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If We Knew.

If I knew you and you knew me,
If both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine
The meaning of your heart and mine,
I'm sure that we would differ less,
And clasp our hands in friendliness;
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree
If I knew you and you knew me.

MORE COMING.

Francis J. Heney delivered an address in White Temple church, Portland, Sunday evening, on "Good Government." Over three thousand persons gathered early to hear him, expecting that he would have something more to say about Senator Fulton. The only reference he made to the senator was when speaking of railroads, as follows:

"Roosevelt sees that in the almost unlimited power of the railroads to charge exorbitant rates for moving all commodities, amounting to a tax on the producer, there is danger unless these corporations are regulated by a strong arm. Roosevelt is for regulation first. If that does not stop this growing evil, then I am for government ownership. Rockefeller is worth $1,000,000,000 and began with an oil field. A small group of men in this country own all of the oil fields, the coal that is in the mines, all the gold and silver, all the vast water powers in our states, all of our forests from the Mississippi to the Pacific ocean. The American people are too prodigal; they can't give away these things quick enough. Roosevelt is trying to stop it, and your senators are trying to stop him from trying to stop it."

"Fulton?" suggested a voice in the audience.

"I did not tell at the church the other night one-half about Fulton that I know. I am waiting for his reply.."

Poor Oregon! How she has suffered of late years in being represented in congress by delegations that have permitted a few federal office appointments to cause such deep breaches that the state has lost its united strength. During the Simon-Mitchell reign our delegation was divided and has been up to the present times. What do the great majority of the voters and business interests of this great state care one whit, whether Mr. Jones is register of the Burns land office, or whether Mr. Smith occupies that position, provided both men are qualified. It would remove one of the greatest obstacles that under present conditions destroys much of the usefulness of our lawmakers if these offices were elective, or the appointive, or rather, the recommending power was left to a commission, and our delegation would be relieved of this worry and responsibility. Our education has been along the line that unless a senator or congressman could dictate and deliver the federal plums, his day of usefulness was a thing of the past. He could be totally void of statesmanship, but if he could deliver the offices to the boys, he was the man that was taking care of the interests of Oregon and the great masses have been led away by this clamor of a pack of hungry office seekers without questioning the soundness of their contention. We have coast defenses, river improvements and such matters that are of vital interest to this state. This surplus energy that is now being wasted upon who shall be the dictator of the federal patronage could well be applied elsewhere.

MORAL COWARDS.

Mr. Heney prefaced his Sunday night address by contrasting the Portland of today with the Portland he first visited in 1903. At that time gambling was being carried on openly. He remarked that it was not apparent that the city had suffered any loss of business from having closed the gambling houses. He said that the other large cities of the country could testify to the same experience and asserted that the gamblers of Wall street had been fattening on the life-blood of the nation until President Roosevelt had concluded recently to put a stop to their operations.

"The American people are lacking in moral courage," charged Mr. Heney, "not in physical courage. There is never any trouble in raising an army on short notice to go out and face guns; death has no terrors for the American soldier, but when it comes to the mere doing right for the simple reason that it is right, we find that there are more moral cowards than there are brave men. The reason corruption exists in all of the large cities of the United States is because we Americans are not yet sufficiently intelligent in the matter of self-government.

"Let me say right now that San Francisco never was much worse, if any worse than each and every other large city in the United States; and I could leave the word 'large' off and not miss the mark far."

This city and county are under great obligations for the excellent service rendered by W. A. Worstell, voluntary keeper of the weather records. Mr. Worstell for more than seven years has kept an accurate record of the weather conditions, each and every day, without any remuneration whatever. The government furnishes the proper instruments, record books and necessary blanks. Over seven years ago Mr. Worstell received a book sufficiently large to contain the complete record for 20 years and therein are recorded each day's temperature and precipitation since it was received. Mrs. Worstell is entitled to due credit also, for undoubtedly she has been as interested in assisting in keeping the record as Mr. Worstell, and it is safe to say that she has lost many days' valuable time during these seven years had the time been recorded as carefully as are the weather readings, in answering telephone calls from interested persons desiring to know "How cold it was last night." It is a valuable record.

The school children of Spokane have $33,669 in savings bank deposits. Much might be said in way of encouraging the youth to open bank accounts. It gives them a practical idea in economy and what it means to save their pennies and nickels. Several years ago there was quite a general campaign of education all over the country which did much good. It would be interesting to know how many of the young people and children of this city have such deposits and the total amounts so deposited. While a proper campaign among the parents would increase the present number, a detailed statement of the aggregate depositors and deposits held by the La Grande banks would undoubtedly reveal more thrift than one might suppose, who never gave a serious thought to this phase of education.

Everything comes to him who waits. The plumbers and fuel dealers are having their innings these days.

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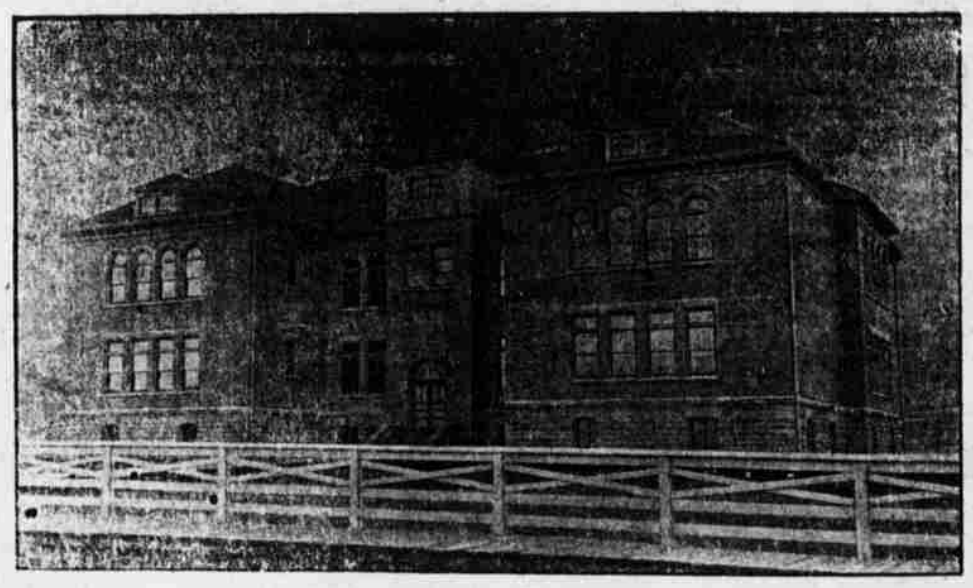

La Grande High School.

Farm Residence of Union County.

Pioneer Flouring Mill in La Grande.

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