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WHAT COULD A POOR GOVERNOR DO?

Governor Withycombe takes the trouble to reply to an attack made on him by the Oregon Journal for not going back to Washington, or sending a representative back to present Oregon's views as to the disposition of the forfeited Oregon & California granted lands.

The governor says he could have done nothing had he gone back, and he is eminently correct. Congress would have paid no attention to him whatever, and besides, as he well says, he could only present his individual views on the matter for neither he nor anyone else has any idea what Oregon wants. She does not know herself.

The mistake the governor made was in the calling of the convention here last September, for it only demonstrated that the people of the state were as widely separated in their views as it is possible for a community to be.

It was in a sense, a representative body of men being composed of the legislature, representatives from chambers of commerce; the grange; organized labor and about every faction or business in the state.

Out of the whole gathering there was not an idea expressed that was well received or that got any support. Some half baked plans were suggested that started nowhere and ended where they started. There were several fine spun theories, but not a workable, practical suggestion in the whole lot.

The governor's well-meant attempt served only to make confusion worse confounded; and to emphasize the fact that "Oregon did not know what she wanted and would never be satisfied until she got it." When the convention adjourned he knew no more what the people wanted done with the lands than he did when it met. In fact he was in a worse condition as to the matter than before, as it plainly showed Oregon had no suggestions to make, and rather closed the Governor's mouth even as to his own beliefs in the matter. Had the convention not acted as it did, he might have assumed the state wanted certain things and gave this opinion to the congressional committee.

However this would have made no difference as congress pays little attention to governors, or anyone else, going its own somewhat devious way and travelling a tortuous course rather than the straight road to reach its goal.

Congressman Sinnott did all that could be done, and it is due to his efforts that the state got half a loaf, instead of no bread, which seemed to be what it was to get until he made a hard and partly winning fight.

Just what the state will get remains to be seen, for it only gets its 20 per cent, and the counties their 30 per cent, net.

After the railroad is paid, the taxes settled, the cost of sale taken out, and the lands unsalable measured up, it is fair to presume Oregon will get exactly what the boy shot at, which was "a pretty much of a good deal of most nothing."

An arrangement is said to have been completed by which the Americans can use Mexican railroads for transporting army supplies. It is understood this has been tacitly agreed to for some days, but has not been made public to avoid criticism of Carranza by the Mexican people. However the situation seems to have cleared, and the Mexican people generally accept the presence of American troops as all right. Danger of clash seems to be rapidly disappearing, Mexicans of all classes realizing that Villa is a danger to public peace, and must be eliminated. They do not care who does the eliminating.

It is pleasing to note that the report of the terrible train wreck at Amherst was hardly off the wires before they brought the glad tidings that H. W. Belknap, chief of the safety division of the interstate commerce commission was on his way to the scene, "to investigate." This promptness in investigating is what pleases the public, and equal promptness in not discovering anything similarly pleases the railroads.

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"And until the government cuts out the bunco game, keep us on the copperhead list," says the Benton County Courier, speaking of the Mexican question. Of course, the Courier will be a copperhead in this instance, and all other instances, because it is always against government as organized. Really, such papers are anarchistic, because they never have a good word for anybody or anything—simply kick and whine and howl about existing conditions with never a thought of remedying them if wrong—simply interested in tearing down the work of others. The nation is full of peace at any price, copperhead sheets whose utterances show them void of every real patriotic American sentiment.

The O. W. R. & N. is to expend \$3,650,000 for improvements, is the latest railroad news, and it is good news too; for that amount of money cannot be turned loose anywhere in the state without the whole state feeling some of its effects. \$920,000 of this sum is to be used in extending the road from its present terminus at Riverside to Harriman, in Harney valley, which will be the western terminus of the road for sometime at least. The road also looks favorably on Mr. Strahorn's proposition to connect up all sections of Eastern Oregon and may take a hand in the work once it is started.

Governor Johnson has extended the olive branch to the irate Henry Ford. He assures him he had not singled out the Ford company as the object of his proclamation, but that the law required him to make it. He thoughtfully assured Mr. Ford that "His company was only one of about 5,000 tax dodging corporations in the state and that there was nothing personal in the matter." This should mollify the pacifist and take the fight out of him. He is only entitled to one five-thousandth part of the dope handed out by the governor and should not get swelled up over it.

