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THE FARMER EXPANDS.

California has begun a movement for interchange of views among the agricultural classes of that wonderful state, the scheme providing for lectures by the most noted professors at her universities and colleges.

The activity of Eastern Washington this winter along these lines has been marked. In nearly every section where farms are tilled there have been well attended gatherings, scientific men to address them, practical men to contribute without pay the result of their experiments.

Agriculture is destined to remain as much of a science in the northwest as mining. In the long run it will become far more important, for there will be money made from farms long after the mineral fields have been exhausted.

The rise of the farmers' institutes gives additional dignity to the calling. They will furnish the incentive for more young men and women to adopt that honorable means of earning an independent livelihood.

A NEWSPAPER'S "STORMS."

The Louisville Courier-Journal prints this statement about itself and its business:

"Assuredly it (the Courier-Journal) has weathered many storms. In 1896 it lost half its daily and nearly all its weekly circulation, but it got back the daily circulation with some addition the two or three years succeeding, and it is slowly, but surely, getting back its weekly, so that for quite a year the volume of its business has been greater than ever it was before.

To the newspaper people of the country it is highly gratifying that the Courier-Journal, having "weathered many storms," is weathering this latest one also. In the circumstances it is impossible to blame it for seeking reconciliation with the Democratic party, even under the direction of Goebelism; for "he who stands upon a slippery place makes no use of no life hold to stay him up."

In another article the Courier-Journal says it is "riding on a boom at present, its circulation, large before, having, the last few weeks, actually doubled." It will do good work yet, when the stupidity, intolerance and fury that surround it shall have exhausted their forces.

The hold which Bryan manages to retain on the rank and file of one element of his party, notwithstanding the fact that every sane person in that party sees overwhelming defeat for him at the polls this year, is one

of the marvels of politics, says the Astorian. It is a sort of fatalism which is supposed to be foreign to the American character. Though his overthrow and that of his party are seen by the astute members of it to be as certain to come as is election day, yet there is no movement to defeat him in the convention. If the convention were to meet tomorrow he would probably get the entire vote of the delegates.

GREAT TRADE REVOLUTION.

There was a time, and it is not so long distant, when the exports of the United States consisted almost exclusively of agricultural produce, of wheat and corn and cotton and meat. It is not so now. To be sure, what are known as foodstuffs still form the major part of the American merchandise which finds a foreign market.

In 1890 only twelve per cent. of our exports were other than agricultural; last year the proportion had risen to thirty per cent., while at the same time the proportion of imports which consisted of raw materials intended to be used in the processes of manufacture is steadily increasing. It would be impossible to overstate the momentous nature of this circumstance.

This constitutes an extraordinary, an unparalleled demonstration of the forward stride in the direction indicated which the nation is taking. Although we are importing twice as much in value as we were thirty years ago, the amount of manufactured goods which we buy abroad has actually decreased.

Take some other figures by way of further illustration. They will show that while our imports have doubled since 1869, our exports have quadrupled. In the former year there was an excess of imports over exports amounting to \$101,079,906, whereas in 1899 the excess of exports over imports aggregated \$475,652,051.

There was a general failure of crops in Europe in 1898, and that failure had to be made good from the United States. It was natural that last year, when an average European crop was harvested, the demand upon the United States should have fallen off. On the other hand, the foreign demand for articles of American manufacture actually increased, and this in spite of the fact that there had been a great and general increase in prices, the effect of which it had been apprehended would be to curtail materially the selling of American

manufactures in the foreign market. Yet instead of being curtailed, that selling actually increased.

It will be seen that these dry statistics reflect nothing less than a commercial, financial and industrial revolution, a revolution made possible by the policies of the Republican party and the efficiency of Republican administration.

The two million and a half mortgage given by the Sunset Telegraph and Telephone company to the Old Colony Trust company, of Boston, is filed at Tacoma. The mortgage is given on property in Washington, California, Nevada and Arizona to cover a bond issue and is made a record in each county in which the company has property.

It is estimated that there are from 1000 to 1400 bales of hops of the '99 crop unsold in Yakima county, Wash. Large part of these are not of the best quality, but some lots of good hops are being held for higher prices, which the growers think they see in prospect. The top price now is said to be a fraction under 9 cents.

PAUL MOHR ROAD.

Different Opinions of the Press Relative to the New Company.

Active work on the steamboats that will be built here for the Paul Mohr company will begin in the near future. Captain James Cochran is expected to return from Chicago this evening, and as soon as he can arrange the preliminaries the keel for the first boat will be laid.

The plans have been completed and Louis Paquet has made a model for one of the boats. She will be one of the finest-equipped and fastest boats ever constructed in the Northwest, and will be used exclusively as a passenger boat. The other two boats will be adapted to the carrying of both freight and passengers.

The movements of the Paul Mohr company have awakened a deep interest among all classes of people. Shippers, steamboatmen and people living along the Columbia river from the mouth of the Willamette to Wenatchee are all interested, and they have great faith in the completion of the enterprise.

