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EASTERN OREGON PLAYED FAIR

With half of the votes in the state republican convention that nominated Phil Metschan for governor, Eastern Oregon could probably have dictated the nomination of some one from east of the Cascades if the 18 committeemen from the eastern counties had formed an organization and stuck together.

That there was no attempt to do so and that events were allowed to take their natural course without regard to the geographical location of the various aspirants is highly creditable to the committeemen from this section. Eastern Oregon does not get her share of state officials. She has had only one governor since the early days of the commonwealth, but if her representatives had tried to put one over by steam roller methods the people of more populous western Oregon would have resented it keenly.

It so happened that no eastern Oregon candidate made a serious threat on the nomination, although two, Hamilton and Upton, both of Bend, received considerable support. The fact was that Eastern Oregon did not have a single outstanding contender strong enough to muster the support of the region east of the Cascades. This is why our half of the votes went for naught so far as putting over a candidate was concerned.

However, the successful candidate was born in Grant county and while he has lived in Portland for many years he understands Eastern Oregon as few Portlanders do. In this respect the east did get something without setting out to do it. —Baker Democrat-Herald.

INTERESTING NOTES

In August 10,000 German war veterans will visit the battle cemeteries of France to decorate the graves of their dead comrades.

North Carolina was the first state to make education specifically for the deaf compulsory.

Nearly \$50,000,000 worth of prison made goods are sold in the United States every year.

In the early days in the West, pack trains received \$1 a pound for carrying freight 100 miles.

The Oregon reclamation congress, which meets at Burns for three days beginning August 7, promises to be one of the most important gatherings since its formation. Originally an irrigation organization, it was broadened to include drainage and to be a truly reclamation congress. The congress is near. Let's answer our neighbor's invitation in person.

WHEAT FREIGHT RATE CUT IS VICTORY

A great moral victory for the Pacific northwest was won last week when the interstate commerce commission instructed western railroads to reduce freight rates on wheat and coarse grain moving both east and west from interior points to terminals, effective October 1, said the Oregon Farmer.

This decision establishes the justice of the northwest's contention during the last five years that railroads in this section have been taking too large a portion of the grower's receipts by charging a most twice the rate Canadian lines levy for the same service on grain moving in-

to the same competitive markets.

Unfortunately, the new rates do not go into effect until October 1, thereby depriving early shippers from advantage. It is estimated reductions will save northwest wheat producers at least \$1,500,000 a year, or an average of slightly less than 2 cents per bushel.

This saving will be reflected in full especially to members of the farm board wheat cooperatives, through their system of advancing the full Coast terminal price, minus freight and handling charges.

In addition to the specific reductions, a more favorable milling in transit rate is provided, so that the same rate will now apply to wheat, coarse grains, flour and meal. This will boost milling at interior points.

The 10 per cent advantage which Portland holds over Seattle and Tacoma is retained on the ground that shipments over the mountains from south of the Snake river are more costly to Puget Sound than down the water level grade into Portland.

From Idaho points to Portland, wheat and coarse grain rates are reduced to a common level. From Weiser the rate on both is reduced from 30 to 24 cents; from Boise, from 35 to 27 cents. Vale's rate would be the same as Boise's, H. R. Humphrey reported.

Rates from main and branch line points in Oregon on the O.-W. R. & N. west and southeast of Pendleton and from Oregon Short Line points on the Burns and Homestead branches are reduced with few exceptions. This includes both interstate and intrastate rates, which are made identical in instances where this is not true at present.

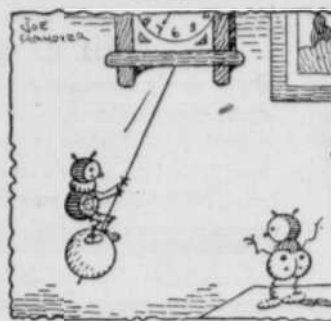
Often clear profits are made through shady transactions.

What's in a name? Ask the editor who spelled the bride's wrong.

The reformers will never have to quit for lack of material to work on.

No one has ever discovered a safe method of love-making for a rich man.

LOTS OF FUN



Bug—Gee, this is the best ride I've ever been on and it don't cost anything either.

Fair Exchange

When a man proposes But straightway on his shoulder Her head is dropped instead. He's apt to lose his head.

Man Displaced

Annabelle—Mabel hasn't a thought for anything nowadays except her new automobile. She's perfectly in love with it.

George (sadly)—Another case of man being displaced by machinery.

Different Opinions

Bill—This horse is so old he has lost all his teeth!

Trader—Oh, no; you are mistaken. He is so young he hasn't cut his teeth yet!

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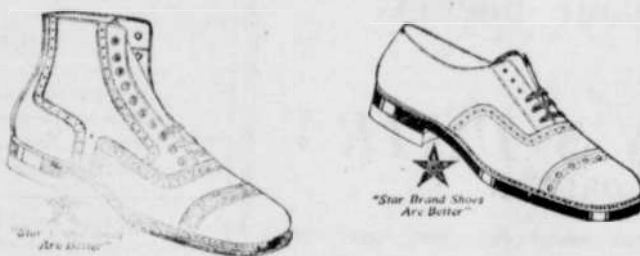
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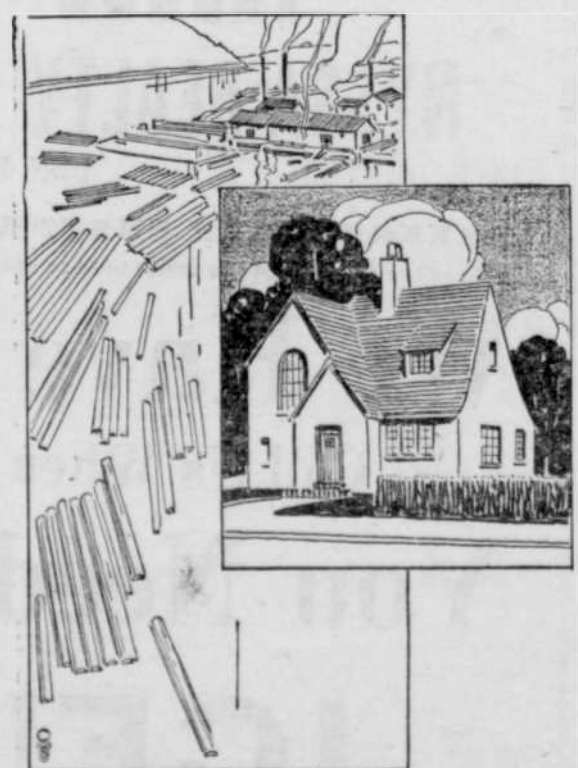
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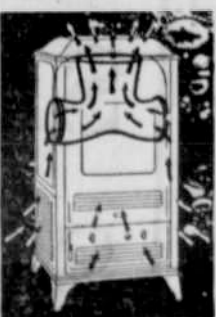
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