

PROGRESS OF WILLAMETTE VALLEY

REMARKS OF IMPORTANCE TO WESTERN OREGON

Open River, Free Locks, Break Up Land Monopoly and a Live Delegation

Walter Lyon Talks on Progress.
Car shortage, alien ownership of land and squeezed by the greedy transportation corporations, is serious enough to blight the prospects of any community. These are extraneous. But the most serious, most discouraging of all obstacles are those which come from within. That which presages dry rot and decay and that against which all the powers that be cannot hope to successfully battle, is self inertia. The self satisfied man is the hopeless man. Without aspirations to better his surroundings, a man has no place in the march of progress and cannot be counted among the live forces in a developing country. He is a drawback, a drone. That apples can be grown in the valley that compare favorably with Hood River and southern Oregon apples; that pears of a superior quality can be grown, and that it is the home of the cherry, strawberry, Loganberry and other small berries has been demonstrated.

Pays to Spray Fruit.
The object lesson is furnished by Rogue River, Hood River and the Snake River country that good fruit land will bring \$200 per acre while set to trees of standard varieties, will when bearing bring \$1000 per acre. Of course, such price is not obtainable without necessary care—such details as selection of varieties, cultivation and spraying are necessary. But it pays. And it is an amazing truth that there are people in Linn county who have to be actually forced to spray their orchards. The stern mandate of law is necessary to awake some people not only to the good of the community, but to their own best interests. Spraying and everything necessary to bring an orchard to the highest state of perfection are voluntarily performed by people of Hood River, Snake River and Rogue River valleys. And they have proven that it pays. Linn county and the rest of Willamette valley can raise a choice fruit, but not without effort. Orchardists must pay the price. To make Willamette valley fruit famous and profitable is a possibility that lies within the power of the orchardists themselves. A Willamette valley apple show will be held next fall. If Linn county would establish a market for her apples, orchardists must get busy and keep busy until their apples are on exhibition. Linn county has the opportunity to take first place.

Curse of Large Holdings.
Seeking the causes that are militating against the development of the Willamette valley and coast counties, there is the accumulation of large bodies of land, especially timber land, into single holdings. Where acquired for the purpose of manufacturing it into lumber, it may be a benefit rather than a detriment to the country. But hundreds of thousands of acres are held by individuals and corporations for purely speculative purposes. The timber is the most valuable asset of a great part of western Oregon and assessors should see that it pays its share of the burden of taxation. The ownership rests largely with Weyerhaeuser, Wall street gentlemen, the railroads and mill men of the east.

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One New Yorker who never saw Oregon, probably never will, owns over 100,000 acres in Linn county. These owners should take an active interest in the development of the counties in which they have so much wealth. Their timber lands should be assessed at near their real value, just as the small farm down in the valley is. Timber barons should be made to know that taxation is shared equally by all species of property in Oregon.

To Break Land Monopoly.

There is an effort on now to force the railroads to comply with the original government intent, by selling off their enormous holdings. This is a matter to be tried out in the courts yet. If the government succeeds it will prove a great boon to the Willamette valley. It will be one instance of the people coming into their own, if the fine timber land of the country, now held for purely corporate speculative purposes, can be distributed among the people who live in and build up the country. It is through means of a species of polite thievery that much of the valley's valuable timber is out of reach of the citizen of Oregon and under corporate control. Its the result of permitting Oregon to be made the foothold of unscrupulous politicians who have gone to Washington to represent the "interests" while bleeding the state. The manner in which the cream of Oregon's timber land has been permitted to be stolen from the people should bring the flush of shame to every member of the state's delegation in congress, past and present, dead and alive, indicted, convicted and free.

The C. & E. Blockade.

The Willamette valley receives 50 cents a ton less for everything it sells and pays 50 cents a ton more for everything it buys than the rest of the country. It is not because insurmountable obstacles have been placed in the way for a navigable river traverses the valley. Nor is it altogether for lack of railroad trackage. Besides one through line, there is a parallel line from Portland to Corvallis and another from Woodburn to Springfield. But they are under one management and non-competing, as they're practically non-competing with the river steamers. Another road crosses the valley at right angles but it gives no connection with the outside world. For 15 years or more it has held down one of the most natural passes across the mountains into eastern Oregon. But it neither builds nor permits anyone else to build. It touches within a few miles of Oregon's most fascinating coast resort but because of failure to build a few miles of road around Yaquina bay people are looking to other resorts.

Valley Has Been Served.

People of the valley have submitted to being servants of the transportation companies rather than that the transportation companies be servants of the people. Where once there was daily boat service with three competing lines on the Willamette river there is now a tri-weekly service and boat line. The boat company is operating under a rate agreement with the parallel road so that commerce is getting very little benefit from the river that has been practically monopolized by the railroad under the agreement. The differential in rates is so slightly in favor of river traffic that shippers are indifferent as to whether their freight is routed by river or rail. As a remedy, the establishing of an independent boat line, with a hard and fast agreement among shippers to stand by the independent, is within the power of the people. To obtain the best results and permanent relief, however, the opening of the locks at Oregon City, long overdue, is imperative. Effort has recently been made along this line and a contingent appropriation of \$300,000 secured from the legislature and the matter passed up to Congressman Hawley for federal assistance.

Warm Up the Congressman.