The upper terminus of the line has not been definitely settled, as near as can be learned. For three months in the year boats can run between Lewiston and Pasco, and it is probable that the P. M. company will push into that country during the good boating stage. Between Riparia and Lewiston boats run most of the year, but between Riparia and Pasco the river can only be navigated in high water.

It is reported by several papers that two steamers are to be constructed at Portland and one at Pasco for the Paul Mohr Transportation Company. This news should be taken with a grain of salt. From appearances it would seem that this enterprise largely consisted of a desire to create the impression that it was in the field for business, while in fact it was promoted for the purpose of quick returns from a direction which would more or less be effected by opposition. When the Paul Mohr Transportation Company risks itself in this speculation it will be time enough for the people and the press to have confidence in its statements and movements.

Scouring Mill for The Dalles.

When men with determination take hold of any project it is an assured fact they will accomplish their end. The committee consisting of Jos. T. Peters, Ed. M. Williams and N. Wheelton, appointed by the citizens of The Dalles to look into the matter of securing a scouring mill at this place, have worked faithfully, and by their tenacity have succeeded in winning out in the end.

The fact that we are losing some of our trade in the surrounding country on account of various railroads being built, have spurred our citizens to the necessity of bringing a pay roll into our community and look toward manufacturing, which should have been advanced years ago. But then for the present. We are to have a scouring mill, and one up to date with all the latest appliances and improvements. Mr. J. M. Russell, the promoter of the scheme, in consideration of the sum of \$20,000 to be issued in bonds to draw six per cent interest, payable annually, agrees to pay the sum of \$5000, to be used in the construction and equipment of the mill, in common with the money secured by the bond. He will take the management of the concern, and as he is thoroughly conversant with everything pertaining to wool, will undoubtedly make a grand success of the proposition.

According to the contract the mill is to be completed by the first of June, 1900, unless unavoidably hindered. The requisite amount has been secured with the exception of \$6,500, which will undoubtedly be raised by tomorrow night.

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TO PROTECT SONG BIRDS.

Reward Offered for Conviction of Persons Who Kill Them.

A reward of \$10 will be paid by State Game Warden Quimby or his deputy at this place, for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person destroying song birds and other small birds classed with them.

The law on the subject of killing song birds is as follows: "General laws of the state of Oregon, to protect the native song birds within the state of Oregon.

"Section 1. Every person who shall within the state of Oregon, for any purpose, injure, take, kill or destroy or have in his possession, sell or offer for sale, any yellow breasted chat, meadow lark, robin, song sparrow, larkfinch, variegated thrush, wood thrush, hermit thrush, American goldfinch, bluebird, snowbird, oriole, lazuli finch, house and winter wren, pine-linnet, California linnet, warbler, vireo, swallow, tanager, grosbeak, ringlet or horned-lark, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

The second section of the law declares that every person who shall within the state of Oregon, destroy or remove from nests any of the above named birds, or any egg or eggs of such birds or have in possession or offer for sale any such eggs, or willfully destroy the nests of any such birds, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

"Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this act, or any other act or parts of acts, for the protection of game or song birds, not in conflict herewith, and for which no penalty is fixed, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$15 nor more than \$200, together with the costs of the prosecution of said action, or by imprisonment in the county jail of the county wherein such offense may have been committed, not less than seven or more than 100 days, or both such fine and imprisonment."

It is desired that the school teachers and parents make the law known to children, for the slaughter of our song birds is a shame and must be stopped. The game warden has instructed his deputies to keep a strict watch and make those who disregard the statutes amenable to the law.

U. OF O. NOTES.

Homer D. Angel Elected Captain of Track Team.

EDITOR CHRONICLE: The assembly Wednesday morning was dedicated to our new paper. Speeches were made by a number of the staff, who predicted a bright future for the Oregon Weekly. Considerable enthusiasm was created, with the result that the students are contributing liberally to the paper's support.

The Philologian literary society met Friday evening and listened to a prepared address on "Bacon's Rebellion" by C. E. Sanders. The society debated the question, "Resolved, That the policy of the United States toward her outlying colonies should be that of ultimate assimilation as opposed to making them independent states." B. F. Wagner led the affirmative and I. W. Hammond the negative. The president decided that the most convincing argument had been brought out by the negative and rendered his decision accordingly. After the debate a mock trial was held, and the sentence of the criminal to be put in the bath tub was duly executed.

The Laurean society met for regular debate, but were very pleasantly surprised by a visit from the young ladies of the Eutaxian society. The gentleman declared the meeting adjourned to "The Banquet" where they all partook of an oyster supper.

Saturday evening the regular yearly tryout to select a debating team to represent the university for 1900 occurred. The affirmative of the question, "Resolved, That the policy of the United States toward her outlying colonies should be that of ultimate assimilation as opposed to making them independent states," was upheld by W. L. Whittlesey, B. C. Jakway and B. C. Spencer; the negative by G. O. Goodall and V. L. Hall. The debaters were selected according to merit and not as to sides. The judges decided that the honor of the university should be held this year by A. C. Jackway, W. L. Whittlesey and G. O. Goodall.

