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WOULD PLAY THE RAILROADS' GAME.

HERBERT QUICK, editor of "Farm and Fireside," in a copyrighted editorial discusses the Panama canal and the system of tolls adopted. We have perused his editorial, and have wondered why he had it copyrighted, for no one is liable to "swipe it," unless he took it for a bit of sarcastic humor. Herbert objects to the system of flat rates and would have the tolls regulated the same as the railroads have so long regulated them, by making them "all the traffic will bear." He, like most other managers of "Farm Journals," is evidently on the side of the railroads. Most of them give the farmers long-winded dissertations on pretty much everything, and then play the railroad's game. By this we mean the big farm journals, such as that published by Herbert Quick. The real "farm journals," the local country weeklies are the real representatives of the farmers and these weeklies are the farmers' true friends. They may be mistaken sometimes, for that is an attribute of humanity common to all of us, but they play fair and work honestly and conscientiously for the farmers' best interests. They do not play the railroad's game while posing as the farmers' friend, nor are they filled with solemn advice to the farmer about taking his tools in out of the wet to prevent them rusting; they are not devoted to telling him to grease his plow before putting it away, to informing him that hogs should have shelter and that weeds are the farmer's worst enemy. Instead they give him interesting news, home news, and keep him posted as to what Luther Burbank is doing, crop yields in his own vicinity and other matters that are of some benefit to him. The big "Farm Journals" are about as useful to the general farmer as a dissertation on differential calculus or an erudite treatise on the growing of artocarpus with the least waste in the way of crust.

IT MEANS FUTURE TROUBLE, NOT PEACE.

ACCORDING to Booker T. Washington, who is thoroughly informed upon the subject, the southern negroes are progressing rapidly as far as property holdings are concerned. In the fifteen old slave states they own one-quarter of the land. Throughout the cotton belt negro laborers are preferred to whites, and Dr. Washington believes that 200,000,000 acres of unimproved land will soon be sold to colored purchasers. All this is encouraging. It means peace as well as prosperity for the South.—Oregonian.

This certainly speaks well for the industry and progressiveness of the negro, but does it mean "peace and prosperity for the South?" It does not look that way to us. The race problem just now is not attracting a great deal of attention, and many think it is settled. There never was a greater mistake. The problem grows larger and more difficult every day. Two bodies cannot occupy the same space at the same time, and as the Caucasian and African races do not and never will mix, for race preservation is against it, it will finally come to the "survival of the fittest." The advancement the negro makes brings the day of final settlement just that much nearer, and makes the problem that much more serious. The showing that the old slave states have let one-fourth of their lands go into the hands of their former slaves, speaks well for the old-time slaves, and not very well for the old masters. When the negroes own a majority of the lands and are in the majority in population, what will the result be? The negroes of the South are held in subjection now only by the most drastic measures; what will happen when they get so powerful that those measures can no longer be used? What will happen when the South is controlled by the negroes, as it certainly will be some time? We are not pessimistic, and we can admire the negro for the way he is, against adverse circumstances, winning his way to the top. From the broad standpoint of humanity his development is something to rejoice over. From the standpoint of an American citizen, this may well be doubted.

TO TAKE UP UNPAID WARRANTS.

STATE TREASURER KAY did a good piece of work for the state recently in persuading the banks here and in Portland to cash state warrants issued and stamped "not paid for lack of funds." It seems the state is shy, or will be by next May in round numbers about a million dollars and as the banks can now loan their money at 8 per cent, they naturally turned down state warrants drawing 6 per cent. Mr. Kay put the matter up to the bankers, mostly those who are depositaries for state funds, and Portland banks agreed to take care of \$500,000 and the Salem banks of \$100,000. This on the face of it, would look like a sacrifice on the part of the banks of two per cent, but it is not so bad as that, for there will be money available about the first of May when the first installment of taxes falls due, and this will shorten the time. Besides, as the indebtedness is created during the time between now and May first, the amount that will have to be taken care of by the bankers will not exceed the whole sum of a million for two or three months so that the actual loss in interest to the banks will be equal to about one per cent, or perhaps less.

