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THE JOURNAL STANDS FOR PROGRESS, DEVELOPMENT, GOOD GOVERNMENT, AND NO DEGRADED LABOR.
THE PRIM HOUSEWIFE OF SISKIBOON.

By Sarah Van Buskirk.
A certain prim housewife in Siskiboon
Prided herself on her dining-room
Her table-cloths never were spotted or mussed;
You could not have detected an atom of dust
In cranny or crevice or chink. 'Twas the most
Sprucely kept hall in all Christendom.

And her curtains were never askew.
All her tidies and rugs were "just so."
The scarf on her sideboard was wondrously white;
The silver was always amazingly bright.
Her collection of dollies unstained was a sight,
And she had a large family, too.

CAN THE STATE HELP OPEN THE RIVERS?

The state of Oregon will be asked to help open the upper Columbia river.
Washington, Idaho and Oregon are to be asked this year or next to provide \$100,000 EACH FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Now that is only a beginning. If the state enters upon that where shall it stop?
The appropriation for aiding the federal government to purchase the locks at the falls of the Willamette IS ON A DIFFERENT BASIS.
The appropriation for the locks 's a limited amount. It is doubtful if congress will ever act if the state does not force it to.
The improvement of the channels is exclusively the power of congress. The purchase of the locks and canal in the interior of the state IS A DIFFERENT MATTER.
The three states can put \$300,000 into a single rapids on the upper Columbia and then not make it navigable.
To aid in the purchase is the locks and canal is a specific, limited proposition. THEY ARE NOW IN EXISTENCE AND ARE SUCCESSFULLY OPERATED.
It is very doubtful if the state can help open rivers that are the boundary line between a number of states—are interstate streams.

1906'S COMMERCE.

Not until February, 1905, did the value of our imports ever reach \$100,000,000 in a single month. For five months of that calendar year import figures exceeded that amount. The year 1906 shows NO MONTH IN WHICH THE FIGURES DO NOT EXCEED \$100,000,000. December is the record breaker, with imports of very nearly \$135,000,000. The total imports for the year were \$1,321,064,694, an increase of fifty per cent, since 1901.
Our imports for the year averaged \$5,000,000 a day, Sundays included. HAD THERE BEEN TEN HOURS MORE IN THE YEAR they would have exceeded \$1,800,000,000. Yet while our imports since 1901 have increased only a little less than twenty-three per cent.
No figures are available on which there might be based a comparison of the growth of domestic trade and foreign trade. The total value of the product of our farms, factories, mines, forests and fisheries for the year 1906 may be given AS A LITTLE LESS THAN \$20,000,000,000. The figures for last year are in all probability about \$27,000,000,000. Assuming that those figures represent approximately our total production, it appears that the percentage of export to total product has declined about one-half of one per cent. That is easily accounted for. We have something like 10,000,000 more mouths to feed than we had in 1900, 10,000,000 more backs to clothe and 10,000,000 more people to house. THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PRODUCERS has not been sufficient to create a proportionately larger surplus of products for export.
The increase in our imports IS INDICATIVE OF WHOLESOME CONDITIONS, and the entire showing of imports and exports in encouraging.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.

