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THE DEMONSTRATION TRAIN

The O. R. & N. farming demonstration train will visit Heppner on Tuesday, October 26. Every farmer in Morrow county should visit this meeting. The significance of such meetings are hardly realized by the people in general. That is, such meetings are looked upon lightly, and especially by the farmers themselves who should be interested most.

The idea that this demonstration is only a scheme for the promotion of railroad interests is far from the real truth.

The real object is for the advancement and improvement of agricultural conditions through which the railroad traverses.

The railroads can only prosper as the country prospers, and the proposition is mutual.

This is an age of progress and surely there is room for progress in the line of agriculture.

Here in Oregon like a great many other states we have an experiment station kept up mainly at public expense for the public good. Experts are employed who spend their time in studying and experimenting with everything possible to be obtained at their command. They have the benefit of the experiments and discoveries of the men engaged in similar lines in the many other stations of the country.

The people of Morrow county will have an opportunity to visit the Oregon experiment station right here at home and brought here at the expense of the railroad company.

Demonstration trains have been here before but the attendance was not what it should have been, and the stop was too short making it necessary to go over the work in such a rapid manner that the subjects handled were not brought out clearly.

Profiting by past experience the meeting a week from next Tuesday will be much longer, not only in the afternoon, but there will be an evening session, supplemented with stereopticon slides to further demonstrate the subjects more clearly.

In the good work undertaken the railroad should be encouraged with a good attendance.

As well as being instructive the meetings will be entertaining.

THE FIRST ALMANACS.

They Attempted to Foretell Men's Destiny From the Stars.

The almanac, properly so called in origin, is not merely a device for keeping people in mind of the progress of the year. It is an attempt to show what destiny has in store for us as indicated by the position of the stars in any particular year, and as, according to astrological lore, the destinies of men are ruled by the different aspects of the planets, so also the human body is subject to the influence of the constellations through which the sun appears to pass in his yearly course. A French almanac of 1610 gives a diagram of the human body surrounded by all the signs of the zodiac and indicates the various organs and members over which these signs have power, and this for a guide pour les saignées, or to show at what period blood may be let with safety. But the same almanac also gives directions sensible enough for the avoidance of the plague which would not be found fault with by a modern fashionable physician:

Who would keep his body in health
And resist the infection of the plague,
Let him see joy and sadness fly,
Avoid places where infections abound
And cherish joyous company.

A few examples exist of almanacs of this character before the invention of printing, although none, it is believed, earlier than the twelfth century. But some of the earliest specimens of printing are black printed German sheet almanacs, which are chiefly concerned about blood letting.—Westminster Gazette.

Wasted Time.

Mrs. Newrich was growing accustomed to power. She enjoyed it and was irritated when any one presumed to differ from her in opinion. When the sailing party of which she had been a member landed on the shores of the lake rain soaked and frightened. Mrs. Newrich was the only one who cared to talk.

"It could all have been avoided if that captain had done as I told him," she said between the chattering of her teeth as the party stood huddled under a small shelter.

"When I saw that cloud coming from that corner of the lake I said to him, 'I think you'd better make straight for home and not spend any more time tacking,' but he paid no more attention than as if I hadn't spoken!"—Youth's Companion.

Girl of Many Colors.

Mrs. Bleakem—George, this is the most interesting novel I ever read. Just listen, dear: In the tenth chapter the heroine sees the hero approaching, and she turns pink. He kisses her, and she turns red. A footprint is heard, and she turns white. Five minutes later the villain arrives, and she turns purple with rage. Now, wouldn't you call such a girl as that a heroine, George?

Mr. Bleakem (absently) — H'm! I think I should call her a chameleon.—Chicago News.

Providing Against Emergencies.
"Is you de insurance geman?" asked Mr. Erastus Pinkley.

"I am," answered the urbane agent. "Well, I wants to talk business. I ain't got nuffin' to say again my neighbors, but I's had a lot of unexpected occurrences. I wants to see if I can't arrange to get some accident insurance on my chicken coop."—Washington Star.

Heard in the Bath.
"That's the laziest rubber I ever saw," criticized the patron in the Turkish bath parlors. "Why, he looks as if he were asleep."

"Oh, I'll fix that in a few minutes," assured the proprietor.

"Going to give him a call?"
"Yes, I am going to tell him to stretch himself."—Minneapolis Journal.

DROPPED THE "TUB."

And Like a Good Girl Pronounced the Word Correctly.

W. S. Gilbert contributed an amusing article on "Actors and Authors" to a program of the London Drury Lane theater. The following extract will be read with appreciation:

The author's greatest difficulty lies in the necessity of directing an actor's attention to an obvious mispronunciation—a feat that must be achieved without humiliating the actor in the presence of his professional brethren. Many years ago I was engaged in rehearsing a burlesque, and a very clever young lady had to sing the couplet:

Inevitably if you do
It will be the worse for you.

The clever young lady, whose pronunciation was not always beyond reproach, delivered the lines thus:

Inevitably if you do
It will be the worse for you.

This, of course, would not do, so I determined to alter the word to "inevitably." The young lady agreed that the alteration greatly improved the verse, but she was not to be deprived of her "tub," so she sang it as follows:

Inevitably if you do
It will be the worse for you.

This was just as bad, so I made it "unquestionably" and, of course, it came out:

Unquestionably if you do
It will be the worse for you.

I could think of no other word that would answer the purpose, so, as a last resource, I said to her:

"Do you think it advisable to give the word its French accent?"

"How do you mean?"

"Why, 'unquestionably'—that's the way it is pronounced in Paris. In addressing an English audience perhaps the simple English version of the word would be better. Try it at all events, 'unquestionably,' 'a' instead of 'u.' 'Unquestionably' would be all very well for the stalls, but the gallery wouldn't understand it."

"Of course," she said, "the English accent would certainly be more appropriate."

And she sang it "unquestionably" like the good girl that she was.—Argonaut.

The Reason.

She—Only think, Frau Hubmeier threw a flatiron at her husband's head because he accidentally sat down on her new hat! I couldn't do a thing like that!

He—No, you love me too much, don't you?

She—Yes, and, besides, I haven't any new hat!—Megendorfer Blatter.

To the Clothes Wearing Public.

I am authorized the following from a Chicago clothes maker of the best class: To take measure for your suit for 25 cents a person and the 15th suit given away free of charge. Who will be the lucky one? J. BENRY BODE, The Tailor.

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