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B. E. Anderson of Portland, Maine, started on the second of April to walk, leading a donkey, from that city to Portland, Oregon, in payment of an election bet. Mr. Anderson's traveling companion should be congenial company.

Thousands of acres under the various irrigation systems tributary to Nyssa are being cleared of sagebrush and put in shape for crops, which will result in a greater population and a greater prosperity and add to Nyssa's importance as a commercial center.

President Wilson read his own message to congress, which convened in extra session Monday, the first president to avail himself of the opportunity since the time of John Adams. Evidently the new president would rather attend to his duties than play golf.

President Wilson says sugar and wool must go on the free list and threatens to veto any tariff bill not fulfilling this requirement. Mr. Wilson is evidently of the opinion that the way to lower the tariff is to lower it, which is directly contrary to the belief apparently entertained by his predecessor that the proper way to perform this much to be desired legislative stunt was to raise the tariff a notch or two.

The Malheur Mining News says: "Every western town that amounts to anything has a commercial club or a chamber of commerce." You're another! Nyssa is recognized as the best town in Malheur county, but its commercial club is only a memory. Its natural advantages and enterprising business men keep things stirring, but organized team work would help a whole lot.

Boise and San Francisco are becoming enthusiastic over a plan to connect the two cities by a railroad to be built from the former city and connect with the Southern Pacific at Winnemucca, Nevada. Such a road would place Boise within but little over 650 miles of the Pacific metropolis and would open a vast market for the products of Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon. It would also open to settlement a vast and fertile empire in Malheur county, which is now almost a wilderness. It could not but result in advantage to Nyssa, and our citizens will watch developments with interest.

Newspapers and railroad officials report that thousands of homeseekers are coming west. If some plan could be devised whereby even a part of them could be induced to stop at Nyssa and learn of the opportunities here it would be greatly to their advantage. With fertile lands selling for but a fraction of what will be asked them further west, and even free government land for those who have not the money to invest in improved property, the homeseeker who couldn't make a home for himself in magnificent Malheur, where there is about one person to every square mile, should be given a home in a foundling asylum.

THE BENEFICIENT TARIFF.

A good illustration of the way the tariff benefits (?) the people of this country is shown by Thomas Hunt in a letter to the Cincinnati Post, in which he contends that the discovery of borax in this country, instead of being a blessing, has been turned into a curse. Mr. Hunt says:

"Previous to the building of the Pacific railroads there was no borax found in the United States. It was all imported—and the people of the United States got it at the world's price, about three cents per pound.

"But when the Death valley borax was found, the rich and shrewd owners of that property proceeded to induce the congress of the United States to put a tariff of five cents per pound on all borax imported. This made all the borax used in this country cost at least eight cents per pound. As that article is largely used here, that five cents per pound adds to the cost of every article into which borax enters, and thus contributes considerably to the cost of living, and on that account is more or less of a curse.

"So that the finding of borax in the United States, instead of being a blessing by making that article more abundant and cheaper, was turned into a curse by compelling the people to pay twice as much for it."

Recently a "patronize home industry" meeting was held by the Boise commercial club and many speeches were made in which the advantages of patronizing home industry were enlarged on. Great enthusiasm was shown by the members of the organization, which lasted until the Capital News called attention to the fact that the president of the club, an ex-president and many other prominent members were sending to Eastern mail order houses for their printing. It's a strange anomaly that a business man who regards a Roars-Sawbuck catalogue as he would a Gila monster will send away an order for printing that would keep his home printer prosperous for a month and then earnestly ask the same printer to boost for "home industries." And it's another strange anomaly that the printer always does it.