The bill that passed the senate to put two "educators" on the Oregon textbook commission should be defeated in the house.
It is admitted by all but those, who were perfectly satisfied with the textbooks that Oregon had, that the textbook commission did good work in its first adoption.
It was composed of business men and professional men and one educator. It was selected by Governor Geer and WAS ONE OF THE MOST COMMENDABLE ACTS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION.
There is at present one "educator" on the commission—the president of the state university and a man who was for many years president of a state normal school.
To require the governor to name two more "educators" would be to put the "educators" in control of the commission, and tie the hands of the governor as to who he shall appoint.
Under the old system that was abolished THERE WERE ALL "EDUCATORS" and Oregon HAD THE WORST TEXTBOOK SYSTEM OF ANY STATE IN THE UNION. ALL THE BOOKS WERE FURNISHED BY ONE COMPANY AND ON TERMS OF ITS OWN DICTATION.
The bill that is now in the house should be called a bill to tie the hands of the governor and destroy all responsibility on the part of the chief executive who should be held responsible for the appointments.
Such a law is not needed as there is nothing in the law now to prevent the governor from naming one or more "educators."
WHERE DID THIS DEMAND FOR TWO "EDUCATORS" ON THE TEXTBOOK COMMISSION ORIGINATE?
Did it not originate with the so-called "department of superintendents" that is composed of some of these same school book agents who controlled the old textbook commission in the interest of the American Book Co?
Is it not a fact that the state school machine in Oregon is coming more and more to be run by the agents of the textbook publishers, and is it not a fact that at the educational convention held at Portland Nov. 15, THERE WERE FOUR OR FIVE TEXTBOOK AGENTS ON THE PROGRAM?
The Capital Journal can give the names of some of these textbook agents who were on that program and who are slated for institute work in various parts of this state if they are wanted, BY ANY COMPETENT COMMITTEE EMPOWERED TO INVESTIGATE.
The representatives of the people should not throw any power of selecting school textbooks back into the hands of the school machine.
First class educators do not care to be mixed up in the commercial struggle for the adoption of textbooks.
SECOND CLASS "EDUCATORS" WHO ARE HUNTING SUCH JOBS ARE NOT WANTED BY THE PEOPLE.
Let the lines be drawn rightly in these matters and let the textbook

commission remain in the hands of business men who will give Oregon the benefit of open competition and no packed commission.

NO ANNEXATION OF CUBA.

The boom for "adding another star to the flag" by the annexation of Cuba seems to be petering out.
Here and there a sanguine newspaper continues to talk fitfully ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF ANNEXATION PURE AND SIMPLE or under the thin disguise of a protectorate.
Even the effort made only a few weeks ago to represent a great majority of the more substantial Cubans as demanding that Uncle Sam shall permanently take the island in charge failed miserably of effect.
THE WOODPILE WAS NOT BIG ENOUGH TO CONCEAL THE NEGRO LURKING IN ITS REAR.
Meanwhile, we are hearing less and less about insurrections, the burning and dynamiting of railroads, destruction of plantations and similar troubles as reasons for annexation.
CUBA IS ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL UNDER THE TEMPORARY RULE OF GOVERNOR MAGOON.
Even if the Cubans demanded annexation, that would not in itself be a reason for it.
THE UNITED STATES IS NOT BOUND TO MAKE ROOM FOR EVERY ALIEN COMMUNITY THAT SEEKS ADMISSION.
Such applications, of course, always will be hailed by a large class as pointing out the way of duty or manifest destiny or some other pretext for lumbering up our own union with useless states and unassimilable peoples.
The citizens of this country, however, will be just as free to decide upon such applications as they are to decide about the admission of Alaska as a state.
BUT THERE IS NO REAL DEMAND IN CUBA FOR THE ANNEXATION or for any more of a protectorate than now exists.
A few Cubans may want it and many Americans settled there are trying to promote it.
But it has been pretty well demonstrated that annexation would be resented if not resisted BY THE BULK OF NEARLY EVERY CLASS OF THE CUBAN POPULATION.
"An immense majority of the Cubans," says the Havana Post, "are sure to be discontented with permanent American control.
They are unquestionably in favor of A REPUBLIC OF THEIR OWN. Annexation or such a protectorate as would be virtual annexation, would mean that the United States took a partial view of the matter—a onesidedness sure to bear fruit later on in the plaints and outbreaks of discontented subjects whom the American people are not willing to recognize as citizens."
Like other intelligent Cuban leaders, the newspaper quoted sensibly refuses to expect an ideal government ever to be established in the island, but it believes that IT WILL BE FAR SUPERIOR TO THE AVERAGE LATIN-AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS.
Foreign capital and domestic industry will be protected and will yield fair returns.
"The United States," says the Post, "will see that anarchy does not supervene. It is under no moral obligation to make Cuba an Eden, where not even an apple can be plucked without reproof or chastisement."
THIS IS COMMON SENSE and the recognition of it would put an end to the last of the talk about annexation.
The Cubans will have to take up the burden of self-government and learn to carry it without stumbling.

LET OREGON HAVE ONE BIG SCHOOL.

