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The Times-Mountaineer believes Congressman Williamson is conscientiously trying to do something for his constituents, and that when he introduced and passed through the house his bill for the alleged relief of Sherman county settlers he was not aware that every provision of his bill had already been complied with, and that the information called for had been on file in the office of the secretary of the interior since March, 1902; and that he was not trying to "play politics" when he incumbered the United States statutes with house bill No. 3529. But whether he was honestly endeavoring to serve his constituents or playing to the galleries matters little. What he has done amounts to nothing whatever. It is simply time wasting. Though it is not too late for him to do something practicable, and we would suggest that he devote his energies to a practicable proposition, something tangible, something that will be of actual benefit to the settlers of Sherman county, who, by a decision of the supreme court, in the cases of Wilcox vs. Eastern Oregon Land Co. and Messenger vs. Eastern Oregon Land Co., were deprived of their lands and improvements.

While capital in a town is a mighty good thing to have, provided it is used rightly, nevertheless push, energy and public spiritedness will do wonders toward upbuilding a town even if capital is lacking. The following from the Newberg Graphic illustrates this point quite forcibly:

"The lack of capital is not the greatest misfortune that can befall a town. McMinnville probably has five times the amount of actual money Newberg can boast of and yet in the race that is being made for active, energetic business Newberg is throwing dust in the eyes of our neighbors every day in the week, as a comparison of the two towns will show. It is said by residents of the county seat that too much of their money is laid away for the anticipated "rainy day," for the best interests of the present generation, while in Newberg every dollar is invested in some enterprise that gives somebody something to do. It is easy to see that an abundance of dead capital may be more of a hindrance in the way of an aspiring town than a partial lack of live capital."

It is seldom if ever, in the history of the theater art, that one man attempts to entertain an audience in so classic a play as "Faust." However, the exception to the rule must be chronicled, inasmuch as an Athena audience has witnessed a new dramatization of the play that embodies the flames and imps of Hades, conjured by the satanic Mephistopheles for the benefit of the philosopher, Faust. In the standard play of Faust, Mephistopheles, while the leading character, at certain intervals wears the cloak of obscurity long enough to let other characters speak their lines. In the reconstructed version as presented in Athena Saturday night, Mr. "Mephisto" was the whole show—scenic effects not barred. He had to be, for the rest of the cast was non est.

The editorial columns of the Portland Oregonian have planted the Umatilla Indian reservation over in Morrow county. By short jerks and easy stages, it is presumed that the Portland paper contemplates having the reservation annexed to the fair grounds in ample time for the opening of the Lewis and Clark exposition. Capital idea! Appropriateness or nothing, is evidently the char-

ished idea of Portland's great daily in the matter of exhibits for the exposition. But there'll be something doing that's not down on the bills if the Oregonian staff scoops in our reservation without "us country" fellows knowing it. They can have the Injuns for a spell but Umatilla county needs the reservation land for wheat and corn raising purposes.

Fifteen thousand, seven hundred and fifty fruit trees, 14,000 of them prune trees, are being set out by the Blalock Fruit company on the big fruit farm at College Place. About 8,000 have been put in so far. The location is on the north side of Mill creek on the 620 acre ranch recently purchased from Thomas Lyons, of Walla Walla, and costing a fortune. It is said the entire farm will be turned into a huge fruit orchard as soon as it can be gotten in shape. Twenty-five thousand trees in all will be set out by the Blalock farm people this year, giving 60,000 trees on this one ranch, as the company has now 44,000 bearing trees of all varieties.

Portland is after the meeting of the national grange next November, and, judged by the way that city has secured the congresses of the cattlemen, miners and other organizations, it ought to have a comparatively easy time in landing the national grange.

Ex-Congressman M. A. Moody serves notice on the Mitchell faction of the republican party that he still continues to be a representative man in the ranks of the party. Three counties are enrolled under his banner—Wheeler, Sherman and Gilliam.

COMING EVENTS.

- April 9.—Umatilla county republican convention.
- April 12.—Umatilla county democratic convention.
- April 14.—Republican state convention, Portland.
- April 19.—Democratic state convention, Portland.
- May 27, 28.—Caledonian picnic at Athena.
- June 2, 3, 4.—Umatilla county pioneers' reunion, at Weston.
- June 6.—General election in Oregon.
- June 15, 16, 17.—Oregon encampment G. A. R., Hood River.
- July 4.—Rousing celebration (prospective), at Athena.

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