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KEEP CLEAR ABOUT THE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

The JOURNAL desires only that the interests of the shipper and producer be fully protected, by proposed legislation. It has no candidate for commissioner and desires only that the commission be made most capable and efficient to vigilantly and vigorously prosecute the public interest from this standpoint. Oregon has now a good commissioner law, with two exceptions. It could be made more serviceable to the people if it were given more power and made elective by the people. Amendments in both these directions will be resisted by the corporation managers, who want as much arbitrary control over rates, and as little responsibility to the people as possible. A commissioner that energetically looks after the interests of those who support the corporations will always be termed over-officious by the magnates.

Now what is the situation in Oregon? This state has a three commissioner law, as have nearly all states in the Union. A railroad station may be a conservative force jealously guarding and protecting the interests of the corporations, or it may be an aggressive body of men who prosecute the interests of the people from the standpoint that railways should be made of the greatest possible use to the farmer, merchant, manufacturer and shipper. A commissioner will be just what the legislature, reflecting the will of the people, makes it; the form this must be determined by the influence which the corporation will exert over any commission to destroy its usefulness if possible.

It is certain that the governor will veto any new commissioner act, unless it be an act to abolish the commission. The question then really is, the retention or abolition of the present commission. Its report is now in the hands of the members. It is an able and intelligent report. It does not go into any extremes and yet it presents the case fully. It recommends that Oregon give its commission the Iowa law as to regulating rates of freight and enforcing decisions. The Iowa law is the best railroad law for the people yet devised. Under it Iowa factories, merchants and producers are fully protected. Under it local traffic has rapidly multiplied and through business increased; and that state has secured as low rates as any adjoining state.

The commissioners report for 1889, and this report for 1891, should be carefully read by legislators, before they vote hastily for a new commissioner bill, or to repeal the present law. Two facts should be considered; first, that the business interests of the country cannot be referred to the courts for settlement of all questions that arise between shippers and railroads; second, that one commissioner cannot do more than arrange the statistics required by law to be collected. A maximum rate law would only be a step backward, if experience of other states that have, one after another, abandoned such laws, is to be regarded. A maximum rate leaves corporations free to enforce the highest figure, where it is to their interest, and ignore it where it is otherwise.

At a recent Grange Meeting, Hon. John Minto was asked to speak. He suggested that suddenly the farmer's voice and opinion had become important. He spoke of the importance of a farmers' exhibit at the Columbian exposition. He wants the farmer himself shown more in the East. The state board of agriculture should more properly be called a state board of horse racing.

The exhibit of the board of agriculture was bought and was not as valuable to our industries as the display by Marion county grange. The appropriation of \$5000 would not be wasted if properly applied.

The State Agricultural college seemed to be on a better basis now than ever before. He was once on a committee to investigate the school. Then he found not one young person there who intended to become a farmer. Until this school was made to turn out artisans and farmers it was not what it should be.

Judge Boise spoke of the agricultural college. He demanded that the school be more closely identified with agriculture. It ought to be placed in charge of farmers and not of professional members.

The master of the state grange, the president of the State Agr. Soc., and the president of the State Hort. Soc., should be ex-officio members of the board in place of the state

officers. There was a tendency to connect agricultural colleges with literary department, that finally absorbed the farm department and stole the funds of agriculture.

PROF. GRIM now spoke in reply to Prof. Letcher. The Board of Regents had sent members of the faculty out to extol the institution. These members of the faculty travelled at the expense of the college to misrepresent him. The act of 1862 granted public lands to establish such schools. He interpreted the law to mean that the funds shall not be used for general education, but must be confined to education of the industrial classes engaged in the trades of agriculture and mechanic arts. It was not for children but for persons working at mechanics and agriculture—the latter.

It was not to train men to be professional engineers, chemists, botanists. All sorts of poor kind had been brought to deplete the funds of his rich heir. The highest philosophy, economics, calculus, and advanced studies of languages and classics have been taught. Professors are chosen from the literary faculty and crowd the sciences to the wall. As a result but few boys go to these schools from the farms and never go back to them.

Experiment stations were copied after Europe and they have been uniform successes and had gone far to revise and reform the agricultural colleges and make them useful. The regents of the Oregon school were twenty-five years behind the time. They are using the station funds for upbuilding the old college which is dead. The funds of the station had been misappropriated, contrary to the law.

