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### WOULD TRADE PASTURE FOR COW

Secretary of Agriculture Houston says there is a gigantic water power trust. He also says that 42 per cent of the total water power of the United States is in Oregon, Washington and California.

Nearly half of this 42 per cent is in Oregon, which is credited with all the way from 3,000,000 to 6,000,000 horse power. It is presumed that Secretary Houston knew what he was talking about, and had evidence of the existence of such a trust, else he had not made the assertion.

However it matters little whether there is such a trust now or not, for if there is not, it will be a short time until there is. There is too much money at stake in the water power to be overlooked by the exploiters for any great length of time.

The best evidence that there is such a trust is the fact that a hard fight is being made by someone to have the bars taken down and the waters of the coast turned over to the exploiters who talk so glibly about conserving our resources by using them, who want all government control taken away from the lands so they can get at the water without let or hindrance.

Whence, and why this sudden interest in the water powers of the west when just now there is no use to which the power could be applied?

It is not manufacturing companies that desire to utilize the waters that are making such an effort to secure the water powers. Who then is it and what is it wanted for?

The answer is easy! It is wanted by exploiters who by getting control of the state's vast water powers can with little or no cost to themselves turn them over to capitalists as an investment, worth in the not very remote future untold wealth. They have no practical use for these powers, no business that requires their use, no intention of doing anything with them except to sell them and put countless thousands of dollars in their pockets.

True, these powers are going to waste now; for the only way to conserve water power is to use it, and when it is not used it is dead waste. Will it be any different when the exploiters get possession of them? Will these now wasting waters be put to any useful work? Will there be mills built or factories? Are there any such factories now awaiting permission to utilize these water powers?

None that anyone has heard of. The power now going to waste belongs to the people. Once the exploiters get the ownership of it it will go to waste just the same until some manufacturing industry wants to use it, when the exploiter will get in his work and levy unholy toll on those who would put it at work.

The water power should be available for those who have use for it in some tangible industry, and the law should provide for its use by such without unnecessary annoyance, on the payment of a reasonable compensation for it.

The people own the water powers now; when they turn them over to those who are so anxious to have them put at work, they will find they have traded their pasture for a cow.

According to yesterday's dispatches, the allies sent an ultimatum to Greece, Monday, and the time for complying with it expired Wednesday. The demand was made that Greece hand the representatives of the Central Powers their passports. What, if any reply Greece has made, is not yet made public. If she yields the Teutons will jump on her and if she doesn't the allies will be in her wool. About the only thing left for King Constantine to do is to take to the woods, or follow Roosevelt's suggestion about the red fox, which he says pressed hard enough, will climb a tree.

Last year the Portland Rose festival slogan was "The whole world knows the Portland rose." Just for the sake of going it one better, it should have been this year: "The whole world noses the Portland roses."

The Tacoma Ledger very sapiently remarks that if the people want Woodrow Wilson for president again it does not matter who is nominated against him. And that if they did not want him any republican could beat him. This is so profoundly silly that it almost sounds wise. As between Wilson and Hughes the people might make a choice that would have different results were it to be made as between Wilson and Fairbanks, or someone else. It will take the best material the republicans have to give Wilson a close race, and the progressive whose vote may decide the election, seem to be of the opinion that the best material in the republican party for this job does not now belong to it—Theodore Roosevelt.

The proposal to send food supplies to Virginia City, Silver City and Gold Hill, the old mining cities on the Comstock and once the busiest places of their size in the world, indicates how they have degenerated. Three cities that can be furnished their supplies by a few men on snow shoes can scarcely be considered in the village class. At one time those three places were taking from their mines \$5,000,000 a month. Now they are producing little except hot water.

Portland has adopted a slogan for the 1916 Rose Festival. It was written by Mrs. Bertha Slater Smith, daughter of the late James H. Slater, United States senator from Oregon in the '70s. Besides being the author of the slogan she has four children. The \$25 prize winner, that will be inscribed on banners, pennants and dead walls, besides breaking into print several hundred times daily, is: "For you a Rose In Portland Grows."

Truly there is no end to the making of books, and certainly none to the writing of biographies. Some admirer of Martin Farquhar Tupper or some other literary genius proceeds to tell all about the wonderful things Martin aforesaid did. Then some other genius like the biographer so well that he thinks the world should know all about the biographer and so biographizes him. This goes on indefinitely.

According to the dispatches this morning Villa has been captured again. This has a familiar sound, but he has been captured and killed so many times that, as Mark Twain said about the report that he was dead, everyone feels the story is exaggerated. Nothing but his corpse will now be considered as satisfactory evidence of his demise.

Now it is claimed Greece has been served with an ultimatum by the allies. It looks as though about everything on the menu had been handed her, but somehow her appetite is not good and she does not seem to care for any of the dishes passed her; at least she nibbles at them as lightly as politeness will permit.

The Commercial Club goes on record as being opposed to preparedness. Of course this was not the unanimous sentiment, but it was that of a large majority. This should make Bryan grow still more friendly to Loju as a beverage instead of grape juice, but where will Wilson and Teddy get off?

Senator Chamberlain speaking of his bill for preparedness, says he will indorse Secretary Garrison's plan only if he can't get something better. As he expresses it, "If I can't get cake I will take pudding." It is on this principle that so many politicians who can't reach the pie counter are satisfied with "pork."

