.

When alleged wife No. 2 would try to get Stoll to marry her, he would plead the impossibility, but when he got ready and shipped Mrs. Anna Stoll, he took the responsibility of trying a second marriage contract. Wife No. 2, with whom he lived here so long, is now located near Pocatello, Idaho, in a small village with a relative, and stated that when she left at the request of Stoll, she was to receive part of the household furniture and other personal property, which he would send her, but which he has been trying to hold.

The people here justly feel indignant at the course of this man and are willing to raise a considerable sum of money to help put him in close confinement for a number of years. It is stated here that the Mormon elders have called on him at Dallas, but it has been understood that even these elders pushed him out of the church because he would not even live up to the tenets of their church, and would not have his wife No. 2 sealed to him by Mormon principle.

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