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HIGHER EDUCATION IN OREGON.

THE board of high curricula has decided to abolish the civil engineering course in Oregon colleges, all because the Oregon Agricultural college would not be satisfied as long as the profession was taught at the state university.

It seems that the O. A. C., at Corvallis, which receives a large amount of money from the state and nation for teaching agriculture and kindred subjects, is anxious to cut loose as much as possible from this kind of work and invade the field of professional engineering and technical instruction, which are in no way allied to agricultural pursuits, and would tend to educate the boys back to the farm, but as far away from it as though he was to become a doctor or lawyer.

The determination of the Corvallis "farm school" in its raid upon the board of higher curricula for professional courses, which the members of that board knew should be taught at the university, resulted in a peculiar order. Lacking the backbone to withstand the assault of the professional grangers, the board, at a recent meeting in Portland, caused an order to be entered abolishing the civil engineering course in both state schools—a senseless decree, to say the least. It means that Oregon boys who desire to become civil engineers, in any of the many branches of that important profession, must go to sister states, presumably Washington or California, to secure the necessary instruction and training. Thus this great state throws its aspiring young men upon the charity of the world, admitting its inability or unwillingness to educate them for the duties of life.

The only logical conclusion which may be worked out of this peculiar situation is that some time the people will demand an accounting from the O. A. C. at Corvallis. They are supporting that institution liberally on the supposition that its greatest energies are being devoted to the teaching of agriculture, in the hope that farming, fruit growing and dairying may become more popular pursuits with our young people, and more pleasant and profitable for all engaged therein. However, the constant efforts of the management of that institution to substitute for agricultural instruction such professional courses as properly belong to a university is creating the growing suspicion that its appropriations are not being secured by honest representation of the purposes for which they are to be used, and there is likely to be a closer scrutiny of the work of the O. A. C. by the people who have so liberally supported it in the past as an agricultural school.

IS THERE A JOKER IN THE DECK?

IT seems President Wilson is desirous that the interstate commerce commission shall control the financial operations of all railroads. This is, perhaps, desirable, but there are some things in connection with it that may well cause the administration to pause before committing the country to that policy. The fact that Wall street and the railroads themselves want it is cause enough for suspicion. But a short time ago the railroads were bitterly opposed to the plan, but with a hunch from Wall street they have suddenly seen a great light. May there not be a small colored gentleman in the woodpile that the administration is overlooking?

If the commission, acting for the government, authorized an issue of bonds or stock, it would in a way make the government responsible for them. The government would practically underwrite the bond or stock issue, and that would be a great thing for Wall street, and also for the railroads.

If the government authorizes the issue of bonds it is bound to permit the roads to make a rate that will meet the interest charges and sinking fund, and will thus hamper itself in its control of the roads. When the commission issues or authorizes the issue of bonds, it will in fact validate them, and by what means shall the commission ascertain the values of such proposed issues?

Uncle Sam may find himself in the position of an indorser of hundreds of millions of dollars of bonds and stocks, and how Wall street would like to have that kind of stuff to play with.

The location of a new fruit cannery in Salem is one of the most encouraging signs of the times. It means a better market for the products of the country, and, in turn, will stimulate production and encourage the development of the agricultural districts. In Oregon, at the present time, it is less important to boost and boom the towns than to work for the rebuilding of the

country surrounding them. Weneed more people in the country, and, in order to get them, must take an interest in securing better and surer markets for the products they raise. Once the country is thoroughly cultivated and thickly populated by prosperous people, cities like Salem will enjoy a solid and substantial growth without any particularly strenuous boosting campaign. Industries are the greatest need of Oregon at present, not only because of the payrolls they supply, but because there is need for the larger markets for raw material which they will provide.

In passing the bill providing for arms and ammunition for an army of 500,000 men, the senators indulged in much freak talk. Senator Smoot, of the Church of Latter Day Saints, and representing that church and the state of Utah in the senate, compared the United States with Mexico. He said the lack of ammunition was almost criminal, and added: "Even Mexico possesses more mobile guns than we do." This is probably true, but it must not be overlooked that Mexico has more urgent need of them. If more guns and ammunition mean that we will try to emulate Mexico, then we had better dispense with them. Senator Smoot's suggestion is a boomerang.

Director Ralph, of the bureau of printing and engraving at Washington, reports that \$4,000,000 worth of printed sheets of ten dollar bills are missing, and have been for some time. No mention has been made of a visit of Rockefeller, Morgan or that bunch, that swiped \$317,000,000 from the New Haven railroad, and, besides, they would not have been guilty of petty larceny like that.

