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garner the fruitage within our reach. To do this effectively, we must get under the lee of the Chamber of Commerce and boost, boost, boost!

**THE PEOPLES INNINGS.**

Oregon's senators and representatives in Washington have united in a well-digested purpose to demand the intervention of the federal government in forcing the Central, Union and Southern Pacific railways, to open up the lands with which they were endowed in the '60's and compel their sale to the people at the then contracted price of \$2.50 per acre. This is a splendid task and it has the endorsement of the people at large, and will, if successful, redound to the glory of old Oregon as has nothing in years past.

The railways have arbitrarily kept these untold millions of acres away from the people for years, despite the plain and simple text of the agreement under which the lands were turned over to them by Uncle Sam, and if any are sold, it is at figures far beyond the sum named in the original contract under which they acquired them. The title did not actually pass with the lands, except in a hypothetical sense. They were given to the companies in lieu of cash grants which the government at that time was not able to make, with the distinct and recorded understanding, that they were to be sold, later, to actual homesteaders at the maximum price of \$2.50 an acre, the revenue to accrue to the companies in lieu of the money-grant then denied them by the government.

We hope to see the issue forced to its last consideration and the people given a chance to utilize them on the basic terms provided. The time is opportune and the weight of justice lies with the people. The lands were intended for them and only the hogwash policy of the companies has kept them back from use and occupancy. Goodness to the hands and brains of the men of Oregon who have determined to retrieve this monumental wrong, and to their conferees in Congress.

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

The Passage of the law removing the internal revenue tax from denatured alcohol has started the amateur poets going. John W. Yerkes, the commissioner of Internal Revenue, has been called upon to decide who is the poet laureate of Kentucky, as a result of his activity in enforcing the provisions of the denatured alcohol act. Here is a part of one of the poems that was submitted for his consideration:

"I'm not afraid of chemists,  
 However skilled they be,  
 I'm tanked on good old bourbon,  
 You can't denature me."  
 Another Kentucky poet who was evidently confused as to the uses to which denatured alcohol is put, set his thoughts to music. The words of the song, or part of them, follow:  
 "A julep's tang,  
 Will diminish the pang  
 Of an old man's dream of yore,  
 When meadows were green  
 And the brook flowed between  
 The hills he shall climb no more;  
 But the drink of luck  
 For a youth of good pluck  
 Who can gaze in the eye of fate,  
 Is the good, old whisky of Kentucky  
 And you always drink it straight.  
 Chorus  
 Old Straight whisky, that is the drink of life---  
 Consolation, family, friends and wife,  
 Made your glasses ready,  
 Pour three fingers steady!  
 Drink good luck to Kentucky's old  
 Whiskey straight."  
 Commissioner Yerkes will withhold for the present his decision as to who is the champion poet of Kentucky.

He is of the opinion that there will arise other aspirants for the honor.

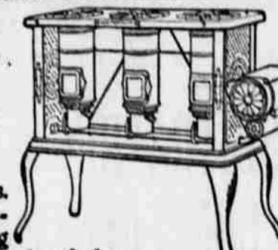
If Mrs. Von Claussen is not presented forthwith at the court of Sweden this government will have to take the consequences. We will be shaken as if by an earthquake. The lady says so. What are these trifles occupying the time of our President, while the important matters of life are brushed aside as if of no consequence. The nations are warned.

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There is no more ideal summer season in the world than pervades this section of this prosperous land, and year by year the shifting, visiting, touring world is becoming familiar with the fact. We must not be idle nor indifferent, but get to work on all sides and do and dig and develop and draw.

There should be ten thousand more people here this summer than last, and there probably will be; and with such an access it were folly to dawdle and procrastinate; and the sum of wisdom to put our best energies at work and