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Breaking It To Mother

I've got a letter, parson, from my son away out west, and my old heart is as heavy as an anvil in my breast. To think the boy whose future I had once so proudly planned should wander from the path o' right an' come to such an end! I tol' him when he left us only three short years ago He'd find himself a plowin' a mighty crooked row, He'd miss his father's counsel, and his mother's prayers, too; But he said the farm was hateful an' he guessed he'd have to go. I know that's big temptations for a youngster in the west. But I believed our Billy had the courage to resist, An' when he left I warned him of the ever waitin' snares That lie like hidden serpents in life's path way every where; But still he promised faithful to be keeful an' allowed He'd build a reputation that'd make us mighty proud. But it seems as how my council sort o' faded from his mind, An' now he's got in trouble of the very wastest kind! His letters come so seldom that I some how sort o' knowed That our Billy was a trampin' on a mighty rocky road, But when once I imagined he would bow my head in shame An' in the dust'd wailer his ol' daddys honored name. He writes from out in Denver, an' the story's mighty short; I jess can't tell his mother—it'll hornah her poor ol' heart! An' as I reckoned, parson, you might break the news to her— Bill's in the legislature, but he doesn't say what far!

—Exchange.

SCHOOL LAND

The United States when it gave to Oregon a territorial government, it dedicated two sections in each township or one eightieth of the land surface of the state to the common school. Unfortunately for the children of Oregon for all time to come the act of congress making this munificent grant reposed too much faith in the wisdom of the legislators of Oregon and invested them with the power to fix the price for which the land could be sold. The result of this misplaced confidence is that a very large proportion of the 3,400,000 acres given to the state has been disposed of for \$1.25 per acre. A far better management prevails in Idaho where the grant of land from the general government is the same as in Oregon, as will appear from the following press dispatch:

Moscow, Idaho, Nov. 27.—The sale of state school lands of Latah county, held here yesterday was largely attended and satisfactory prices were obtained.

Chief Clerk Norman Jackson of the state board of land commissioners conducted the sale in person at the courthouse. All the land offered was sold except two 40 acre tracts and one tract that had a five year lease on it, and was therefore erroneously advertised for sale.

There were sold 1160 acres at an average price of \$20 per acre. Some of the lands only brought the appraised value of \$10 per acre, which is the lowest price any state school lands can be sold for under provisions of the Idaho constitution.

The highest price paid for any tract sold was \$34 per acre. All of the best school lands in this county had been previously sold. This sale was principally on lands that no one would buy heretofore on account of not being worth the appraised value, and the results yesterday would indicate that the price of farm lands in this section is still on the increase.

Chief Clerk Jackson said there was much more demand for lands in northern Idaho than in the southern portion of the state and at better prices. He also stated that during the past two years his department had loaned school funds to the amount of nearly \$1,000,000 on first real estate mortgages in Idaho, and that the interest in most all cases had been promptly paid in advance.

That gentle rain Sunday was just what was needed for the thousands of acres of fall sown grain.

La Grande is growing and will continue to grow the next two years at a much greater ratio than during the last two years.

The sound of the hammer and saw is to be heard in every section of the city. This has been an ideal building season and every moment has been taken advantage of.

All this city has to do is to meet capital half way in the future and 1905 will see several large investments that will not only utilize the products of this section but will employ labor.

More than 8000 women are employed in the various government offices in Washington, 2,044 of whom have entered the service after competitive examination.

Few people know that the act of admitting Texas into the Union provided that it could be divided into as many as five states—or fewer—whenever its people might desire division.

Since the windows of the new court house have been put in the general appearance has been greatly improved. That building is a credit to the county. The steam heat is now being connected and the structure will soon be ready to turn over to the county.

Richards

Denver Nov. 30.—A special to the republican from Cheyenne, Wyo. stated that on good authority if Secretary Hitchcock of the interior department resigns he will be succeeded by William Richards, commissioner of the general land office.

Good Road Lecture

We learn from the press of Western Oregon that the Hon. James W Abbott engineer of the Good Roads division of the United States Department of Agriculture, is delivering illustrated lectures on how to construct good roads in that part of the state. Mr. Abbott illustrates his lectures with stereoscopic views giving practical demonstrations in good road building. The Observer suggests that our county officials the Grange and leading citizens unite in an effort to get Mr. Abbott to come to Union county and deliver a series of lectures and if possible to do in this county what he is preparing to do in Lane county; construct a mile or so of road as a practical object lesson and model.

The Department of Agriculture is manifesting a greater interest in good roads than ever before, and there is a reasonable hope that if our people will exhibit a desire to cooperate with the government, that it will meet them half way.

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Old Officers

Hazeltine, Pa. Nov. 20.—President Mitchell, Vice president Lewis and Secretary and Treasurer Wilson, of the United Mine Workers, will be elected without opposition at the annual convention in Indianapolis Jan. 17 16.

Mrs. Emery Oliver, who came down from La Grande and has spent the past two days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hylvesater, left today for her home in Portland.—Dallas Chron tele.

There will be a regular meeting to night by the Modern Woodmen of America. A full attendance is very much desired.

A number of people from Elgin, Union, and different parts of the valley came in to take in the "Black Patti" Troubadours last night.

Remember the dance at the Commercial club Friday evening.

Mrs. Alice Ladd and daughter Miss Florence left yesterday for the west to spend some time visiting relatives and friends in Walla Walla, Spokane, Portland and other points.

The work of the force of expert linemen who have been engaged here for some time in putting up the new cables for the telephone wires, is rapidly progressing, and the work is being done in a manner entirely thorough and satisfactory.

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CHORUS

The old fashioned washboard; The zinc-covered washboard; The back-breaking washboard that stood in the tub. Some folks always kick about up-to-date laundries, And say they wear out their clothes every day; But give them to me, so I will have a hot dinner At home, with the smell of the soap suds a way. I know that the washing machine is much easier On all of our clothes than to take them and rub Till the buttons as it bosome are lost and worn out! By the old-fashioned washboard that stood in the tub, We are not the old fashioned kind.

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