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"It would be far better, so far as the interests of the commonwealth are concerned," said State Treasurer George E. Steele, last evening, if the state or national government could enact a law making it compulsory upon the railroads to issue free transportation to state and federal officials, their agents or representatives, than to enact an anti-pass law, such as is now in force in the United States.

"I am unqualifiedly in favor of the overrider bill, which was introduced during the last session of congress, which makes it compulsory upon the railroads to issue transportation to federal and state officials. As the law now stands it is effective only insofar as interstate transportation is concerned, and has no bearing upon the issuance of passes within the limits and jurisdiction of any state. However, it makes no difference whatever, so far as I am personally concerned, since I travel very little, and rarely have occasion to go outside of the state borders, but it is my candid opinion that a compulsory law would have a tendency to utter wipe out the slightest suspicion of the element of graft or obligation, which the public seems pleased to associate with the acceptance of free transportation from a railroad company by members of the legislature or state officials.

"An anti-pass law is, contrary to general public opinion, playing directly into the hands of the railroad companies, instead of striking a body blow, as most people are pleased to think, and I have yet to hear of a single instance of complaint on the part of any railroad company against the enactment of the anti-pass law.

On the other hand, if we had a compulsory free transportation law the members of the legislature could go and come as they please, and still be under no obligation to the company."

My heart and hand another claimed, his plea had come too late. It's ever thus with people without pluck and vim.

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Has he read, in a translation, Homer's Iliad and Odyssey, the tragedies of Aeschylus and four or five of the dialogues of Plato? They can be had very cheap; they cost less than half the price of a novel. One who has read Homer has gathered

something worth while, that will be always a delight. Plato's "Apology" should be read once a year. It is the next thing to the Gospels. One who has not read these books is a literary ignoramus. Are they in your library? You can get them for \$2 or \$3, and you and your children will read them many times and laugh and cry over them.

Have you read Virgil's Aeneid and Eclogues? If you have not you have missed much. Get a translation, in verse, quick. Have the book at hand, know the story of Aeneas. Take delight in the pastoral dialogues and especially in that wonderful Eclog which was the pattern for Pope's "Rise, crowned with light, Imperial Salem, rise." Add Ovid, if you will, and Horace's Odes, and Cicero's orations and essays—these at least. If you do not know Virgil you have not the alphabet of literary culture. Read such books and you will have the culture before you know it.

You have heard much of Dante. Have you ever read his great poem? Probably not. Why not buy one less detective story and get the book and read it in a leisurely way—in English? Then Petrarch and Tasso.

So we might suggest the three or four greatest names in French and German literature, in a translation, if not in the original.

Then in English. Chaucer is well worth reading, and so is Spencer, and in their old spelling. You can read it; there is a glossary—and they are not expensive. It is a disgrace that they are not in your library. You will have to work a bit over them, but it pays. You have Shakespeare, and have read it a little; read it more. Then there are the chief writers from Milton, which you have not read, supreme name though he is, and Dryden to Tennyson and Carlyle and Ruskin and Browning. This only we say: Pick out the best, the world's famous writers; have these in your library before you get anything else, and then have the will, the good will, to read them instead of the trash that floods the markets.

And remember that these old books pay no royalty; they are issued in very cheap editions, and very small incomes can buy them; not in large type, not in grand editions de luxe, but for 25 cents or 50 cents or 75 cents a volume. A very few dollars will give you the best of the whole world's best.—The Independent.

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The Last Word.

"Aw, g'on' Mike," said the British soldier, attempting to end the argument; "you're a lobster."

"Ye flatter me," retorted Mike; "shure a lobster's a wise animal, fur green is the color fur him as long as he lives, an' he'll die before he puts on a red rear."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

X-RAYS

The "mallet hand" and the "big stick" are both on the vaudeville circuit just now, though the former is temporarily sidetracked.

The horse editor humbly suggests for the consideration of President Roosevelt, the homely old adage that "one man may lead a horse to water, but a dozen men cannot make him drink."

The President's attack on Hearst was exceedingly bitter, and only less foolish than his threatening San Francisco with his "big stick."

The storm of protest raised by the President's ugly threats towards San Francisco is beginning to break in the East. For once the President will sit up and take notice.

That whirlwind campaign that was made in Portland to raise money for a steamship line to Alaska has been made. The whirlwind was all there was of it, followed by the "calm" and the "pain." The X-ray man remarked at the time that the balance of the state was "from Missouri," and Portland, as usual, could not make good.

The nickle-in-the-slot machines are now down and out in Portland and the slot fiends will have to hunt up a new way to get rid of their money.

Items, angel's visits and hen's teeth are in the same class these days—that over which the black swan presides.

THE IRON HANDED SERVANT

She Is the Despair and the Torment of Her Employer.

Crash! Bang!

It was an ominous sound, and the little bride started nervously toward the kitchen.

"It's nothing, ma'am," asserted the slavy in charge placidly. But later, after she had gone for her afternoon outing, the little bride discovered, tucked away in the garbage pail, the remains of a fine cut glass tumbler.

"My dear, let her go," was the advice of the elderly woman to whom she confided her troubles. "Servants can be divided into two classes—the gentle and the iron handed. And if you get



THE IRONING BOARD SPLIT IN TWO.

one of the iron handed variety, why, you can't reform her any more than you can make her features over.

"I had a maid," she went on, "who just naturally made things fall to pieces whenever she touched them. I never even let her lock or unlock a door. Something was sure to give way, and the lock or key would be out of commission from that time on."

"Pans would come unsoldered, handles would drop off strainers, lids off coffeepots and canisters. I found the hot water faucet completely wrenched to one side, and she did not know how it had happened. Neither did I, for it was always scalding hot to the touch. The climax came when she brought the new ironing board to me split in two from top to bottom. Now, if you will tell how she did that I will give you a prize."

