

...CAPITAL JOURNAL'S EDITORIAL PAGE

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FLOWERS OF YOUTH.

(Edith Letherbury Reid in Eugene Register.)

There's a bright bouquet, so rich and gay,
Of the sweetest flowers that bloom;
That blossom fair in a face so rare,
That is never clouded with gloom.

'Tis my own little girl, with a daffodil curl,
And eyes of violets blue;
And the thought gives pain, that the youth must wane,
And the spring time flowers decay.

For her violet eyes like summer skies—
Oh, sad is the thought today!
Will be wet with tears, in the coming years,
And their luster be washed away.

And the rose of the South, in her cheek and mouth,
Will blossom, and fade and fall;
And the daffodils rare in her golden hair
Turn white at Time's strenuous call!

Ah, this crown of years, we repine with tears,
And yet it is best I know;
Though we deem it ill, 'tis our Maker's will,
And perhaps she'll be lovier so.

Though her eyes may fade, to a softer shade,
Yet the lovelight will linger there;
And the lilies white with a silvery light,
Will blossom anew in her hair!

A FULL REPORT OF THE THAW TRIAL.

The Capital Journal has been giving its readers the fullest report of the Thaw trial of any paper outside of Portland.

The Scripps News association has excelled itself in bringing to the Pacific coast AN EARLY REPORT OF THAT STRUGGLE.

It has also been a very well-edited and readable report, when it is considered that it has to be handled about four thousand miles by wire.

This is an independent press report, entirely distinct from the Associated Press, and IT IS NOT CENSORED IN ANY INTEREST.

The Scripps News association is formed of the live evening newspapers of the United States, and the fact that THERE IS NO LEGISLATION ATTEMPTED AGAINST IT in Oregon shows that it has the confidence, good will and respect of the public.

All important news is brought out fully by the Scripps report and there is no attempt at padding and stuffing.

JAPANESE NEWSPAPER IN AMERICA.

This office has been favored with a copy of the Japanese New World. It is a large twelve-page newspaper PRINTED IN THE CHINESE LANGUAGE with some Japanese interpretation.

The proprietor is F. T. Kurayama, and the editor, S. Soyedimae, the paper has seven branch offices in California.

One hears a great deal of condemnation of the Japanese from the exclusion organization in San Francisco.

But the fact remains that there are hundreds of thousands of Japanese business men and laboring men in California.

Some of the greatest industries of the state could not be carried on without them, and farming operations would be impossible without A GREAT DEAL OF THE ASIATIC LABOR.

In Fresno county the Japanese labor makes all the raisin crops, and they are the best and the quickest laborers in other lines.

Oregon could employ to advantage thousands of the better class of Japanese farm laborers, and the hands growing up to brush MIGHT STAND SOME SHOW OF BEING CLEARED UP AND MADE PRODUCTIVE.

Would it be safe to have the Japanese laboring class come into our Pacific coast states in an unrestricted manner? BETTER LET OUR LANDS GROW UP TO BRUSH.

Is there any argument good for Chinese exclusion that is not equally good for Japanese exclusion?

Between the two it is generally admitted that Chinese laborers would be preferable, ESPECIALLY FOR FARM LABOR. BUT WE DO NOT WANT EVEN THOSE TO FLOOD OUR COUNTRY.

From a national standpoint, it is to be regretted that the matter has become an issue. The people of Japan would be far better off to remain in Japan.

For instance, if the Americans immigrated to Japan in such numbers as to monopolize any form of Japanese labor or industry, WOULD NOT JAPAN BE JUSTIFIED IN EXCLUDING THEM?

We cannot see that it is safe to allow unrestricted immigration from any of the Asiatic countries, if we are to remain the dominant and highly developed American race IN POSSESSION OF OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Our government should not encourage Japanese immigration, Japanese occupation, nor Japanese monopolization of any field of industry. This problem has yet to be settled and we doubt it being settled peacefully.

PORTLAND'S TIME OF TROUBLE.

Following ironical editorial appears in the Seattle Daily Times:

Shall we mourn or shall we jest? Shall we let fall a few tears of tender sympathy or shall we let go a spasm of sardonic mirth?

Is it better to forgive and forget or shall we return like for like in sneers and gibes?

For here's old Portland, settling down to the bottom of the Willamette basin, devastated by storm, submerged by flood, commercially prostrate and isolated from the world.

Portland has never shown any mercy for Seattle, or Tacoma, or the Puget sound country generally, in our little struggles with the vagaries of the weather.

Listen to the venerable Oregonian as it spoke during the latter part of last November, when the sudden swollen rivers of the valley to the south for a day or so disturbed our traffic and our business:

"Haven't we seen something at various times in Puget sound newspapers about excessive rains in Oregon, from which Washington, through Providential favor, was exempt?"

"Haven't we seen in print and heard in spoken words, sneers and jeers from Seattle and Tacoma about 'the Webfoot State' and 'The Rainy State'—meaning Oregon?"

"Yes, if retrospect is not playing fantastic tricks with memory."

"We are sorry our good friends over there are DROWNED OUT AGAIN!"

"We say AGAIN, because it happens almost EVERY YEAR."

