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THE GRAND JURY REPORT.

The report of the Marion county grand jury is more severe on the parties connected with the land administration, who are not indicted, than those who were named in the true bills.

Coming from a Republican judge and district attorney, and in a strong Republican county, the whole report of the grand jury is an indictment of public administration of the state lands.

It also proves what this paper always contended for, that the alleged Democratic administration of Sylvester Penney was not a reform administration, that it STOOD IN WITH AND PROTECTED THE DESPOILERS OF THE STATE SCHOOL FUND and the wholesale spoliation of public lands.

It proves the capacity of the people to be deceived, and that it is only by the formation of higher standards of public justice that reforms finally come about.

The statement that certain local parties had not been indicted does not exonerate those parties. They are well known, and the public forms its own estimate of the relative responsibilities of all concerned.

The great factor that stands out in the whole situation is that the public officials who have had the administration of the public lands have been DOING BUSINESS VERY LOOSELY, CARELESSLY AND NEGLIGENTLY.

They have not treated the disposition of the state lands as any private business man or well-managed public corporation would have treated such assets of the corporation.

The people have elected men to office who have permitted wholesale spoliation of the birthright of the common people, and have not even compelled the beneficiary of their leniency—the land grabber—to pay up the prices at which the heritage of the people was turned over to him.

What will be the political effect of all this? It will certainly force the Republican party to adopt different standards and different leaders and different policies, or go out of business in Oregon.

THE MILWAUKEE DEFALCATION.

On the door of the cell which Frank G. Bigelow, late bank president in Milwaukee, will occupy in state's prison may well be inscribed this paraphrase of an old alleged tombstone inscription: "I was rich, would be richer, took to speculating and here I am." It is evident that the man has been hopelessly involved for some time; in his desperate straits he attached himself to the Gates wheat corner balloon, and with the collapse of that concealment was no longer possible, even with the aid of the bank bookkeepers, whom he had seduced. And so there is an end of the man who but a few months ago was presumably honest and self-respecting. Having lost his own money in speculation he could not resist using other people's money of which he was in control.

The incident renews the evidence that government inspection is no safeguard against the peculations of high officials of the bank. It does not prove government inspection to be worthless, for it is very far from that, but it is a physical impossibility for an examiner, in a brief visit, to go through the books in the manner of an expert accountant. It is, however, possible for the directors of a bank to prevent heavy defalcations. They are there all the time. They know the means of the officers of the bank, and are in a position to recognize an abnormal condition of their accounts with the bank.

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It is evident that these directors did not direct, but assumed that all was as it should be. To their credit be it said, that having done wrong, they have assumed the resulting loss and have made good the defalcations so far as depositors and other creditors are concerned, but by the terms of their subscription their fellow stockholders are not protected. The depositors will get their money, but the capital of the bank is gone. It will be made good in time, either by the negligent directors or somebody else, because the bank was doing a profitable business, which it will pay to keep going. Meanwhile the special deposits of the directors will take the place of the capital as security to the creditors. Doubtless they were themselves the heaviest stockholders, so that in case the loss is mainly theirs, as is also the profits of the business with their money will enable to go on. A peculiar thing about this defalcation is the number of bank employees who knew of it. The assistant cashier will be prosecuted. The bookkeepers, who falsified the books under official instructions, are not to be prosecuted, or, perhaps, even discharged, but are to be used as witnesses. When a bank president orders a bookkeeper to make false entries, the bookkeeper is placed in a peculiar position. On the one hand he is bound by the orders of his superior, and on the other hand there is his duty to himself and to the public. There is no doubt that it was the duty of these bookkeepers either to refuse to make the false entries, or to make them and go immediately before the full board of directors and relieve themselves of responsibility.

There are still many who do not know it to be a fact that the most delicate and beautiful flowers can be grown out-of-doors in this climate in the greatest profusion and luxuriance. Let us all make a little effort and plant a few more flowers than we have in the past, and get a little more enjoyment out of these "thoughts of God," as they have been beautifully called.

THE SMALL FRUIT CROP.

In spite of a frost that has caught some of the early strawberry blossoms there will be a large crop of that celestial fruit.

In the vicinity of Salem it is estimated that there are now over 300 acres of this berry under cultivation.

At a low estimate of 100 crates to the acre, there will be a crop of thirty to fifty thousand dollars' worth of strawberries.

