

ED. JOURNAL: The communication signed "X" has been read. The question under discussion might be discussed without using any insulting flings. As a rule I never notice an article or letter written wherein the writer does not sign his name, and 1 will not break the rule in this case and this letter is not intended as an answer to the "X" communication. But perhaps I am hasty. Many persons who cannot write sign their name with an "X." If such is the case, then the communication was not so bad after all, and the writer should be encouraged,

I have long been puzzled by the demand of the third party that the government should own the railroads of this country. Most of the information received in favor of this plan has been from Populist speakers, but I have the other roads were thereby destroyed, never yet heard what seemed to me to it would be all the better for the people be a feasible plan. Some said for the at large, whose interest it is to get government to buy them, and others cheap service, and who are not sonhave said let the government take possession in the same way that railroads took possession of the land for right of way. I suppose they mean for the government to bargain with some one as to the value of the rollingstock and test to those who can coolly propose it. then pay someone the amount agreed Nevertheless, were there none to make upon; but if they should refuse to sell, such protest, were there none to oppose then the government to take possession. the scheme as unjust and dishonorable, Now it seems to us that the railroad is there would be no protection of pr pnot what the government would have erty in any man's hands. to buy, but the several billions dollars bonds and stocks held by thousands of the means of passing the funding bill. different persons in this and other It will make it sure that the governcountries, and no running through a ment is not to pay off the prior mortwringer to squeeze the water out would be allowed. I would like to have the and go into the railroad business. For, advocates of government ownership of besides the repugnance of the people to railroads answer the following ques- an act that would advance the country tions:

power to fix the value, or would it be jection on the part of the other halfcompelled to go into the market and dozen Pacific railroads to an act that buy at market prices?

sower to buy a single dollar's worth of preservation will move the owners of these bonds and stock without the con- property all over the country to oppose sent of the owner and at his price?

3. Has the government any right or the basis of all property rights. And power to condemn and take possession over and above all this is the invincible of any railroad, or the bond or stock opposition of the country to any interest of any railroad, any more than scheme that would commit it to "na-

the people against hopeless bankruptcy and corruption of the railroads and the government on the one hand, and complete impovishment and paralysis of the farmer and the merchant on the other. To answer in full all of Mr. Bard's questions would take a book. Several books have been written on the subject within a few years, the best of which is "The Railroad Problem," 19.50 by Ex-Governor William Larrabee, address, Clermont, Iowa. Price \$1.50. We wish to give both sides of the sub-ject a fair airing, and print the ab'est article that has yet appeared in the (@17 .Chop feed \$14 and \$15. Oregonian, entitled, "Desperate Demagogy." Mr. Bard and the Oregonian are in error in assuming that govern

ment railroading is advocated mainly or only by Populists and flat money men, or socialists. It is advocated 1 y Republicans and Democrats, good American citizens, ED. JOURNAL.

"DESPERATE DEMAGOGY."

Portland Oregonian, September 6: -The general argument is that the government, owning and operating one railroad, could sflord to operate it without profit, and even at a loss, for the benefit of the people; that, though It would be of most benefit to California, yet indirectly it would be an advantage to all the people of the United states, and particular y to those of the Pacific states; that it would establish conditions to which all the other Pacific roads would be compelled to conform, and that, if the investments in cerned about the losses that may be suffered by those who have money in

railroads. Against the morality of such a scheme of confiscation, it would be unless, of course, to address a pro-This campaign in California will be

so far on the road toward socialistic 1. Has the government the right or revolution, there will be natural ob-

2. Has the government the right or destruction; and, indeed, the instinct of 120 a suggestion that strikes so openly at

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Priese Gurrent by Telegraph-Local and Portland Quotations. BALES, Sept. 5, 4 p. m.-Office DAILY CAPITAL JOURNAL Quota-tions for day and up to hour of going to

were as follows: BALEM PRODUCE MARKET. BUTCHER STOCK. Veals-dressed 4 cts. Hogs-dressed 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Live cattle-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>@2c. Bbeep-alive \$1.25.

WHEAT. 36 cents per bushel.

\$7; new timothy \$8 50,

FARM PRODUCTS. Wool-Best, 10c. Hops-Small sale, 8 to 10c. Eggs-In trade, 10c. Butter-Best dairy, 15@18; fancy Cheese -10 to 15 cts.