Does the production of gold add anything to the world's wealth? Someone has described it as "the yard stick with which values are measured." If this is the correct definition can the multiplication of yard sticks add to the value of the things measured? Is it not a fact that as the quantity of gold increases the purchasing power of the metal decreases so that while there is more gold there is not more real wealth on that account?

Other cities are getting busy naming their candidates for queen of the Portland Rose Festival, but so far nothing has been done toward it in Salem. With Salem's wealth of beauty and vivaciousness the only difficulty in selecting a queen is in choosing one from so many, each of whom has all the qualifications for the position. Will some one please start the ball rolling.

A man wants the especial privilege of gathering drift wood that lodges on Sand island, Hst' pst! Where's Old Sleuth? Where's Sherlock Holmes, Jr.? Is this a clue to that lost city Woodpile? Call the committee! Call the mayor! No matter what you call him, only do it quickly.

Some 360,000 railroad employes have submitted their demands for an increase of wages to about 480 railroads and the roads have submitted their refusal to grant the demands to the employes. Now it is a question of arbitration, or fight. The former will probably be tried first.

President Wilson in selecting Carranza as the leader best calculated to bring peace to Mexico may have struck the best piece of timber for the purpose, but he will have a hard time making a silk purse out of a sow's ear with the de facto president as his raw material.

Norway has had 96 vessels torpedoed since the war began and has not raised half as much fuss about it as we have over the sinking of the ships of other nations.

If you want to be an April fool tomorrow is the day to start on so as to get in early and avoid the rush.



Bill Jinks can't say, "It's a pleasant day," in just that many words; he has to talk clear round the clock, till he scares away the birds. He'll go 'way back to the almanac of the year when Adam died, to find a day that was bright and gay like the one that's about to slide. He'll talk nine hours to describe the showers that fell on the ninth of June, and to prove to you that all rains are due to the changes of the moon. He'll talk three weeks, till his jawbone creaks, and his larynx slips a cog, to show that sleet will destroy the wheat, that snow is but frozen fog. Now, you and I, as we teeter by, can say, "It's a pleasant morn," and we will not stop to discuss the crop, the pumpkins and oats and corn. But old Bill Jinks, he is full of kinks, and he simply can't be brief, and his tongue must clack till the welkins crack, and he causes lots of grief. It grieves Bill Jinks that the whole world shrinks with pain from his dance and song; and he wonders why all the people shy, whenever he comes along.

THE MARKETS

The following prices for fruits and vegetables are those asked by the wholesaler of the retailer, and not what is paid to the producer. All other prices are those paid the producer. Corrections are made daily.

Table listing market prices for various grains including Oats, wheat, and corn.

Table listing market prices for various types of butter.

Table listing market prices for various types of eggs and poultry.

Table listing market prices for various types of pork, veal and mutton.

Table listing market prices for various types of vegetables.

Table listing retail prices for various types of eggs.

Table listing market prices for various types of portland cement.

Portland, Ore., Mar. 31.—Wheat: Clark, 90¢/95¢; Bluestem, \$1.00/1.05; Fortyfold, 81¢/87¢; Red Russian, 89¢/95¢; Oats: No. 1 white feed, \$21.75/25.25; Barley: Feed, \$25.00; Hogs: Best live, \$9.25; Prime steers, \$9.00; Fancy cows, \$7.50; Calves, \$8.00; Spring lambs, \$13.00; Butters: City creamery, etc.; Country butter, 30¢/31¢; Eggs: Selected local ex., 20 1/2¢/21¢; Hens, 17¢; Broilers, 22 1/2¢/25¢; Geese, 10¢/11¢.

Two Thousand Machinists at Clyde Are On Strike

Landon, Mar. 31.—Two thousand Clyde machinists were on strike today, refusing to manufacture big guns, and the trouble threatened to spread. The machinists said they would not work until the British government repealed its conscription measure. Arthur Henderson, labor member of the cabinet, was due at Glasgow today to meet a committee of strikers. A number of laborers but proportionately few as compared to the number "out" have returned to their tasks in spite of pressure exerted by union leaders.