They claimed they had the authority to use such funds for the college. The speaker read a letter from the Department at Washington saying such funds could not be used in support of the college. The law contemplated that if any transfers be made or assistance rendered from one to the other it can be only from the college to the station. The resources of the college are to be placed at the command of the station but not vice versa.

The disposal of the college for station purposes cannot be construed into any reciprocal claim. The speaker made the general charge that the funds of the nation were made to bolster up the college and not kept in separate accounts. Prof. Letcher, who was present, denied this and presented balance sheets for several years, showing the account of funds as kept separate.

The Blind and Mute.

ED. JOURNAL: A bill has been introduced in each house of the legislature to compel the parents and guardians to send blind and deaf mutes to these schools at Salem. These originate with, if they are not drawn by, some of the officers of these schools. For years a drag-net has been spread over the state in the hunt for such pupils. Circulars have been sent throughout the state asking any one who knows of one of these unfortunate to advise the managers of said schools. Ministers, doctors, postmasters and county officers have been requested to send such information, and when one has been found, no effort has been spared to bring him or her in. And not much regard has been had for age, some who had seen thirty or forty years being captured. These compulsory attendance bills are only another feature of the efforts to insure their continuance. But this last device should find no favor with the legislature. It is a parent's desire to keep an unfortunate child at home, and most parents would naturally wish to do that, he or she should not have it taken away by law, to be placed with strangers. I have this week been shown an indignant letter addressed to one of the state officers from a father residing in one of the valley counties, in which he makes complaint of the treatment his children have received in one of these schools, and declares that they shall not be forcibly taken there, that if the state attempts to do it he will move out of Oregon and take his children with him. Such a compulsory law would be both cruel and unjust in not a few instances.

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President Babcock and Secretary Allen are entitled to great credit for working up such an interest and securing the good attendance. The practical fruit growers are certainly taking a deep interest in the matter.

IN THE FORENOON

a paper was read by President Babcock on "Fruit Growers' Organizations and their Benefit to Members," as follows: PAPER BY F. J. BABCOCK. This is emphatically an age of organization, from the great railroad and manufacturing trusts and combines down to the common laborer, each occupation is organized and the union in a large measure takes the place of the individual. While I am not in favor of sinking my individuality in any organization, yet I can see good in them when conducted on the principle of "live and let live."

The question assigned me at this time being the good to be derived by members of this association by thus meeting together and exchanging experiences, I will in a brief manner review some of the benefits which have occurred to me as being likely to result from these meetings and from membership in this society. Oregon and especially the Willamette valley has been proved to be unsurpassed for the production of the pear, prune and cherry; and in many localities for the peach.

But a few years have elapsed since the same could be said of the apple, but for the past three years this crop has been comparatively a failure. I believe that this association can and will restore the famed red apple of Oregon to market and make its growers again successful, should we accomplish this, and no more our labors will be amply rewarded.

At the present time thousands of trees are being planted and many who have no practical experience in the business are investing their money in orchards; to such an extent is this being done that in a few years with intelligent care fruit will be one of the leading productions of this valley.

As I understand it the idea of this organization is to unite in a common interest all engaged in fruit raising in Marion Co. We have men in our midst who have been for years raising fruit in this vicinity, who are acquainted with the best varieties and who have learned by experience the best methods of planting, pruning and cultivating each variety in order to produce the best results.

To these experienced men we who are just starting in the business must look for information to guide us in our undertaking.

We cannot rely on books or the experience of others who have succeeded in other localities or under different conditions of soil and climate.

By getting together and discussing the various topics such as the proper manner of setting out trees, the right distance apart, how and when to cultivate, how to prune, how to best fight the insect pests which have gained a foothold in our orchards, how to pick, prepare and pack for market, we shall obtain that practical information without which our efforts will prove futile, and we shall be spared the time and expense of experimenting on the same lines which have already been gone over by our older members.

Again one of the matters with which we shall come face to face as soon as the hundreds of young orchards shall have come into bearing is that of a market for our products.

Oregon fruit as such is a little known in the markets of the world today as was Oregon wheat twenty years ago.

For the past three or four years small shipments of Oregon fruit both green and dried have been made to the eastern states, but not in sufficient quantities to have quotations of it made in the market reports.

In a very few years we shall be in position to ship as California is now doing solid trains of apples, pears, prunes and cherries to the East, and it should be a part of the business of this association to advertise and exhibit our productions in eastern markets, show them the superiority of Oregon fruit and create a demand for it, so that, when our fruit arrives at any of the great cities of the East it will sell at a price that will prove remunerative to the grower.

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