Farm smoked meats-Bacon 10; hams, 10; shoulders, 8. Potatoes-New, 25c. Onions-8 cents

FRUITS.

Bradshaw plums, 50c bu. Apples 30c bu, Peaches 80c box,

FORTLAND QUOTATIONS. Grain, Feed, etc. Flour-Portland, \$2.55; Walla Walla, \$2.90; graham, \$2.80; superfine, \$2.25

Oate-White, 32c; grey, 31c, rolled, in bags, \$5.75@6.00; barrels, \$6.00@ 6.55; cases, \$3.75.

Hops-Market is lifeless, Impossible

to give quotations. Hides-green, salted, 60 lbs. 8jc, un der 60 lbs., 2@3c; shesp pelts, 10@60c. DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter-Oregon fancy creamery,221@ 25c; fancy dalry,20@23jc; fair to good, 15@17jc; common, 12jc, Cheese-Oregon 111@12jc per pound; Young American,181@14jc;Swiss imp., 30@32c; Dom.,16@18c.

per pound.

dozen Pacific railroads to an act that Wool: Oregon Eastern choice, 8@ would subject them to confiscation or 10c; do inferior, 5@6c; do valley, 10@

Hops-8@10c. Potatoes-Early Rose, 25@30c in sacks; Burbanks, 30@45c per sack. Oats-Milling, \$1.15@1.20.

## \$100 Reward \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has



sent of the owners?

We have always noticed when the stough that would be an insuperable a constitutional disease, requires a confore maturity, it had to buy at market evils of our political system to an ex- Cure is taken internally, acting directly fore maturity, it had to buy at market prices and not at a price fixed by the government. The first thing to be done by the friends of this measure is to have an act passed by congress au-thorizing the government through its agent to buy and operate the railroads in the United States and to make an appropriation of about five billions of dollars to pay for the same. It seems to me that railroad stocks and bonds to me that railroad stocks and bonds California scheme. It is not surpriswould increase in value about this time ing to find that the scheme bas an echo and a second appropriation of several in Oregon, but the echo is a feeble one. billions would be needed. Now I know The judgment of our people will be that these billions of money is no stum- emphatic against any proposal to enbling block to those who advocate buy- gage the government in the railroad business.

ing the railroads, for every time I have heard any of them speak on the subject they have always advocated the issue of fiat money. "This is a dollar" without any consideration, only, that it is who would give the poorest railroad clearly. stock for such stuff.

that the government can issue money and compel us to receive it in payment of all debts and dues. But it cannot compel as to take it in payment for anything we have to sell, let it be wheat or railroad bonds.

We have been told by the same authority that half of the railroad stocks and bonds are owned in Europe, over three billions of dollars, Now that amount would spoil our gold reserve,

amount would spoil our gold reserve, for all will admit that John Bull would want gold.
Also answer the question, how is the government going to get possession of the roads and how are they to be paid for? It seems to me that this is the first question to be settled, and if it cannot be answered, all further talk would be fruitless. E. W. BABD.
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COMMENT.
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that can be urged against government ownership of raticoads. Mr. Bard was a member of the Kenna iegisleture and a staunch republican. THE JOUR-MAL has for five years fevored governreliconde. It only advocates govern-ment ownership and management as a last resort to protect the producers and

Iron visiting cards are among the latest novolties in Germany. Forty placed one on the other are said to be only onenever to be redeemed. No rallroads tenth of an inch in thickness. The cards will ever be bought with any such or plates are black, and the names, being money, for there is not that man living printed on them in silver, show up very

An authority on weather declares that We must not lose sight of the fact tornadoes are most frequent between noon and 6 o'clock, and that the rainiest hour of the day is 4 o'clock in the afternoon. This is the report of a meteory ological expert, not a weather prophet.

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## Exercise.

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## Rhoumadism

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toward state or national socialism, the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being

Bold by druggists, 75c.

IT IS RELIABLE.—Announcements of entertainments in THE JOURNAL.



"For a long time I had a terrible pain at my heart, which fluttered al-most incessantly. I had no appetite and could not sleep. I would be compelled to sit up in hed and belch gas from my stomach until I thought every minute would be my last. There was a faciling of oppression about my heart, and I was afraid to draw a full breath. I could not sweep a room without resting. My husband induced me to try

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and am happy to say it has cured ma-I now have a splendid appetite and sleep well. Its effect was truly mar-

HIS. HARRY E. STARS, Potleville, Pa.