"The powerful torrents from the mountains are very short; and, as the timber is cut away and the lands are cleared up the floods descend more rapidly than of yore, rise higher and, of course, do more damage, but are sooner gone."

Well, anyhow, Seattle and Tacoma have always been able to keep their heads above water, and to keep their feet DRY as well.

Boating and aquatic sports have never been possible on the streets of

either city and "second story work" has been left for the burglars and porch-climbers.

The merchants and other business men always have access to their ground floors.

Down in Portland they have a "danger mark" on the Willamette river. The waters are now running from EIGHT TO TEN FEET ABOVE this mark, so that conditions in Portland are already, to put it mildly, VERY DISAGREEABLE.

The merchants are MOVING OUT OF BASEMENTS AND FIRST FLOOR QUARTERS and the people are getting back to the hills for personal safety.

A good deal of water front property has been destroyed and there have been many narrow escapes from drowning.

All these things are duly chronicled by the newspapers of Portland and need no touch of exaggeration to emphasize the seriousness of the situation.

But bye-and-bye the waters will recede—the merchants will get down to business again—the people will return from the high spots which they have been compelled to hit, and Portland will be "Portland again."

We will not JEER AND GIBE this time, having the hope that the spirit of the Oregonian may be chastened by its city's adversity and that in FUTURE it will spare its SARCASM and modify its JEALOUSY of the more fortunately situated cities of Puget sound.

ASYLUM FOR EAST OREGON

Legislature Paves Way for Establishment of Such Institution

The adoption of senate joint resolution No. 1, by Smith, of Umatilla, by the house opens the way for the location of a branch state insane asylum in eastern Oregon, and, in anticipation of the adoption by the people at the next general election, preliminary steps toward this end are already being taken by the eastern Oregon delegations in both branches of the assembly. Senator Smith's resolution seeks to amend that section of the constitution which provides that all state institutions shall be located at the seat of government to grant legislative authority to locate state institutions in other parts of the state and legalize the location of all institutions which are already in existence elsewhere.

That the committee on ways and means believed that the chances of the adoption of this proposed amendment to the constitution were not very remote is evidenced by the fact that the recommendation for the appropriation of \$227,000 for the establishment of a separate building here for the female patients was not granted and only \$90,000 made available for the purchase of additional ground and the erection of a temporary wing to provide relief for present cramped conditions. Whether or not the present legislature will make preliminary provisions for the establishment of a branch institution in eastern Oregon at this session is not definitely settled but it is understood that an effort will be made to secure a contingent appropriation of not less than \$50,000 to prepare for an emergency should it arise.

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NEW WAYS TO GET TO MARKET

Washington, Feb. 9.—Probably never before in the history of any one piece of legislation has congress been petitioned for its passage by so many states, as has been the case with the rivers and harbors bill. This week strong expressions of opinion were received from Illinois, in which state governor Deneen devoted much space in his message to the subject of waterways development.

In addition, the Missouri legislature adopted a resolution urging greater appropriations for the Mississippi river and declaring that the four million people of that state are eager for the development of the stream.

Undoubtedly the strongest document received was a resolution adopted by the legislature of Arkansas, and passed unanimously by both the house and senate, in which the petition of the National Rivers and Harbors congress was heartily endorsed. This petition asks for the annual appropriation of \$50,000,000 at the hands of the government for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the country. The Arkansas solons displayed the broad spirit that is animating congress, by refraining from asking for any special appropriations for development within the confines of their own states. They recognize that the work is one of national importance, and, with an adequate appropriation each year, they felt assured that the rivers of their own commonwealth are certainly eventually to receive a just share.

Congressman Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, who is president of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, has declared that the organization will bring all influence to bear to gain the point to which it is pledged. He contends that with an expenditure of \$50,000,000 annually the rivers and harbors of the country will not only be developed scientifically and quickly, but their development will increase greatly the commercial activity of the United States, and, as a consequence, foster the national prosperity.

To the end that the influence of the organization be increased, J. F. Ellison, of Cincinnati, Ohio, its secretary, has just issued a call urging every river improvement association, commercial organization, city, town, state and individual interested in the question, to become members of the National Rivers and Harbors congress. It is hoped that this call will be responded to enthusiastically and that the attendance at the next convention will establish a record. At the last convention, held here in December, delegates were present from thirty-two states, two territories and the District of Columbia, while the governors of fourteen states and the mayors of twenty-six cities sent representatives.

It is recognized here in Washington that the need for an additional system of transportation in this country is urgent. The congestion of traffic on the railroads, resulting in coal famines in the northwest and financial suffering in the midst of plenty, has opened the eyes of congress to the fact that something must be done to supplement the existing channels of commerce. Naturally, attention is focused on the waterways of the country, for the United States will have the most magnificent system of rivers and harbors of any nation in the world once they are developed.

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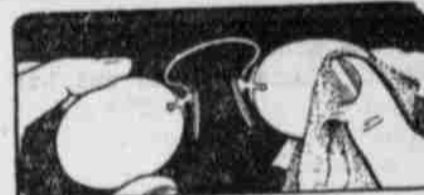
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