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WATER POWERS, WHO SHALL OWN THEM?

The Oregon Voter prints and commends an address made somewhere, it does not state the place, on the subject of the development of western water powers and the difficulties the big companies meet with in getting possession of water rights on government lands. The argument is a strong one from the capitalistic side, but as Mr. Mitchell is president of the Electric Bond & Share Company of New York City, and his and his company's principal business is getting capitalists to invest in water power development, it would seem that he looks upon all laws keeping any rights to the waters of the country in the hands of the people much as a coyote does on a wire fence that shuts him away from the fat lambs on the other side of it.

Nature has placed a vast reservoir high above the valley in the Cascade mountains which will furnish millions of horse power when controlled.

The question is shall this vast power worth a billion or more dollars be turned over to those who want to develop and own it, or shall it be kept for the people to control at least or to develop for their own use?

True, the water running down the mountains uncontrolled is of no value and can only be conserved by being used, yet is it of not as much value to the people while running to waste as it is turned over to a company which will sell it back to the people at more than it is worth? In other words is it worth while to sacrifice the water rights in order to let some company charge us as much for the power as it would if it had to create the same power by the use of fuel and steam? This is what these development companies want, if they can get it, and Mr. Mitchell would sacrifice every right of the people of Oregon and the coast in order to facilitate his business of getting a snug rake off for putting big companies in possession of property now belonging to all the people.

The Oregon woolgrower has had his eyes opened to the truth by only two years of practical list of "free wool." He used to howl for a high tariff in season and out of season and was sure he was ruined when the Underwood law went into effect, but instead has had the most prosperous period in a whole generation. This fact is what opened the woolgrowers' eyes, and at their convention at Pendleton last week the usual high tariff plank was missing. Instead a demand was made for laws against the substitution of rags for wool—only 27 per cent of all alleged woolen goods being made from real wool. The argument of the free wool men for years that "shoddy" and not Australian wool was the greatest menace to the sheep industry in this country has been fully established and acknowledged.

The doctors of John Hopkins University are going to monkey with a couple of monkeys, and as a starter fit them with glasses. These glasses will be like many that humans wear, misfits, and will strain the eyes. The aesculapian disciples expect this to affect the thyroid gland, and thus they will get at the reason for many disfiguring diseases that they believe have their origin in the gland. It is tough on the monkeys but they will be forced into the four eyed class in a good cause, and let us hope prove of benefit to the more highly civilized branch of their family.

Portland's stock show requires five tents each as big as the largest circus tent to house the exhibit. Some of the finest stock of all kinds is there to be seen, and it is well worth the time and money expended in taking a run down to see them, especially if you are interested in the growing of livestock of any kind.

Oregon certainly has no kick coming over the share she gets out of "the pork barrel." Her share of the plunder according to the budget as submitted is \$2,662,000. This is nearly one-fifteenth of the entire sum proposed to be appropriated.

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Mr. John D. Ryan, president of the Montana Power Company testified before the Public Land committee of the United States senate during the hearings on the Ferris bill, that "the payment of federal taxes is not vital to the investors in water power securities so long as that tax can be passed on to the consumer." It is not only the tax such investors pass on to the consumer, but with it they pass all other bills and then want an unholy profit for letting the people have the use of their own property.

"Let Ima come home:" a little story in Monday's Capital Journal written by Ella McMunn, is commended to the authorities in charge of the Girls' Industrial school, not only as a pathetic bit of writing splendidly worded, but in the hope that it was not written in vain, and that the hearts of "Rose" and "Tom" may be cheered and made happy at the glad Christmas time. Why not, as Miss McMunn says, "give Ima as God would, another chance?"

It is queer how things twist around. The Panama building at the exposition was closed during the entire fair, because the little republic had made no appropriation for keeping it open. So the country which in a sense was the cause of the great exposition was about the only one that took no part in it.

Speaking of luck what do you think of a fellow who because he had only one arm to hold up when tackled by bandits was shot and killed? That is what happened to Michael McCarthy of St. Louis Sunday night.

The suffragists are game and though they lost half a mile of petition containing 100,000 names they paraded just as numerous and gaily as though a little thing like that was of no moment.

With four cities trying to buy the national democratic convention before it meets one can almost imagine the good old days of Tweed and that class were again here.

