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E. HOFER TALKS OF OREGON.

The Ex-Iowa Editor Tells of the New Country That Has Dealt Kindly With Him.

He Does Not Exaggerate Nor Withhold the Unpleasant Features That Every State Has.

But He Is Very Enthusiastic About the Pacific Coast Country—He Has Become One of the Leading Men of the State and a Member of the Legislature.

FROM "THE SLOPE."

Everyone who had to do with Iowa politics six years ago remembers Ernst Hofer, then editor of the McGregor News. He had a very narrow escape from being elected state printer by the legislature in 1888. He was one of the strongest writers in the state, and his letters from Des Moines to his paper revealed the most hidden springs of political action in the state and capital; they set forth the personnel of the great men of the state, and made plain and simple the reasons for their policies, which were not always approved. Mr. Hofer has always set high standards in politics, and has lived up to them. He has had no patience with the small-bore politicians and place-seekers who infest every great political army. He is a politician, and a successful one, but is a man of ideas rather than "schemes," in the commonly accepted understanding of that word. While he was in Iowa he was incapable of doing a mean thing, and his success in the far west is assurance that he has continued to live with high aim constantly before him, and that he has been true to the high aspirations that accompany true living. He has done a great deal in Salem, the capital of Oregon—where, with his brother as business manager, he is the managing editor of the DAILY CAPITAL JOURNAL—to make the people of Iowa proud to own him as a product of the state.

In the last campaign his paper led the fight against the disgrace of Penoyer, and contributed very largely to the removal of that shame from the state of Oregon. The Penoyer devoted twenty or thirty minutes of every speech he made in Hofer's county to a denunciation of Mr. Hofer and his paper. His warfare against hoodlums and all manner of dishonesty in public life has made him very strong in the city, county and state. He was elected to the legislature last fall by a very large majority, and will be one of the leaders in the coming session. Mr. Hofer has been visiting Iowa for several weeks and has been in Des Moines the past ten days with his wife and little sons, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Patrick, of 659 Seventeenth street. Mr. Hofer talked about the country he lives in to a reporter for The Register yesterday in a way that will interest everyone.

MR. HOFER ON OREGON.

"No, sir; ours is not the land of perpetual flowers and sunshine," he said; "any one who goes to the Pacific coast must be prepared to be disappointed of this impression. No such region exists from San Diego to Puget Sound. Nor is there any spot so sheltered by mountains or favored by nature but that there is chilly, foggy, rainy, windy, disagreeable weather at certain times of the year. There are parts of the west coast, however, where products and climate so wonderfully surpass any other section of our country that you may say we have the only region that is distinctively different from all the rest of the United States.

"From the wild and wind-swept alkali canyons on the east, described in Mary Halleck Foote's 'Chesnut Valley,' to the fertile soils on the Willamette prairie, where fields, originally tilled by the American Fur company eighty years ago, have yielded rich crops continuously ever since. Oregon is an empire of surprises, a storehouse of natural wonders. To a wanderer from monotonous prairie, hot towering forests, snow-capped mountains, glittering water falls, golden grainfields and orchards of semi-tropical fruit are a continual revelation. Laying aside poetry and speaking from an experience in all parts of the United States, I believe we have naturally the best bill of fare to be found in all the world. Myself in the palace of Eliza was not offered a banquet that in richness and variety can equal the food that an Oregonian can have on his table the year around.

NOT AN IMMIGRATION REGION.

Our country at our state fair this year showed all varieties of fruit, dried, canned and fresh. One idea I disabuse you of before we go any farther. Western Oregon is not an immigration region. We produce everything by natural rainfall and largely employ the same farming methods in vogue here in Iowa. To give an Iowa a correct concep-

tion of the Pacific coast is not a slight task. Still as a native Hawkeye who went to the Pacific coast six years ago and has lived there with his eyes open, the effort may prove of interest to millions of Iowa people. Oregon is the Iowa of the Pacific coast. Her early legislators adopted the old Iowa code in a lump. Our state is nearly twice as large as Iowa and is settled with a larger proportion of Iowa people than from any other one state. Oregon has in round numbers 400,000 people, 300,000 of them in the western, one-third of the state, that is separated from Eastern Oregon by the Cascade range of mountains. East of the Cascade mountains the climate is radically different. There is less moisture, the soil is lighter, the air dryer, grain growing, herding and mining are the principal industries. There are valleys of wonderful fertility in Northwestern Oregon. Immense quantities of the finest fruits are grown and shipped out of the Columbia, Hood and Snake river valleys. Southeastern Oregon is almost an unknown and unexplored region.