The California railroad commission has recommended that the Southern Pacific be permitted to issue bonds in the sum of \$55,000,000 for several purposes, one of which is retiring short term notes bearing 6 1-2 per cent, and the other provides for expending \$5,000,000 in Oregon. One of the items is \$1,019,718 for "station buildings, grounds and other improvements." It is hoped at least \$50,000 of the amount will be spent in giving Salem a depot that is not a disgrace to civilization.

Who is there so hard-hearted that he does not sympathize with John D., who is asked by the city of Cleveland to pay the trifle of \$12,000,000 taxes. Just think how you would feel if called upon to pay that sum in taxes, and then weep for poor old John D.

Marie Lloyd, the English music hall comedienne, horsewhipped a Vancouver, B. C., editor for criticising her. Marie was not long ago refused admission to this country as an undesirable, and editorial comment by the brash Brits caused the horsewhipping stunt. Anyway, the incident proves that the official who denied her admission was not far wrong in classing her as an undesirable.

Congressman Hull, of Tennessee, says the state derives more money from its tax on dogs than it does from its tax on bank deposits, which are known to exceed \$133,000,000. This indicates that the state is either long on dogs or short on depositors, who live anywhere on earth or where a live assessor can find them.

Bryan has announced that he has long had a desire to be a United States senator. If this means he intends to enter the race this fall against Hitchcock, the Nebraskan will have the hottest campaign in years. Hitchcock and Bryan were once chums, but are not that way now.

THE ROUND-UP.

Portland's Remedial Loan Office, started for the purpose of loaning small sums on chattels to help the needy was opened Monday, and 26 loans, varying in amount from \$50 to \$150 were made. The rate of interest charged is 2 per cent a month, and this looks to an outsider like a pretty steep charge for a charitable association to make.

President Wilson has signed the bill permitting the building of the Portland and Vancouver bridge.

A report comes from Sumpter of the finding of a \$1500 nugget in the Sumpter dredge works recently. The largest nugget found in Eastern Oregon before was valued at \$1200.

The other day an abalone was found on the beach at Seaside and Monday several pieces of coral were picked up at the same place. This indicates the severity of the recent storms for neither

of these things are native, and must have been carried a great distance.

The Milton fruit growers some 300 strong have cut loose from all shipping associations and formed a union and shipping company of their own.

The registration in Baker county shows that 667 have registered and of these 318 are democrats, 281 republicans, 38 socialists, 12 progressives, 12 prohibitionists, 5 independent and one who is nowhere, politically.

Mrs. Caroline Iler, a pioneer of 1847, and 77 years old, died at Gales Creek Sunday night. Her parents took up a donation claim, part of which she retained and made it her home during her whole life.

D. W. Campbell, general superintendent of the Southern Pacific in Portland, has been appointed assistant general manager of the same road in charge of all the territory between Portland, Ogden, Utah and Oakland Pier, Cal., and will retain his headquarters in Portland.

The News congratulates Hood River that the million-galions-a-day source of supply at Tucker's spring now flows through the mains of all the city and there is water for "plenty of irrigation for lawns as well as to make lemonade in the summertime."

John Alden Seabury's paper the Oregon Mining Journal hitherto published weekly at Greenhorn, has undergone another vicissitude, and will henceforth appear as a monthly. The editor is noted for his custom of making long hikes as he collects news in his large field.

Medford Mail Tribune: H. B. Cady, the agate authority and hunter, has suggested to the Elks' lodge that they face the fireplace in their new building on North Central avenue with Jasper agates, and other native stones polished and sawed. The fireplace will be 15 feet wide, and 15 feet high.

The McMinnville Telephone Register indulges the hope that 1914 will have a fine spring similar to one 25 years ago when crops matured so early that wheat

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SHIPPERS PROTEST.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Washington, Feb. 11.—Shippers of iron and steel articles and all raw materials entering into their manufacture today appeared before the Interstate Commerce Commission to protest against the granting of a general five per cent increase in Eastern railroad freight rates.

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R. M. Morris, V. C. Ray A. Grant,



GOLD MINE NOW COAL MINE.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Redding, Cal., Feb. 11.—Worked for gold and silver, a mine two miles from Harrison Gulch today is being worked as a coal mine. A vein of ten feet of hard coal was cut into the 500-foot level. The mine is 55 miles from any railroad. The strike is considered the most important coal find ever made in California.

JUMPS TO HER DEATH.

Kansas City, Feb. 11.—In the pres-

ence of throngs of shoppers, Miss Elna Zimmerman, a stenographer, jumped yesterday from the roof of the fifteen story R. A. Long building and was dashed to death. It was said she had been despondent.

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