The principal occupation of many alleged statesmen and politicians just now is to prove to their own satisfaction just how the country stands politically. Some of them have figured out that the Republican party made great gains at the last election, some that the Progressives made a "splendid showing," and others that even Tammany has now purged itself and will rise from its ashes, or lull, or whatever it is to rise from, purified and angelic, and ready to again become a great factor in the moral advancement of the human race. The fact is that there is a big silent vote that neither they nor any one else can tell anything about. It is a great thing for the country that this is so, for the vote that can not be located is the vote that cannot be controlled. The American people recently are doing their own thinking, and a whole lot of it.

A Rhode Island correspondent tells of a hen that has a fine coat of hair and a tail like a cat's. That may be the proper thing in hens in Rhode Island but how does a brand of style-setters like that look when sized up by the side of that "biddy" that attending to the first duty of all hens, laid 303 eggs in 265 days? The Oregon "Biddy" that made this record, had no time to sport

split skirts and other freaks of fashion. She recognized her duty and "went for it then and there." True, Solomon in all his glory, was never arrayed like unto this Rhode Island hen, but then, come to think of it, Solomon never made a record of laying 303 eggs in a year, either.

James J. Hill says the country is water-logged with bonds, and he certainly knows, for he furnished some of the logs and most of the water in a very large amount of them.

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Adult.**
Bacon, Biography of a Boy.
Beard, Daybreak in Corea.
Booth, The Post-Girl.
Calhoun, Miss Minerva and William Green Hill.
Chase, Cone-Bearing Trees of the California mountains.
Day, The Hamrodders.
Dayton (Ohio), Proposed Charter for the city of Dayton.
Gompers, Labor in Europe and America.
Hettich, Priscilla Wool Crochet Book.
Hornaday, Two Years in the Jungle.
Howells, World of Chance.
Kingsley, Open Air Crusaders.
London, Smoke Bellew.
Lord, First Book Upon the Birds of Oregon and Washington.
Mable, Parables of Life.
Mathews, Outlines in Local Colors.
Montgomery, Anne of Avonlea.
Porter, Laddie.
Redding, Priscilla Embroidery Book.
Rinchart, Where There's a Will.
Robinson, Priscilla Filet Crochet Book.
Taylor, Priscilla Irish Crochet Book No. 2.
Wells, Floor Games.
The Whole Family, a novel by 12 authors.

- Juvenile.**
Adams, Harper's Machinery Book for Boys.
Altscheler, Forest Runners.
Altscheler, Free Rangers.
Altscheler, Young Trailers.
Barbour, Four Afoot.
Beard, American Boy's Handy Book.
Beard, Boy Pioneers.
Beard, Jack of All Trades.
Benton, Saturday Mornings.
Blaisdell, English History Story Book.
Brady, Revolutionary Fights and Fighters.
Brooke, Golden Goose.
Brown, Secret of the Clan.
Bryce, Aldine Primer.
Bullivant, Home Fun.
Crane, Cinderella's Picture Book.
Crane, Red Ridinghood's Picture Book.
Daulton, Autobiography of a Butterfly.
Deming, Indian Child Life.
Finemore, Wolf Patrol.
Gordy, American Beginners in Europe.
Grinnell, Harper's Camping and Scouting.
Gulliver, Friendship of Nations.
Hathaway, Napoleons.
Hauff, Caravan tales.
Holland, Boy Scouts of Birch Bark Island.
Hutchinson, Child's Day.
Jewett, Body and its Defenses.
Jewett, Control of Body and Mind.
Jewitt, Hopi, the Cliff Dweller.
Hawkes, Shaggycoat.
Johnson, When Mother Lets Us Cook.
Kaler, Antoine of Oregon.
Lansing, Quint Old Stories to Read and Act.
Lansing, Page, Esquire and Knight.
Lindsay, Daniel Boone, Backwoodsman.