The time has come when the people of Oregon, regardless of party, should demand one large state normal school.
If we are to have any state normal school at all, LET US HAVE ONE THAT WOULD BE A CREDIT TO THE STATE.
One of the speakers in the debate yesterday said of one of the state normal schools that it had three hundred children in its training classes. WHAT A CONCEPTION OF A STATE NORMAL SCHOOL!
Will you find any training classes of children in the Indiana state normal school or the Iowa state normal school, OR THE WASHINGTON STATE NORMAL SCHOOL?
Shall the Oregon state school system be forever ruled by a lot of katydid machine politicians who do not want Oregon educational institutions put on the plane of other states.
It is a shame to maintain at state expense four state graded schools where some of the courses are not much higher than in an ordinary grammar school.
Oregon people should arouse and DEMAND A CONSOLIDATION OF THE BEST PORTIONS OF THE FOUR NORMAL SCHOOLS, the best instructors, and provide that all who are doing professional training work may enter the one state normal school, and cut out all the stuffing of grade work into so-called state normal schools.
The four normal schools of Oregon are all on the same plane of development, and with the exception of Ashland are not carrying on work that requires high school training before admitting students.
Ashland is maintaining a high school AND DOES THE PREPARATORY WORK THERE. Let us call things by their right names once in a while though the political heavens fall. Let us get out of the rut of saying we have four state normal schools when we have not—compared to other states.

LEGISLATORS WILL HELP THE SCHEME

Public Playgrounds Will Receive the Attention of the Legislature.
Public playground for the children of Portland now seem assured, and steps to provide for them will be taken at once. The Multnomah delegation of legislators yesterday afternoon voted unanimously approval of the plan submitted to them by the Portland committee to establish a public playgrounds commission with power to levy taxes condemn land and establish the playgrounds.
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In Portland is one that presents itself without argument as one worthy of careful consideration. Our plan is to form a legal entity, giving it power to levy taxes, condemn land and establish playgrounds in the city. The legislative body is the only power that can create another body and give it power to levy taxes and condemn land.
"A quarter-mill tax for the first five years would be sufficient, giving an annual revenue for the playgrounds of \$50,000. During the second five years, a levy of one-eighth of a mill would be enough, and during the third five years we think one-tenth of a mill would be sufficient.
"A playground commission should be created with proper powers, and then submit the plan to the people for their ratification at the next election. The personnel of this commission is a detail to be worked out later. We have thought of placing on it the mayor, the judge of the juvenile court, a representative of the Y. M. C. A., the superintendent of the city schools, or others who might be suggested.
"A large number of the heaviest taxpayers of Portland are heartily in favor of the plan. We should have these playgrounds in several different parts of the city."

Judge Frazer Speaks.
Judge Frazer addressed the delegation on the need of the playgrounds, and what they would be like. He said that they should be equipped with open-air gymnasiums, with baseball and football fields, and room for children of all ages to romp and play.
He cited instances of gangs of boys about whom numerous complaints have been made to the juvenile court. The boys had then been supplied with baseball paraphernalia and fields to play in, and no complaints had ever since been lodged against them.
"Gangs of boys gather at first on the street corners, simply because they have no other place to go," said the judge. "Soon they get to smoking, swearing, telling vile stories and then into all sorts of mischief.
"You can break any gang of bad boys anywhere by giving them something to do that they like to do, and there is no boy living who does not like to engage in athletic sports."
Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull explained the workings of the Chicago playgrounds system. She said that it had been the means of decreasing juvenile delinquency at least 80 per cent.
The committee will begin the work of framing a bill creating the public playgrounds commission at once. It will be sent to some member of the Multnomah delegation, who will introduce it at the present session of the legislature. With the unanimous endorsement of the lawmakers from Multnomah county, it is believed that the bill can meet with no opposition, since Portland will be the only city affected by it.

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P. and B. Villiger to Stephen Fessler, 80 acres, s 1/2 of s 1/4, sec 34, t 5 s, r 1 w q c d.
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S. B. Frost et ux, to Joseph H. Smallwood, 11 acres, t 1 s, r 2 w, w d.
P. S. Knight et ux, to Harlan E. Frost, 11 acres, t 7 s, r 1 w, q c d.
M. Glesy et ux, to G. W. Dimick, 39.09 acres, sec. 35, t 4 s, r 1 w, q c d.
G. W. Dimick to M. S. Shrock et al., 39.09 acres, sec. 35, t 4 s, 1 w, w d.
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