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NOT WELL ANSWERED.

A short time since the JOURNAL raised the question whether there had not been a diminution in the income or earning capacity of small farmers, householders and laborers, and a corresponding multiplication of great fortunes. Facts were cited to prove that a depression of these elements in some way had been brought about all over the nation, while millionaires had multiplied. We asked what is the cause. There was no denying the facts. Ever-Chancey Depeew declared that agriculture had got pretty near the bottom of the grave of depression. Any close newspaper reader could pile up facts by the hundred to establish our assertion. The Oregonian admits millionaires have multiplied. But it denies the existence of any depression. It cannot deny the detailed facts, so graphically stated by Depeew. Yet it denies the validity of the generalization founded upon those facts. What does it offer to the contrary?

In its daily of Sept. 29th, and last weekly edition, it offers as "proofs and facts" a rosy picture of the present comfort of life enjoyed by farmers and laborers as compared with their discomforts and unfavorable surroundings of forty years ago. It argues that the "conditions of living for farmers, householders and laborers" were much harder then than now. It tries to show that all such live in comparative luxury now, to what they did then. It concludes that because the privations of pioneer life are no longer necessary, therefore everybody is enjoying luxuries. According to the Oregonian there are no hard times at present. It says:

"Farmers, householders and laborers" have been able to command more and more of the comforts and luxuries that add pressures to existence; and never before were they able to command so many as to day. These are facts, every intelligent person knows them, and it makes no difference what pessimists, socialists, demagogues and professional agitators say to the contrary. Good truth and common sense now and then should claim a hearing, even amid a Noachian deluge of pessimistic declamations.

We can stand the abuse of a great paper like the Oregonian better than it can stand the array of facts we cited to it to sustain our assertion, of the prevalence of widespread depression among producers and laborers the past few years.

We submit that its comparison of pioneer hardships to present comforts is not an answer to our assertion. It explains not the situation. The Oregonian might as well compare present conditions with those of the middle ages or the days of Adam and claim that as proof of its position. It seems this was the only line of argument it had to fall back upon, however, and it is hardly fair to explode this last refuge.

The answer is no answer. It does not cover the fatal admission that millionaires multiply. How could they thus multiply out of all natural ratio in any known state of society, unless they were enriched by processes that depleted the producer? There is so much produced in any nation. If by any artificial processes certain classes take the lion's share, certainly a less amount remains for the producer. Is this not true?

We will assume that by skillfully contrived organizations capital is enabled to get higher rates of interest, higher margins of profits on necessities of life, higher charges for transporting crops and merchandise—will then not less remain to the producer for his year's labor, or to the laborer after his wages pay his family living expenses? Does not every combine, trust, monopoly, or agreement to depress prices of produce, or enhance prices of commodities, virtually transfer wealth from the many to the few?

Here is a practical illustration: A Salem merchant pays \$500 a month more freight on the single article of building cement because a few sand bars in the river allow the S. P. Ry. corporation to charge a fictitious freight rate, which it does not charge when boats are running. Does this additional \$500 on one item in one month not ultimately come out of the consumer to enrich the corporation?

These are some of the reasons why the producing and consuming classes are depressed and why millionaires multiply. Their income and the results of their labor are clipped and fleeced at every corner and turn by the result of processes beyond their control, so far. We fear the Oregonian does not desire to go into a full exploration and exposition of these matters for the benefit of its readers. Yet, it may be assured, they would be mightily interested.

The day is past for any intelligent person to notice petty, bilious newspaper abuse. Facts are what people

want. It is the idea that counts in the world of to-day, not the man who presents it. The black orator before a convention of Mississippi ex-rebels and ex-slave-holders compelled their attention because he had a sound idea to present. The Oregonian's tendency to fly the track, belittle and abuse all who do not agree with it or who stop to show up the false-work of some of its arguments, is unworthy modern journalism, and we do not believe in the best spirit of that really great paper.

THE POSITION OF THIS PAPER.

The JOURNAL finds it unnecessary to repeat over and over that it is not an organ of any local interest. Its management is not connected in any way with any real estate or corporation interest. It hopes to have a lively appreciation for all public improvements. Its stock holders are all men who have a vital concern in the future of Salem. But the JOURNAL has no personal, private or political axes to grind. There are no "strings" in any way upon its conduct as a newspaper or its attitude upon any public question. It desires to command respect by retaining the confidence of the people. We shall advocate what we believe is right under all circumstances, but if we find we are wrong at any time, we hope to muster sufficient frankness and malice to acknowledge it publicly. THE JOURNAL has no enemies to harass or punish, and must treat all persons alike. A fair and just disposition can alone enable a newspaper to have a permanent existence and exert any influence for good in a community.

The best railway authorities say that railroad construction this year will reach 8000 or 9500 miles, against 3800 last year.

The marriage of Winnie Davis, daughter of the late Jefferson Davis, is said to have been indefinitely postponed. Miss Davis is a literary lady and may have been reading the Sonata.

FROM HILLSBORO.

The rain has not failed to show up a good style and quality.

Hon. W. N. Barnett went to Portland to-day on legal business.

The new brick block will soon be ready for occupancy and de credit to the city.

We notice a large number of our citizens attending the exposition at Portland.

The knitting works building is enclosed and will soon be ready for the machinery.