TO WARD OFF WINTER COMPLEXION ILLS

To keep the face smooth, white and beautiful all winter, there's nothing quite so good as ordinary merozoid wax. Rough, chapped or discolored skin, inevitable in this weather, is gently absorbed by the wax and replaced by the newer, fresher skin beneath. The face exhibits no trace of the wax, the latter being applied at bedtime and washed off mornings. Creams, powders and rouges, on the other hand, are apt to appear conspicuous at this season, because of alternating expansion and contraction of the skin, due to changing temperatures. I advise you to try this simple treatment. Get an ounce of merozoid wax at any drug store and use like cold cream. This will help any skin at once, and in a week or so the complexion will look remarkably youthful and healthy. Winds and flying dust often cause squinting and other contortions which make wrinkles. You can quickly get rid of every wrinkle, however produced, by using a harmless face bath made by dissolving 1 oz. powdered salolite in 1-2 pt. witch hazel.

Supreme Court Says Denver Must Be Dry

Denver, Colo., Dec. 6.—Denver, in common with the rest of Colorado, will be dry after January 1, for the Colorado supreme court today ruled that the city's "home rule wet" amendment was invalid and ordered revocation of licenses extended beyond the end of December.

The court ruled the city could not be wet under the plea that because she had "home rule" and voted wet she avoided the rule imposed upon the remainder of the state by the majority which decreed "the state as a whole should go dry."

SIMPLE WAY TO END DANDRUFF

There is one sure way that has never failed to remove dandruff at once, and that is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, just get about four ounces of plain, common liquid ar you from any drug store (this is all you will need), apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

PORTLAND WOMAN SUICIDES

Portland, Ore., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Alice Hirschberger, aged 54 years, wife of Hans Hirschberger, a Portland business man, was recovering today from two self-inflicted bullet wounds. Mrs. Hirschberger shot herself in the forehead as she stood before her mirror. Neither bullet penetrated her brain. Brooding over the unfortunate marriage of her daughter, Miss Clara Hirschberger, is believed to have caused her act. Miss Hirschberger married "Count" Paul Gottlieb, September 15. Her suit for divorce is now pending. Gottlieb is in jail here on a burglary charge.

DEFENSE SAYS CASE IS ONLY A FRAME UP

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—The government's accusations against Baron George Wilhelm Von Brincken and C. C. Crowley, alleged anti-airly bomb plotters may be termed a "frame up" when the case comes to trial.

Counsel for the defense indicated as much today when it suggested Louis J. Smith, alleged fellow worker with Crowley, is in reality a British spy, turning informer to make a case against the baron and Crowley.

Meantime, there is some question as to what part Consul Bopp and Vice Consul Von Shack of the German consulate will play before the government is done with its probe. Hints of arrest have been current.

Smith Talked in Tacoma

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 7.—The statement made by his attorney that Louis J. Smith, under arrest at San Francisco, is in reality a British secret service agent, was made by Smith during his sojourn in Tacoma.

FAMOUS BEAUTY TELLS HAIR CURLING SECRETS

"I cannot too strongly condemn the use of the hot curling iron," says Rita Maya. "It means death to the hair eventually. Moreover it is entirely unnecessary. The hair can be made beautifully wavy and curly to any extent and in any form desired merely by using such a simple thing as pure silmerine. This perfectly harmless liquid should be applied to the hair with a clean tooth brush at night. In the morning you will find that a very beautiful natural wave and curliness has resulted, and the effect will last a considerable time."

Peace Is In Sight For California

Palo Alto, Cal., Dec. 7.—With the report today of P. R. Wilson, president of the student body, and Graduate Manager Debraus, Stanford's representatives at the northwestern conference, strength was given to the belief that peace between Stanford and California is in sight. It is generally felt on the campus that Stanford is just about ready to relinquish her stand on the freshman eligibility rule and to resume relations with the Berkeley institution.

FIRE LOSSES TOTAL \$80,653 FOR FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1915

Chief's Report Shows That Losses Were Well Covered by Insurance

From January 1 to December 1 fire loss by fire in this city totaled \$80,653 according to the report of Fire Chief Harry Hutton which was submitted to the city council last night. Of this amount \$49,276.97 was on buildings and \$40,376.30 was on contents while the total insurance was \$79,912.34. In the 11 months 115 fire alarms were turned in and responded to by the department and four calls were made for the pumotor. Three of these calls were in behalf of drowning persons and only one of them was successful, that of a little child at 827 North Liberty street, the other calls were sent in after heart action had stopped. One call was sent in from the Oregon State Training school in the case of a youth who failed to recover from an anesthetic.