Last season's track team elected Homer D. Angel '00 captain for the coming season at their meeting Tuesday afternoon. On the same day Fred Ziegler was elected captain of the indoor baseball. Manager Edwards has arranged for a game with the O. A. C. at Corvallis on February 22. The team will probably play Albany on its return. A number of new students were registered during the week.

Dr. F. G. G. Schmidt, professor of modern language is preparing for a trip to Europe during the coming vacation.

A Meritorious Entertainment.

The ladies of the Catholic church are to be congratulated by the public for giving such a splendid entertainment Tuesday evening. Each number was well rendered and eagerly listened to by a large and enthusiastic audience. The hall was tastefully decorated with streamers from the center of the ceiling to the

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walls, which helped a great deal to add to the acoustic properties.

Mr. Nicholas J. Sinnott announced the program, which began with an overture by the orchestra. A male quartet favored the audience with a selection, and Mrs. Maud Eldon, who is always appreciated by our people, then recited "How He Saved St. Michael." Following this, Miss Hattie Cram sang a solo in a sweet voice and was forced to respond to an encore.

Miss Mamie Helen Flynn, the talented young elocutionist and musician entertained the audience with a recitation, entitled "The Horse Race." She was heartily encored and responded with a clever piece. In her selections on the piano she proved herself to be a musician of the highest order and merited the repeated encores which were showered upon her.

Misses Bonn and Saupson, in their duet, "Two Merry, Merry Girls," sang with such pleasant expression and force that they were compelled to come before the audience a second time.

Mrs. B. S. Huntington favored the audience with that old time favorite, "Annie Laurie," and as usual delighted all, for such a sweet, true voice is rarely heard.

Mr. James Benton rendered a difficult cornet solo, which was indeed clever, and the piano accompaniment was exceptionally pleasing to the ear.

Miss Flynn then gave a scene from Romeo and Juliet and showed by her manner on the stage that she would be an ideal Juliet. This, followed by a selection from the orchestra, ended the program.

It having been announced that dancing would be in order the hall was immediately cleared, and to the strains of excellent music, furnished by the Bigfield orchestra, those who so desired ended a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

DIED.

James Farris died at the home of his son, John Farris, at Parkers, Wash., Jan. 29th, 1900, after an illness of but a few days.

Mr. Farris had reached the advanced age of ninety years, having been born in Belmont county, Ohio, on October 22nd, 1809. He was married Dec. 9th, 1842, to Miss Martha Newman, and crossed the plains in 1895, to Oregon, where he was closely identified with the early settlement and improvement of Wasco county. He was noted all his life for his strict integrity in all business dealings, and was never involved in a law suit. He leaves a wife and two sons, John W. and S. E. Farris, and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Alexander, all of whom with seven grandchildren and one great grand child, were with him during his last hours. The remains were interred in the Yakima City cemetery, and the funeral was attended by a large number of friends of the family. Uncle Jimmy, as he was familiarly called, was well known in The Dalles and vicinity, where he resided for a great many years.

The Shaw Company.

The East Washingtonian has the following to say of the Shaw Company, which will show every night next week at the Baldwin theater. Popular prices 15, 25, and 35 cents.

"The Shaw Company has given a splendid entertainment at the opera house each night this week, fully sustaining all the pleasant things that had been said about them in advance of their arrival. Every actor in the many grave,

humorous and tragic incidents, which are nightly depicted, has been of more than ordinary interest, and the result have been striking in the high degree.

"There are no weak spots in the Shaw Company. Their performances are entirely free from bungling and awkwardness. The music alone is worth more than the price of admission. The xylophone solos by William J. De have aroused much interest among music loving people of the town, and have been a "drawing card" throughout the series of entertainments. Drew plays a dozen or more instruments of various kinds, and certainly is an artist of much ability. The Shaw Company have been playing to fair house but they have not been as liberally patronized as they should have been. They should be greeted by a packed house every night. Really meritorious companies cannot afford to visit unless unless they are met by a liberal support from the theatre-going people of the community."

Hunting for New Writers.

Eight thousand manuscripts were received by The Ladies' Home Journal during the year just closed. Each was given a careful reading, but out of a entire number only eighty were found worthy of publication. The manuscript bureau of The Ladies' Home Journal operated at a large expense, but a hope of discovering new writers or aspirant with undeveloped talent warrants the outlay. It can be seen that the articles secured by such a cardwinning process brings the cost each up to and above the remuneration paid our best writers.

These facts bring refutation to the repeated but none the less erroneous assertion that only well known writers established literary reputation are able to find a place for their work in magazines. Exactly the contrary is true. The Ladies' Home Journal through the manuscript considered, discovered three or four new writers excellent merit and great promise, and this "find" its editor regards as far warranting the large outlay of maintaining an expensive bureau for reading the manuscript submitted.—Northwest Journal of Education.

Notice to the Public.

The Columbia Southern Railway Company will complete its line and be ready to receive forward freight and passenger from Shaniko not later than April 1900. Large warehouses and stock yards will be erected and ready for work by the above date. Freight rates will be considerably lower than by the from The Dalles. Regular tariff will be published shortly.

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