- Long, Wilderness Ways.
Marshall, Story of Oliver Cromwell.
Marshall, Stories of William Tell.
Marshfield, Jim Davis.
Maule, Boy's Book of New Inventions.
Murray, Story Book Friends.
Murray, Story Land.
Nicolay, Boy's Life of U. S. Grant.
Perkins, Japanese Twins.
Price, Land We Live In.
Pyle, Jack Balister's Fortunes.
Sage, Rhymes of Real Children.
Sands, Trapper Jim.
Rolt-Wheeler, Boy With the U. S. Foresters.
Seegmiller, Little Rhymes for Little Readers.
Seton, Rolf in the Woods.
Seton, Two Little Savages.
Tucker, Historical Plays of Colonial Days.

- Van Sickle, Riverside Readers, Sixth Reader.
Washburne, Old-Fashioned Fairy Tales.
Wilmet-Buxton, Stories of Persian Heroes.
Young, Behind the Dark Pines.
Zwitgmeier, Johnny Blossom.

visit Portland, arriving there Monday. It has among the big ones, W. P. Clough, chairman of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific. This will be the fourth party of railroad magnates to visit Portland in four weeks.

Four Jacks and a "royal flush" in the same deal was one of the features of the police poker game at Portland, which shows that the police of the village down the creek are wise guys.

The evidence that convicted Columbia's George of killing a squaw near Pendleton also showed that he killed her because she had "bewitched a child."

C. C. Hendricks, of Pendleton, dropped dead at Woodburn Wednesday morning. His death was due to heart failure.

Baker citizens declared in favor of bonding the city for \$51,571 at an election Tuesday, by a vote of 324 to 65. The money is to be used in repairing the water pipe lines.

A Medford orchard this year produced from 48 acres, fruit that sold for \$20,540, or at the rate of better than \$400 an acre.

Cook county is preparing to vote upon the issuing of bonds in the sum of \$440,000 for the purpose of road building.

C. R. Bone, of Hood River, has imported a carload of high grade Jersey heifers. This indicates that Hood River will be next heard from as leading the state in dairy products. You never can tell what those Hood River fellows will do next, or how they will do it.

Eugene is planning to put up a splendid high school building next year at a cost of \$100,000.

REDUCED 100 POUNDS TAFT CALL ON HIS SUCCESSOR

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Nov. 15.—One hundred pounds lighter than when he left the White House, but still no living skeleton, ex-President Taft called at the executive offices yesterday to pay his respects to President Wilson.

The latter let every other caller he had—and there were some distinguished personages among them—wait while he received his predecessor. The ex-president did not stay long, but the visit was a very pleasant one while it lasted, Taft congratulating Wilson warmly on his administration's success.

LAND SWINDLERS ARE IN LAW'S NET AT LOS ANGELES TODAY

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 15.—Former President Charles A. Elder and ten other former officers of the Los Angeles Investment company, one of the largest corporations in the West, were indicted today by the federal grand jury here on a charge of conspiracy to use the mails to defraud.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF ALASKA ROADS ASKED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., Nov. 15.—Government ownership and operation of all railroads and coal mines in Alaska are advocated in a resolution introduced before the American Federation of Labor by Delegates E. P. Marsh, of Everett, Wash., trades council, and Thos. Van Lear and J. A. Taylor, of the International Association of Machinists.

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SPENCER FOUND GUILTY OF MURDERING WOMAN

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Chicago, Nov. 15.—Henry Spencer confessed slayer of Mrs. Mildred Allison Roxroat, the dancing teacher, was last night found guilty of murder by a jury at Wheaton. The jury fixed the death penalty. Spencer was the only witness for the defense. For 15 minutes he cursed and reviled his own counsel and the state's attorney. Spencer broke into another stream of profanity when he heard the verdict, and then faintly, "They'll hang me," he shouted. "They got me; they got me. How does the jury know I wasn't innocent. I am crazy."

Spencer was arrested in October, accused of having lured Mrs. Roxroat to Wayne, Ill., and placing her body on a railroad track after he shot her to death.

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Mrs. Guy Howe won the first honors at the Albany chrysanthemum show, which ended Wednesday night.

Eugene has won its suit against Booth Kelly, involving the right to take water from the McKenzie river for the purpose of developing electric power.

James Sanford, a wealthy pioneer of 1853, died at his home in Eugene Thursday. He was 82 years old, and widely known throughout the state.

Another party of railroad men is to