The chief's report states that there are 4,350 feet of 2 1/2 inch cotton hose in service of which 3,050 is in good condition and 500 feet is reported fair. The apparatus in use at the present time consists of one auto pumper, one auto chemical and hose wagon and one horse drawn chemical and hose wagon all in good condition. In reserve is one horse drawn steamer in fair condition and housed at the East Salem station is one Selby steamer in bad condition and one horse drawn chemical and hose wagon in good condition. There are also two horses in good order.

All hydrants in the city have been inspected by Chief Hutton and Engineer Fred E. Anderson and all hydrants have been flushed and hose connections oiled. Of these hydrants 284 were found to be in need of repairs which were made by Engineer Anderson. Inspected all fire escapes in the city and oiled all hose connections on stand pipes.

Pumotor calls four:
May 26, at 8:10 p. m., at 827 North Liberty street, cause drowning.
July 1, at 8:10 p. m., at Mill creek, near Fourteenth street, cause drowning.
July 4, at 5 p. m., at West Salem, cause drowning.

October 29, at 4:05 p. m., State Training school, cause anesthetic.

I wish to state that the little child of 827 North Liberty street, was saved by the pumotor. The other cases had no heart action when gotten from the water.

Fire hydrants: Installed 30 New Corey hydrants at the following locations, to-wit:
McCoy avenue and Hood streets, Lincoln street and Fairmount avenue, Rose avenue and Highland avenue, Columbia and Broadway streets, Columbia and Liberty streets, Columbia and Front streets, Laurel and Hickory streets, River and North Commercial streets, Hood and North Commercial streets, Seventeenth and Oak streets.

Taken out and reset nine hydrants at the following locations:
Fourteenth and State streets, Front and Ferry streets, Union and Church streets, Thirteenth and Ferry streets, State and Front streets, Center and Church streets, Mill and Church streets, Court and Church streets, Oak and Liberty streets.

Installed two guard posts for hydrants at Twentieth and D streets and Seventeenth and Lee streets. Built new concrete oil house for storing all oils and acids, also cement wall around same.

THIS FREES YOUR SKIN FROM HAIR OR FUZZ

(Toilet Tips)
The method here suggested for the removal of superfluous hair is quick and certain and unless the growth is extremely stubborn, a single application does the work. Make a stiff paste with some powdered delatone and water; apply this to the hairy surface and after about 2 minutes rub it off; wash the skin and the hairs are gone. To avoid disappointment, be sure your druggist sells you delatone.

Beavers May Lose Bates

Portland, Or., Dec. 7.—Inspired to verbal activity by reports from New York that Third Baseman Ray Bates, of the Beavers, will sign a Newark Federal contract before the week is out, Walter McCredie held forth today upon the probable personnel of the 1916 Portland infield.

"While I don't believe that Bates will go to the Federals," McCredie said, "we will be well fixed if he does. We can use either Hollicker or Stumpf at third base. Chuck Ward will be at short. With Bill Rodgers at second and Quinn at first we will have a real

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Fear Concerning Fate of Liner Minnesota In Mutineers' Control

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—That fire may be smoldering in her holds, while a mutinous crew prevents the captain from sending full information ashore was the fear among marine men today concerning the crippled food steamer Minnesota, wallowing off the coast of Lower California.

No new light came from her today. Water front men and her agents grew hourly more worried. Her position had not been given since last night—and then only reluctantly, it seemed to anxious men here.

What, asked engineers, is the reason for secrecy as to her position. Efforts to learn it brought a reluctant answer last night, but authorities still claim to know naught of what happened aboard her.

They merely hint that their information indicates she is wallowing in the ocean, with all boilers damaged—the work of a spy aboard. Indications today were that she is the victim of two attempts against her machinery.

Whether the rescue vessels from here have set some up to her is doubtful. Certainly, her captain has asked no government aid, and this adds to the puzzle concerning her.

For the "Weaker Sex"

A healthy body is important to every woman. Women cannot go happily about their work or duties when they feel weak, run-down, nervous, listless or depressed. Many women are seldom really ill, but suffer at times from lassitude, loss of appetite, sick headache and other ailments which interfere with health and take the joy out of living, and make work irksome.

No woman should neglect her health, her digestion, her nerves or good looks. She should take proper care of herself, and fortify her system against the disorders peculiar to her sex, by promptly taking

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