"It would be rather funny," giggled the little bride, "to have a competition in one of the magazines entitled 'Things I Have Had Smashed in My Kitchen' and to give a consolation prize to the greatest sufferer."

"Funny!" gasped the elderly housekeeper. "My dear, it would be bitter tragedy. And, besides, the magazine does not exist that would have room to print even half of the lists that would be sent to it." BESSIE TANNER.

FRENCH INTERIORS.

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The French drawing room is of a more stately character than its English or American counterpart.

It is as a rule fitted in pale colors, with the furniture of a distinct historic period instead of the jumble of designs we are apt to indulge in.

The room in the illustration is entirely decorated according to the Louis



LOUIS XV. FURNITURE.

XV. idea. The walls are paneled in pale yellow and white. High arched French windows are draped with sheer curtains. The mahogany furniture is covered in pale tones of canary and old rose. There are a quiet mahogany rose and gilt tea table and a formal center table ornamented with decorations of a fanciful character.

The upholstered taboret is distinctly of the period, as are the mantel and its gold outlined mirror. The modern electric lighting is disguised beneath candle fixtures.

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The World's Supply of Wood.

Consul William C. Teichmann, of Eibenstock, reports concerning the world's supply of wood to the effect that the demand, instead of diminishing, as was expected when coal came in as a substitute for wood, has gone on increasing until the question of a continued supply to meet the present rapidly increasing rate of consumption is a very serious problem.

The coal mines in Belgium, according to Consul Teichmann, called for 1,742,740 square yards of wood for the various purposes to which wood is put in mines in 1903. Each year a renewal of old supports is taking place, and new ones are being put into new galleries. Railroads eat up enormous quantities of wood in cross ties. Add to these wood for excelsior, or wood-wool, newspapers, bags, etc and one will have tons running into millions each year.

North America, Siberia, Africa, India, China, Corea and South America still contain great unutilized and almost unknown forests. Nevertheless, it would be well not to exaggerate the dimensions of these wood supplies. Many African forests are really composed of nothing better than thin bushes, and Siberia is already being systematically subjected to deforesting which will also begin in Corea in the near future.

North America, however, once the possible wood storehouse for the world, has not enough wood to supply its own demand, notwithstanding its 566,555,000 acres of wooded area. Even now it is dependent upon Canada, which, with its 798,133,000 acres of forests, represents probably the largest single area of any country in the world. Canada sends its entire surplus to the United States. Although large territories of forests, especially in China, Corea, India and South America remain to be utilized, it is certain that the question of the future wood supply of the world, now attracting the attention of economists, will continue to excite great interest. The continuation of the present wood consumption, without comprehensive reforestation, will, within a century at the latest, result in a great and very important scarcity of the wood supply.

Hindoo Labor in British Columbia.

The people of British Columbia do not object to Hindoo or any other kind of coolie labor because it is cheap. Its cheapness remains to be demonstrated. The experience of most people, who have employed Hindoos in that their labor is costly. The daily wage may be lower than white people are willing to accept, but their labor does not pay anything like as well as white labor at the higher price. That is one aspect of the case. Another is that the Hindoos are unfitted for the country. The other day two Hindoos were working in a garden in this city, and when it came time to eat their lunch, they asked for a cup. One was given them; it was taken from a cupboard where such things are kept, and it was perfectly clean; yet the Hindoos would not drink out of it; they scooped it for five or ten minutes with mud. The incident is a trifling one, but it illustrates how the peculiar racial characteristics of these people exhibit themselves in every phase of life. Two men of different castes will not work side by side, nor eat together. They will not eat the same food as white people. They are a caste more apart

even than the Chinese. Their habits of life are unsatisfactory. They do not bring their wives with them, and will not make homes and rear families. They are totally unfitted for a white man's country, and we use the expression only to indicate a country in which the very great majority of the people are white. For the sikh in his home we have every respect; for the sikh in Canada there is no proper place, and it is a great unkindness to a well meaning people to bring them here.

As the Colonist has already pleaded for fair treatment of those Hindoos, who have come here under a false idea of what to expect, and has pointed out the danger, which may come from the circulation of stories of ill-usage thought the bazaar of India, it need not add anything upon that point. While Hindoos may legally come into the country to seek for labor, they ought to be treated decently, and they will be so treated in British Columbia; but if the tide of immigration is not checked, the result will be exceedingly serious. We have the greatest sympathy for these people. They want to earn something better than the trivial wage paid in the orient; but they are unsuited to the country, and the country is unsuited to them.—Victoria (B. C.) Colonist.

SALEM
MEHAMA
LINE

Vice-President A. Welch, of the Willamette Valley Company, which owns and controls all of the electric light and power plants and water works in the valley, with the exception of those at Salem and Silverton, and the most valuable ones in Eastern Oregon, was in the city for a brief business visit today, and returned to Portland this afternoon. Mr. Welch came up to attend the annual meeting of the company, which was held in the offices of J. H. and C. L. McNary, and to look over the ground with a view of deciding the best route for entering the city, preparatory to making application for a franchise for the Salem-Mehama electric line.

Mr. Welch, who represents the wealthy syndicate of Rhodes, Sinkler & Butcher, of Philadelphia, says everything is in readiness for beginning construction of the Salem-Mehama line, with the exception of a few bits of right-of-way and the Salem franchise, and hopes that actual work will begin on the road early in the spring. The matter of selecting a route into the city has been left to the judgment of a special committee of the council composed of Aldermen Gessner, Wallace and Low.

Henry Ottenheimer left yesterday for Portland en route for San Francisco.

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