According to official figures more than nine billion stamps were sold during the year past. These stamps varied in denominational value up to \$5, more than \$1,500 of that denomination being sold. All this immense amount of business was transacted probably without a cent being paid out for advertising purposes. No "drummers," under a heavy expense and drawing large salaries, were sent out to get business, necessarily adding to the cost of the stamps. There was no duplication of houses handling stamps, with unnecessary expenses, to further increase the cost to the consumer. None of the wasteful extravagances of competition entered into the marketing of these stamps and they were distributed among the consumers at the minimum cost. Suppose the same system were pursued in marketing of shoes? or of clothing, or any of the necessities of life? It seems quite probable that in such an event the high cost of living would be materially lessened.

Assurance has been given from Washington that the famous old battleship Oregon will not be dismantled and broken up, as was feared, but it will be retained in commission as a part of the Pacific reserve fleet, with headquarters at the Puget Sound navy yard. Advice has been received to this effect in response to petitions from this state that the old sea fighter be saved from destruction.

It is reported, with apparent authenticity, that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., now the executive head of the great Rockefeller estate, has announced his purpose to dedicate his own son, yet an infant, to the ministry. Such action would be of doubtful benefit to the cause of religion. The interpretation of the scriptures, like that of law, is largely a matter of individual belief and bias. Totally antagonistic doctrines can be, and are, justified by scriptural references, and it is doubtful if the cause of true Christianity would be advanced to any appreciable extent by the promulgation of such views as a person brought up in the atmosphere and environment of a Rockefeller would be apt to entertain. It was this same John D. Jr., we believe, who, in justifying to his Sunday school class the apparent injustice of a few having great wealth while the many were in poverty, used the American Beauty rose as an illustration, showing that in order to bring it to its highest perfection a hundred other roses would have to be sacrificed in order that the strength which would otherwise be diverted to them would be used for the making of the perfect rose. The application was obvious and the justice of such a course doubtless satisfactorily proven—to the one at least who represented the perfect rose. Christ chose his apostles from among the poor and lowly and they were at least as successful in their work as any who have succeeded them and it is a good example to follow.

The new minimum wage law in Oregon is being criticized because, it is alleged, "employers who are now giving work to large numbers of incompetent girls" at commensurate wages will discharge these girls and replace them by others who are actually worth the minimum wage." The question that naturally arises is, from what source are these competent girls to be recruited? Necessarily they must be obtained either from among the ranks of those who are at present unemployed or from those who are working at other jobs. If the former, it is simply making the girl who has a job give place to one who has not at a higher wage; if the latter, the positions that are left vacant by reason of the competent girls accepting other work will be filled by the incompetent girls who have been discharged from their original jobs. So even if the contention of these critics of the law be true it will not lessen the number of the employed or increase the distress of the workers as a whole. The minimum wage law is necessarily faulty, being based upon arbitrary enactments that are in defiance of economic law, but it seems to be the best that society, in its present state of enlightenment, is capable of producing.

The collection of funds for the relief of the flood and cyclone-swept parts of the middle west has been a work of the past week in which the whole state has participated. Money and provisions have been given with a generous hand. Oregon's contributions will total about \$25,000, which speaks well for the generosity of her people. A feature of the work that merits special credit was the gift of \$100 by Chinese residents of Baker.

The weather bureau has inaugurated a special service for the fruit districts of the state during April and May. Trained men will be placed in the chief fruit districts, who will be prepared to notify fruit growers just what temperature may be expected on frosty mornings. It is thought that in this way damage may be greatly lessened by timely warnings.

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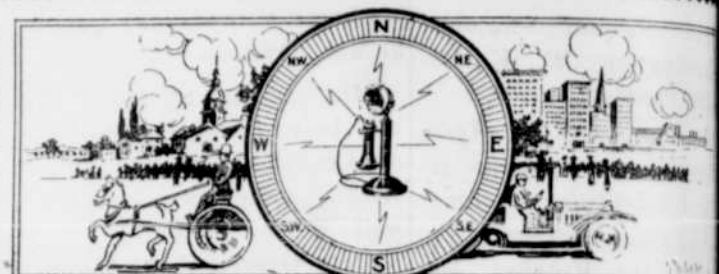
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