There are indications that a fire must be kindled under the new congressman and kept brightly burning if anything is accomplished through him for the benefit of the present generation. An awakening to self interest and a determined persistence is necessary to convince officials and legislative bodies that the Willamette valley has resolved to throw off the burden of annual tribute to a private corporation that collects tolls Tripolitan-like at Oregon City, Salem, Albany, Corvallis, Eugene on the upper river should make themselves heard on the payment of this annual toll of \$150,000 to \$200,000. Salem has fallen into the habit of looking after appropriations for her state institutions; Corvallis for the agricultural college; Eugene for the university. It is worthy of note that Albany people and people of the little town of Independence, also on the Willamette have taken more active part in seeking relief from the locks embargo than all the rest. And neither is afflicted with state or federal appropriation. Without raising the issue of state schools, an open river is a question that concerns all alike and until secured should be the paramount issue for Salem, Albany, Eugene, Corvallis, Independence, Harrisburg and all the upper Willamette valley.

Fine Field for Capital.
With all its grandeur, the Willamette valley people, like those of other sections have to stand for their own interests, battle for their rights and keep in subjection the forces that for self-aggrandizement would retard development and impoverish the whole people. The Willamette valley affords ample and safe field for investment of capital. Portland and eastern capital, in orchards, dairy farms, manufacturing plants and other enterprises and the beauties of reciprocity should be held up to the metropolis into whose lap the wealth of the valley is emptied. Demands loud and insistent should be made on representatives in the two houses of congress to bring about by the employment of all legitimate means the restoration of public lands obtained through subterfuge and fraud, to the public domain—an open river and transportation service that permits every mill and industry to be carried to its full capacity that must be kept to the front if the Willamette valley is not to be left in the rear of the procession.

WEST SALEM SCHOOLS.
Have Closing Exercises and Flag Raising Friday Night.
There will be public school closing exercises, a box social and flag raising Friday night at West Salem. It will all take place by the light of the moon.
The enterprising teacher, Miss Anna M. Jeffrey, has prepared a fine program, and the proceeds of the social go to purchase lots for the new school house. The public are cordially invited.

The Program.
Song, "America," by the Audience.
Special music.
The flag presentation.
Response.
Recitation, "Arithmetic," Zela McLaine.
Recitation, "If Pa Could Be a Boy," Merrill Putnam.
Recitation, "The Watermillion," Ronald Hogg.
Recitation, "My Dolly's Broken Arm," Effie Baker.
Recitation, May Simmons.
Music.
Song, "Birthday Song," by four little girls.
Recitation, "My Sister's Best Fellow," Harold Smith.
"Mary's Flea," Mable Ruge.
"Seeing a Ghost."
"The Blue and the Gray," Glenn Hogg.
"Flag of the Rainbow and Banner of Stars," Alice Fields.
Song, "When the Sunset Turns the Ocean's Blue to Gold," by two girls.
"Reverie in Church," Mable Moyer.
"Changing Color," Beth Bedford.
"The Soldier's Pardon," Essie Gosser.
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SIMPLE HOME REMEDY Makes the Kidneys Filter Out the Poisons

A leading journal in answering the question, "What is the best prescription to clean and purify the blood," prints in a recent issue the following: Fluid Extract of Dandelion one-half ounce, Compound Kargon one ounce, Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla three ounces. Shake well and use in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime.

A well-known druggist who is familiar with this prescription states that it is harmless, being composed of vegetable ingredients which can be obtained from any good prescription pharmacy.

It cleans the blood of all impurities and nourishes the blood. In just a few days the skin begins to clear of sores, boils and pimples. It puts vigor and energy into run-down, debilitated men and women. For many years Sarsaparilla alone has been considered a good blood medicine. But while it built up and made new blood, the impurities remained within and the good accomplished was only temporarily. Sarsaparilla, however, when used in combination with Compound Kargon and Extract Dandelion works wonders. This combination puts the kidneys to work to filter and sift out the waste matter, uric acid and other impurities that cause disease. It makes new blood and relieves rheumatism and lame back and bladder troubles.

This prescription is better than the usual patent medicines, which are in the most part alcoholic concoctions. The ingredients cost but little. They may be procured from any good pharmacist and mixed at home. Every man and woman here should make some up and try it if they feel their system requires a good blood medicine and tonic.

The Kargon to clean the kidneys and vitalize them so they can clean the blood. Sarsaparilla to make new rich blood and Dandelion to tone the stomach, clean the liver and make it active and relieve constipation is the way the prescription acts and so mildly and gently that one does not consider they are taking a medicine.

DENOUNCE ROOSEVELT.

Switchmen's Union Expresses Sympathy for Haywood.

Detroit, Mich., May 22.—The Switchmen's Union of America, in convention today, adopted resolutions denouncing President Roosevelt for his utterance in the Haywood-Moyer-Pettibone case, sympathizing with miners on trial, and demanding their "kidnaping" be declared illegal, and their liberty restored.

Dipping Suspended in Polk County.

Independence, May 22.—(Special)—Deputy State Sheep Inspector Boothby, of Monmouth, informs the West Side Enterprise that at a recent meeting of the state authorities action was taken toward leniency in the matter of sheep dipping, unless it was known that sheep were actually infected with scab. The decision will prove gratifying to all valley sheep owners who have uninfected sheep, as dipping requires a considerable expense in the way of dipping vats, materials, inspector's fees, etc., which is regarded by owners of uninfected sheep as entirely unnecessary, and it is certainly a needless expenditure unless the sheep actually have disease.

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Presbyterian Assembly.

Columbus, Ohio, May 22.—The Presbyterian general assembly devoted the day to hearing reports from the foreign missions, which the board of missions say will be widely extended during the next 12 months. The assembly passed a resolution urging publishers of church literature to exclude patent medicine advertising. The universal peace movement was also endorsed, and it was unanimously voted that no change in the church name should be permitted.

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