We welcome your paper in this portion of the state and wish you a liberal patronage in this county.

Hillsboro is building more dwellings this year than any other town in the state not having 2000 inhabitants.

We often hear the question asked, did they have a fair in Washington county this year? We would answer, no.

Quite a number of old pioneers have passed away during the past week but could not get all the names.

A gang of Chinese came out to-day, from Portland, preparatory to commence work on the Tillamook and Astoria railroad.

Mr. K. S. Whitlaw of this city, formerly of Ellensburg, Wash., died of heart failure last Friday morning. He leaves a wife, and daughter 16 years of age, to mourn his departure. He made many friends during his short sojourn here but his spirit has gone to the eternal city.

Messrs. Gardner & Young will soon open their new meat market, which will be one of the best west of Portland. They have just placed in position a large refrigerator for keeping their meats in and everything will be good and fresh.

HOWELL ITEMS.

Fall wheat is being sown since the rains.

L. B. Austin begins his school this week.

Miss Bertha Lee will teach at Hazel Green this winter.

Mr. J. B. Henniger, we notice has his summer fallow sown.

George W Weeks and family contemplate going East on a short visit.

E. G. Wisner, E. B. Eletcher, C. J. Bentley and Edward Bateson, all Howell boys, are students at W. U. this year.

At the services held by Rev. Nichols in the M. E. church on Sunday, the 29th, a basket dinner was enjoyed by those present.

We learn that Elvin Arnold has gone to Colorado and that August will soon go to Albina, where he will start to housekeeping. "Don't you hear dear bella?"

The roads are now in splendid condition, and many of the farmers are hauling fruit to Salem, either for shipment or use in the evaporator, there having been a large yield of apples and pears, and the price are more toward justifying hauling and picking than for several years.

OUR WEEKLY WOMAN'S LETTER.

Women and Trades--A Remedy for the South--Incidents from the Life of Tradeswomen.

[Special Correspondence to the CAPITAL JOURNAL.]

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 3.—"My daughter must learn a trade!" I heard a prominent member of the "Woman's Club" say in the ante room as we were dissembling after a very interesting meeting. We had just been discussing "Trades," and my first thought was that she was laboring under the enthusiasm of the moment, for on looking around I saw that she who spoke was the prominent Mrs. Keen, (of the banking family) and a lady of rarest culture.

"That is a declaration of independence," remarked another in attendance. "You surely don't mean sweet little Elenore?"

"Indeed I do. And it has been my decision for some time. Mr. Keen has given me complete control of the children's education, and I have decided that both the boy and the girl shall learn a trade."

By this time quite a bevy of ladies, who were waiting for the elevator, assembled about the little woman, (who had long had a reputation for being charming,) and listening and putting questions, they soon found that her opinions were quite as decided as her remarks, which is not often the case in the "unreasonable" sex.

"Elenore is nine now, and in three or four years she will be apprenticed to an architect," again declared the lady.

"So young?"

"What will become of her education?"

"Oh, how can you spoil her whole childhood?"

"And to k-away her freedom?"

"Are you going to make her work for her living?"

"Oh, I think that will be positively cruel!"

And thus they ejaculated one after another, but they did not succeed in confusing the brave little mother. She knew her ground, had long ago met all these objections, and answered knowingly.

"Elenore and I have been talking this over together for some time. You ladies probably think it ridiculous that a girl of nine should be pondering over her future, but ever since she has been in Kindergarten, where they are led to love work and laborers by direct participation, she has been wishing she might be something. I saw the opportunity and did not let it slip. I told her she might be something, and asked her to choose. She decided on many things that her childish imagination suggested, but we soon learned between us that they were impractical. For instance, she could not very well be a shoemaker or a blacksmith, although they were first choice with her."

"Why, the idea," broke in a woman who had never been inside a Kindergarten. To the majority it seemed quite natural.

"After the matter had been for some time undecided by my daughter, I earnestly took it in hand myself. I spoke with my husband about it, and on his suggestion, talked with Elenore of beautiful buildings, visited some we have about us, and showed her how they differed, pointing out their beauties, and through books on the subject interested her in architecture. One day I asked her how she would like to plan and build beautiful houses when she grew to be a woman; and she has been in the thought ever since, that her future work was to be architecture. We have gone on with our home study of the subject, and she has already a remarkable beginning."

"But you haven't answered any of our questions," some one put in a reminder.

"At thirteen she will not be too young. She can now hardly wait to begin, and I believe she is pretty well prepared, too. As for her education, I have long dreaded the idea that children must all be educated in the same made-to-order fashion, all read in the same sing-song, write the same hand, and think stereotyped thoughts. With a trade she will be fitted for the world in a special line, and well fitted, I can promise you. All the necessary learning, she can obtain as she needs it. To be able to work is better than ornamental learning. As for her childhood being spoiled, it is being made beautiful by an earnestness and a keen participation in the realities of life. Thus the beauty of her youthful enthusiasm will be preserved for her art, some day. It only adds to her enjoyment of play to-day to look forward to something substantial for to-morrow. She is all the freer for it, and will be even more so when she is once self-supporting. Oh, how I longed for these opportunities when I was a girl, but in the South, you know, a woman dared not work." And the little woman, with a regretful look, held out a pair of dainty white hands, saying, "My girl is going to be free, even if it does look cruel to

conclude on such page.

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