MOUNTAIN SCENERY.

"From the dome of our state house at Salem there is unfolded on a clear day, and we have almost uninterrupted clear weather in summer, a most splendid panorama. On the east is the Cascade range, one continuous succession of snow peaks. Mt. Hood is the most beautiful and perfectly shaped mountain in the world. It is sixty miles from Salem and fifteen thousand feet high. As we are only a few hundred feet above sea level we get an imposing view. Sweeping north or south are the snowy peaks of Adams, St. Helens, Jefferson, the Three Sisters and Ranier, the latter nearly two hundred miles away. The nearer mountains in the coast range to the east and the foothills of the Cascades, twenty to thirty miles away to either side of the Willamette valley, are shrouded in delicate mists and present ever changing views. We live in a land of perpetually transforming aerial hues, rosy mists and rain-bows, while with the aroma of our fir-clad forests and the spray of our waterfalls is mingled the cooling breath of the mighty Pacific.

OREGON PRODUCTS.

"That depends on where you are. In Eastern Oregon we have the greatest undeveloped silver mining region in the west. Hundreds of mines are worked and many quartz mills are making money even at present depressed prices. Naturally we are silver men. Just as we favor protecting and promoting all our other great interests, we demand a government policy that shall constantly recognize the importance of our silver output. In Southern Oregon are big gold mines where hundreds of thousands of gold in wire, nuggets and free quartz are taken out. We have nickel, mica, slate, granite and coal in unlimited quantities but awaiting development. We have enough lumber to supply the world. I presume Oregon has 50,000 square miles of primeval forest suitable for the saw-mill. Our fir, cedar, spruce and oak are now shipped by rail and by ocean to all parts of the world. The Willamette valley is composed of beautiful prairies, interspersed with belts of evergreen and deciduous forests and intersected by clear mountain streams stocked with trout and salmon. Of course, hay and grain, fruit and vegetables, fuel and pasture are cheap and abundant. While all ice is made by machinery, ours is naturally a dairy country, as butter can be made the year round without ice.

OREGON POLITICS.

"Politics? Are we Republicans? I should say so. Oregon is the pace for 1894 last June, when we carried the state by unprecedented majorities, and elected a legislature so solidly Republican that not a straight Democrat was chosen in either branch. Two years before the fusionists had the governor, attorney-general and one presidential elector. Oregon is vitally interested in a protective tariff. With 5,000,000 or 5,000,000 sheep, with millions of dollars worth of dried fruits, with the largest hop crop of any state in the Union, in addition to all the crops that you grow here, the farmer is interested in preservation of the home market as well as the manufacturer. Our state institutions are all built or provided for and are economically conducted. They are all located at Salem, the state capital, except the educational institutions, which are scattered in the rich and beautiful valleys of the state. Our school system is modeled on the Iowa pattern. Our state is well supplied with churches. Our population is very largely American, but our people are liberal and tolerant towards all shades of opinion and belief.

AS A CHANGING GO TO.

"Would you advise any one to go to Oregon?"

"Not if you are doing well where you are. However, the territory that is really desirable to migrate to is becoming very limited. Agents of transportation companies tell me there will be quite an immigration movement to the Pacific coast in the next few months. The south, southwest and Pacific coast are the only points of destination open to this tide toward the Dakota and Northwest Canadian provinces has been opened. Many are returning to Iowa from there, as well as from Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas. I have traveled

since September in all these regions. Montana is getting no immigration, except in the mining towns. Where are the people to go? South, or the Pacific coast? I can say with perfect assurance to your readers that Oregon possesses great advantages in a mild climate, great natural resources, a fertile soil and an intelligent, progressive people. Oregon has no state debt, does not believe in booms or wild cat growth of any kind. It is as difficult to get bonds issued or to run a city or county in debt there as it is easy in some of the eastern states. Oregon delights in substantial conservatism."

A MARINE CLIMATE.