Many Corporations Do Business In State

Among the corporations that filed articles at the office of the state corporation commissioner today was the Boise-Payette Lumber company, of Boise, Idaho, which is capitalized at \$7,000,000. The principal office in Oregon will be at Ontario. The National Script System changed its name to the National Savings System and the Interstate Equities company, of Portland was incorporated with a capitalization of \$5,000. The McMinnville Co-operative Exchange, of McMinnville, was incorporated today with a capitalization of \$8,000. The company proposes to conduct the business of selling and exchanging farm products, farm machinery and all other articles of use to the agriculturist. The incorporators are Charles Waite, Owen A. MacGill, L. T. Moore, John O. Eckman, Elijah Corbett and J. B. Shirley. The Buelmer Lumber Co., of North Bend, Cos. county, was incorporated at \$750,000.

HUSBAND SUFFERED

Dear Editor: I sent for a box of Dr. Pierce's Anurie Tablets for my husband, and he has been greatly benefited by them. He suffered from lame back and weak kidneys; kidney excretions being too frequent. After giving 'Anurie' a trial we are convinced that it is the best kidney medicine made. Will be glad to recommend it. (Signed) Mrs. E. D. Mines.

Note.—It is now asserted with confidence that these painful effects due to uric acid in the system are entirely eradicated. A new remedy, called "Anurie," has been discovered by Dr. Pierce, and is the cause of a drainage outward of the uric acid with which it comes in contact within the body. It will ward off backache, headache and the darting pains and aches of articular or muscular rheumatism—of those dis-

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cases which are caused by too much uric acid, such as gout, asthma, sciatica, renal calculus. "Anurie" prolongs life because old people usually suffer from hardening and thickening of the walls of the arteries, due to the excess of uric acid in the blood and tissues. Dr. Pierce, who is director and chief physician at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., has been testing this wonderful medicine for the relief of over-worked and weakened kidneys. The relief obtained by sufferers has been so satisfactory that he determined to place "Anurie" with the principal druggists in towns where people could get this medicine for 50¢. "Anurie" is not harmful or poisonous, but aids nature in throwing off those poisons within the body which cause so much suffering, pain and misery. Scientists assert this remedy is 37 times more potent than lithia.

Bethel News Notes

(Capital Journal Special Service.) Bethel, Ore., March 30.—The last meeting of the Bethel Literary Society was the best in a long time. There was a good debate on the question "Resolved that Marion county should employ a County Agriculturist." The speakers on the affirmative were: Lucy Nichols, Alta Martin, and Avis Williams. Negative: John Zak, Clifford Johnston, and W. R. Baker. The question was quite thoroughly discussed both pro and con. The judges were: Carl Miller, John Hain, Mr. Swales, Louis Rautenberg, and Arthur Schulz. Their decision was three for the affirmative and two for the negative. The following program was given: Reading, by Herman Dones; Recitation, "The Postage Stamp," by Harriet Wolfe; Violin solo, "Dublin Bay," by Joe Fliegel; Recitation, "Tenser must be tied tonight," by Avis Williams; Recitation, "Bill Mason and the express," by Joe Fliegel; Song, by Mr. and Mrs. Swales and Alice Johnston; Song, by Harlan Hoffman; Song, by three boys.

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It has been reported that John Clark is working on a farm south of Salem. Mr. Faustman has decided to sell out and go to Texas. Mr. H. B. Hoffman is sowing spring oats. Mr. Hoffman had a little accident some time ago and injured one of his feet. Paul Baker is on the sick list. Gladys Johnston has been visiting in Haysville for a few days. There was a large attendance at the party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Postak last Saturday night. Miss Margarita Bahansen, who is attending the high school in Salem, will try boarding at home for a while. She had been staying in town. Wm. A. Baker has been building some fence for his mother. Mr. Taylor is building some fence on the part of his farm near Mr. Sundborg's house. Mr. Kirscher will have a new fence in front of his house. Roy Marchand, John Hain, Emil Sundborg, and Virgil Sundborg are working on the walnut plantation.

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