"The longer a man's jawbone, the greater his capacity for affection," says William J. Kibby, vocational guide and bachelor. How does Mr. Kibby square this idea with the way Samson treated the Philistines?

Phoenix has never, like the fabulous bird whose name it bears, "rose from its ashes," but it is sincerely hoped it may crawl out of the mud.



THE GRIP  
Now, when a man has got a cold, that makes him bark and yip, he talks about his aches untold, and says he has the grip. As well to claim when chilblains flirt your toes around about, and cause a peay-unish hurt, that you've rheumatic' gout. The grip, it is a fell disease, unlike the garden cold, and it was shipped across the seas, from Russia's frozen wold. Oh, it is fierce, and it will cook the goose of any gents, and make the cold of commerce look like twenty-seven cents. The men who've had it should receive due credit for the same, and if they die they ought to leave a long-enduring fame. Alas, distinction for them moulds no laurel wreaths this trip, for skates with common, ten-cent colds, all say they have the grip. I've had the real imported thing, indorsed by Nick, the czar, and I, of course, would like to spring grip stories, near and far. Alas, this world no solace holds for one to whom it's due; for all the skates with tinhorn colds remark, "I've been there, too!"



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### Reto Bargas, Mexican, Pays Penalty for Crime

Folsom, Cal., Jan. 21.—Reto Bargas, aged 28, was hanged here at 10 o'clock this morning. He was dead 14 minutes after the drop fell. The execution took place without incident. The crime for which Reto Bargas paid the penalty today occurred on July 4, 1915, near Wasco in Kern county. He fired six shots at a carriage in which a man, a woman and six children were riding to a picnic. The man, Frank Amador, and one of the children, Damian Chavez, aged 11 years, were killed and the boy's mother, Mrs. B. Chavez, was wounded. Bargas, a Mexican, came to the United States four years ago to escape the Mexican revolution, leaving his wife in Mexico. For a time he was employed by Chavez. Bargas was jealous because Mrs. Chavez became friendly with Amador.

### Congress Waiting For Further Information

Washington, Jan. 21.—Secretary of Interior Lane and Attorney General Gregory have been asked to advise congress what legislation will be used for the relief of homesteaders on land they bought from the Southern Pacific under Oregon grants, the titles to which have been voided by the supreme court. Chairman Ferris of the house public lands committee said he believed it will be necessary for congress to validate the titles of many who bought in good faith. He said, too, that litigation involving millions of dollars worth of timber lands presents one of the most difficult and important problems before congress. The supreme court has set a six months' limit for congressional action and Ferris said his committee will act after receiving the advice of the two cabinet officials.

### Portland Shippers Say Railroads Play Favorites

Portland, Or., Jan. 21.—Between three and five million bushels of grain are tied up between Chicago and New York for lack of railroad facilities, exporters declared here today. The western grain exporters are frankly displeased at the situation. Because ships are scarce, they are forced to send grain to Europe over transcontinental railroads. At least 20,000,000 bushels of the 1915 crop is going from the Pacific northwest to Europe over this route, they declare. Because they aren't regular customers the eastern railroads don't favor them. So, while ships are waiting at New York for their cargoes, the grain is stalled on the way. One Portland shipper is paying \$1,000 a day demurrage on a ship in New York.

### Germany Will Let Party Pass Through "Canned"

New York, Jan. 21.—The Ford press bureau announced today that the few Ford peace delegates remaining at The Hague with the intention of later establishing a permanent peace tribunal, have finally gained the consent of Germany to cross that country to reach Stockholm. As in the first crossing they will journey in a sealed car. They were scheduled to leave The Hague at noon.

If you don't think prosperity is here, ask the plumber.

### OPEN FORUM

Believes in Amendments.  
Editor Journal: While I did not hear the address by Superintendent Elliott before the Six o'clock club upon the "Moral Education of Boys and Girls," I am acquainted with his views upon the subject and fully concur in and indorse his views and position as sane, practical and timely.

The social life of the child is of as great importance as his moral or religious life. Amusement and entertainment require the same careful thought and study as do lessons. Are not these features part of the scheme of education, development and unfolding? What is the real purpose of education? To bring forth the latent powers within the child, to liberate what lies potentially enfolded within its very nature.

Our ideals of morality arise out of our theological ideals, out of our biological estimates of man and of human nature. So long as we look upon man as an abomination in the sight of God, he is totally depraved, begotten in sin, accursed or under a curse; so long as men are taught that the natural instincts are evil, leading to destruction and degradation, just so long will and must there exist confusion in the realm of morals.

The social impulses of man are as essential and as trustworthy as any of his impulses, as the desires for art, music, prayer and religion. Why should the theatre, the drama, the dance be

Grand Prize, Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco, 1915  
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ALBANY MAN APPLIES  
O. D. Byers, former resident of Polk county, but who for the past three years has been principal of the schools at Albany, was in the city last Saturday and filed his application with county court for the appointment of county superintendent, to succeed H. C. Seymour. —Polk County Itemizer.

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### TOO MUCH SNOW AT BLACK ROCK

Three or more feet of snow at Black Rock has closed down the logging camps there completely for the time being. The locomotives cannot run and all workmen are idle as a result. Most of the men are said to be going out to other places and there may be difficulty in picking up a complete crew when the weather permits operations to be resumed. —Polk County Itemizer.

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