The raspberries, Logan berries, blackberries and cherries will swell the small fruit crop into the hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth.

The small fruit crop costs a great deal to harvest and gives employment to the whole family that wants employment at this kind of work.

The prices to be paid for picking, the prices to be paid for packages and improving the standard of the fruit, and selling prices are matters of the greatest importance to the grower.

There should also be an effort made to establish another cannery at Salem. The fruit product of this part of the state warrants that. There is need of competition for the cannery product.

A fruit growers' meeting will probably be called for next Saturday, at Salem, to consider some of these matters of mutual interest to the growers of small fruits.

THE POLITICAL CLIMAX OF PUBLIC NEGLIGENCE HAS BEEN REACHED.

Those who have held the reins of office systematically allowed frauds to be carried on and protected the beneficiaries of those frauds, and the great newspapers have protected them, if this report of the grand jury is to be believed.

And how can anyone refuse to believe its statements? They are carefully drawn up and signed by reputable grand jurors, whose integrity and standing in the community cannot be questioned.

The report of the grand jury is wise in refusing to take into account smaller offenders who have only been guilty of constructive or technical offenses.

Like the law for catching trout, all under five inches were thrown back into the stream, and the big fish only are to be taken by the grand jury dragnet.

EXECUTIONS LESS PUBLIC.

As there are to be several hangings at the state prison it would seem to be in order to suggest that there be less publicity in these executions.

The newspapers should, by common consent, cease to give full page accounts and pictures of the condemned men.

All the details of their lives and confessions and crimes should not be spread before the public again.

These unfortunate condemned men should be as QUIETLY DISPOSED OF AS POSSIBLE.

Only enough persons should be present to prove the fact of their death, if that ever become necessary.

Even the day of their execution should not be advertised, if that were possible to be avoided, according to law.

Certainly there should be an end of the unseemly issuing of invitations broadcast to attend these executions.

The taking of life is barbarous in its influences under any circumstances, and it is an event that should be given as little publicity as possible.

ARE ALL OWNED BY ROCKEFELLER?

At the State Development League Convention at Portland one of the speakers said it made no difference to the people whether Hill, Morgan, Harriman or Rockefeller owned the railroads in Oregon.

The Portland papers all omitted the word "ROCKEFELLER" from their reports of the proceedings.

Is the Harriman ownership or control a mere myth, and are we to become a mere annex to the great oil magnate's possessions?

The fact also stuck out plainly that the Portland Journal was well in the control of the great corporate interests.

All the proceedings of the convention were carefully censored of all matter that impinged on the preserves of the sacred trust.

The people of Oregon are being TAKED TO BUILD UP ANOTHER ANOTHER GREAT DAILY newspaper that has no soul unmoored to the modern josh.

Give Weyerhaeuser the lumber, Rockefeller the railroads, Armour the produce, and let the earth produce and the people multiply to enrich the appointed.

CLEAN UP AND PLANT FLOWERS. Next to cleaning the streets and premises about our property we should

make an effort to plant some flowers.

This year Oregon should bloom as never before, and there is still plenty of time to set all the varieties of bedding plants sold at the green houses.

It is not too late to put out rose-bushes, if the soil is well prepared and the plants well watered. They will produce many late roses.

A few dollars spent for plants like the old-fashioned fox, stock, fuchsia, snap dragons, heliotrope, petunias, salvia, verbenas, lobelias, geraniums, larkspurs, poppies, asters, carnations, cosmos, nasturtiums, mignonette, morning glories and sunflowers will add wonderfully to the enjoyment of the whole family, and advertise Oregon as the home of flowers.

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REBUILDING THE OREGON LINES.

The announcement that \$1,500,000 would be spent on the Southern Pacific in Oregon this year will be received with great interest.

At least \$800,000 of this money will be paid out for labor, and will be a great benefit to the whole state.

The money will be spent for ballasting the track, laying of heavy steel, and replacing wooden bridges with steel.

This would indicate a determination on the part of the managers to bring the Southern Pacific up to the high standard of modern railroads.

Messrs. Worthington, Coman and Fields at the Portland end of the line are to be congratulated on securing these improvements, which had been promised for a long time.

This will be following up in a substantial manner the program inaugurated on the line from Ogden to Sacramento, where five or six millions have been spent.

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