"Portland and Salem, the principal cities, are in the Willamette valley, an almost ideal region, and possessing a marine climate. This valley is 100 miles long and from thirty to sixty miles wide. The river is a beautiful blue mountain stream, navigable by steamboats over 200 miles. It was named after Willamut, an Indian chief, and is pronounced Will-am-ett, accent on the second syllable. About this season of the year farmers do sheep-pulling and seeding. Stock is turned in the growing grain all winter. In April, May and June the crops mature, and by that time the dry season sets in and the ripe grain can stand in the field a month without injury. Our summers are clear and cloudless, no great heat by day and cool at night. You can plow, or sow, or plant vegetables or fruit trees any month in the winter and get a crop. The farmer has unlimited time almost to get his crops in, and such a thing as a crop failure or loss of crops from drought is almost an impossibility. The climate of the valley, summer and winter, is tempered by the Pacific ocean, only forty miles away, and sudden changes are out of the question.

ABOUT THE WEATHER.

"Western Oregon has neither extreme heat or cold. It is not a good beer or whiskey country, not hot enough to create a demand for the former, nor cold enough to form an appetite for the latter, although there is plenty of both to be had, and cheapness of apples and grapes gives us more than our share of wine and cider. Our winters are wet and disagreeable, so rainy seasons usually are. But for farm work or any kind of outdoor labor they are very pleasant. Our prevailing winds in winter are south and bring rain, in summer from the west and bring clear weather. The seasons merge into each other so gradually that the conditions for perfecting fruit crops are almost perfect and there is practically no limit to the amount of fruit that Oregon can produce. We grow the finest Bartlett pears as easily as Iowa does corn; and prunes, easier than you do potatoes. In summer thousands of families go to the seashore or mountains and generally speaking we take life easier than other people in northern states. At Salem we have 44 inches of rainfall annually. In five years we have had one week of freezing cold weather and one heavy snow-fall of about one foot that lay on nearly a week.

Superheated Steam.

Probably it has come to be accepted as an axiom by most practical steam engineers that in modern conditions of working superheating is useless or impossible. Some reasons for such a belief, arising out of difficulties experienced, no doubt there are. But if engineers generally had fully appreciated the magnitude of the loss due to condensation in the cylinder it is difficult to think that superheating would have been abandoned with little of a struggle to overcome the difficulties, and that for so long, while every other means of securing economy has been tried, superheating has been neglected. It is sometimes said that the quantity of heat in superheated steam in excess of that in saturated steam is very small. That is so, of course. But the earlier experience showed that this small quantity produced a disproportionately large beneficial effect.—Professor W. C. Unwin in Cassell's Magazine.

Force of Habit.

There are no tables in the houses of the Eskimos, and the women are therefore in the habit of plucking everything on the floor. A Danish lady employed several Eskimo women to do some washing. Entering the washhouse, she saw them all bending over the wash-tub that stood on the floor. To make them more comfortable she had some stools fetched and placed the tubs upon them. By and by she looked in to see how they were getting on, and to her astonishment discovered the women standing on the stools and stooping still more in laziness over the tubs, which still remained on the floor.—San Francisco Argonaut.

The Doctor of Feling.

In the year 559 A. D., while workmen were engaged in trenching the salt mines in France, they unearthed a triangular building in which was a column of white marble. At the side of the column was a bunch of feathers and over it a slab of granite inscribed with these words, which were in Latin: "Here rest the ashes of Feing, grand architect of the tower of Babel. The Almighty had pity on him, because he knew his walls should be plastered."

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SCHOOL TEXT-BOOK PETITION.

To the State Board of Education—Protest Against Changes in Text-Books or any Contract fixing prices for the next six years:

Governor Penoyer, Secretary of State McBride and State Superintendent of Public Instruction McElroy, acting as the State Board of Education of Oregon.

Sirs:—Your petitioners, patrons of the public schools, taxpayers and citizens of Oregon, respectfully petition you to take no action to bring about adoption of new series of public school text-books under the law passed by the last legislature, nor to enter into any contract at present publishers prices adopting the text-books now in use, or those that might be authorized by your board at present prices, such prices to be fixed and maintained by the publishers for the next six years, as specified in that law.

In view of the fact that by state publication the people of California are obtaining public school text-books at an average price of about 30 cents apiece for the entire series needed in the common schools, or about one-half what we pay in Oregon, we demand state publication at the earliest day possible.

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