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State Superintendent Alderman has issued a message to all school boys urging them to clean their finger nails and black their shoes. This is old advice but it is ever good. Nothing pays such handsome returns for the effort expended as a little manicuring and general polishing of the person of the young man who is entering the game of life.

Superintendent Stout of this city had experience with a boy in another town which is interesting. The boy was poor and he found it necessary to quit school to earn his living. A banker offered him \$10 a month to clean up the bank and act as janitor. Professor Stout admonished the boy to clean his finger nails and black his shoes. Also to be ever mindful of the speck of dirt and remove it no matter where or when he found it. "Make yourself worth 20 a month to that banker," was the teacher's advice to the boy. The directions were followed. The boy appeared on the job looking neat and clean. He had an oiled rag in his hand constantly keeping things clean from dirt. The banker was pleased and watched the lad without saying a word. At the end of the month instead of giving him \$10 he paid him \$20. The next month he was promoted to a position that carried more responsibilities and he was given \$40. Advance was rapid until he reached \$75 a month and later this was followed by a large concern making him cashier. All because of Prof. Stout's advice and the desire within the boy's heart to make good.

May Superintendent Alderman have the same experience with the boys of Oregon.

The Union county fair is not a great distance off and it behooves every person in this valley to arrange for some sort of display and exhibit. With everything of merit to show, with a valley that produces beyond the ordinary imagination; with a people that is up-to-the-minute in affairs La Grande should be the home of the greatest fair ever held in Eastern Oregon this year. The fair board is working overtime right now to make the

proper arrangements and it is your duty as a citizen to see that you are represented in the exposition.

Truthfulness in literature sent out by communities and corporations of Oregon is demanded by the Oregon Development league, and the company that tries the old skin game in its printed prospectus need not be surprised if it gets a thorough drubbing from an institution that is doing everything possible to put the good things of this state truthfully before the people of the other sections of the nation.

Members of the Christian Science church in La Grande have the thanks of the Observer for an interesting volume of the life and work of Mrs. Baker Eddy, deceased. It is a story of a wonderful woman regardless of whether or not one may believe of disbelieve her religion. She was a strong character and a leader of pronounced ability.

The Pendleton minister who suicided because he could not get work is setting a very poor example. But a minister who cannot find something to do is liable to do anything, for more to do than two men can attend usually the average minister has to.

If anyone doubts the greatness of this valley he should have visited the Will Grandy field of oats southeast of La Grande. All who have seen the field say without question it is the best field of oats ever grown in eastern Oregon.

Atwood, the aviator, is making the long trip he said he would. It would seem at least a few aviators are going to make aerial navigation practical for themselves at any rate.

The Guild hall is under construction and soon the members of St. Peter's church will have a delightful home for their amusements and socials.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- 1485—Richard III slain in the battle of Bosworth field, the final conflict between the houses of York and Lancaster.
- 1651—Charles II defeated by Cromwell at Worcester.
- 1776—Gen. Howe landed 10,000 British soldiers on Long Island, near the Narrows.
- 1811—William Kelly, inventor of the Bessemer process for making steel, born in Pittsburg. Died in Louisville, Feb. 11, 1888.
- 1849—Venice capitulated to the Austrian army under Marshal Radetzky.
- 1861—The confederate provisional congress at Richmond closed its third session.
- 1870—The president proclaimed the neutrality of the United States in the Franco-Prussian war.
- 1878—The independence of Serbia proclaimed at Belgrade.
- 1880—President Harrison laid the corner stone of the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors' monument at Indianapolis.
- 1896—David R. Francis of Missouri succeeded Hoke Smith of Georgia as secretary of the interior.
- 1903—Lord Salisbury, former prime minister of England, died. Born in 1830.

"THIS IS MY 58th BIRTHDAY."

James O'Connell.

James O'Connell, president of the International Association of Machinists and one of the foremost labor leaders in America, was born in Minersville, Pa., Aug. 22, 1853. His father died when he was two years and later the family moved to Oil City, where Mr. O'Connell spent his boyhood and received his schooling. At 16 he became a machine apprentice, spending six years in learning the trade. After becoming a journeyman he went to Detroit, where he remained about a year and then returned to Oil City. He affiliated with the Knights of Labor in 1886 and five years later he became prominent in the International Association of Machinists. In 1892 he was elected president of the last-named body. The organization at that time had but 2,500 members. Under the presidency of Mr. O'Connell the membership has increased to 75,000 and the machinists are now among the best organized of any of the crafts. Since the affiliation of the organization with the American Federation of Labor Mr. O'Connell has been one of the vice presidents of the federation.

EXPECT HORDES DURING RATES

WILLIAM McMURRAY CONFIDENT OF BIG INFUX.

Special Trains and Accommodations to Be Given Tourists.

William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Harriman lines in Oregon, returned last night from a passenger agent conference in Chicago and reports that all indications point to a tremendously heavy colonist movement to Oregon this fall.

The colonist rates go into effect September 15 for a period of 30 days, and grant a liberal reduction from all points in the eastern and middle states.

"Agents from all parts of the country attended the conference," said Mr. McMurray last night, "and all reported a tremendous interest in Oregon. Last year the fall colonist rate period brought 13,000 people to Oregon over the Harriman lines, but this number, I am sure, will seem insignificant compared with the traffic we may look for this fall.

"The Harriman lines have spent fortunes in advertising Oregon in the east and it seems that the work will bring excellent results. It appears that the extensive publicity that has been carried on by the railroads and the commercial organizations is now really beginning to bring results.

"The people in the east are getting more and more interested in the west, and they are eager to seek their fortunes in this new land, as they regard Oregon.

"We have already ascertained that it will be impossible to handle the great colonist movement with our regular trains and so it has been decided to operate special colonist trains to Oregon. These trains will reach Portland daily. They will be especially equipped for the traffic and will carry a special dining car service with other accommodations not heretofore afforded the colonists.

"To me it appears that Oregon is just becoming known to the masses in the thickly populated sections of the east and I therefore look for a remarkable increase in the westward colonist movement."

Charles F. Fee, traffic manager of the Southern Pacific with headquarters in San Francisco, who was in Portland yesterday with the San Francisco delegation, also expects a very heavy movement of settlers to the coast.

South Carolina Veterans.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 22.—The capital city of South Carolina is alive with confederate veterans and their friends who have assembled here from all quarters of the state for the annual reunion of the South Carolina division of the United Confederate Veterans. The city is extending a hearty welcome to the veterans. The initial session was held this morning and was devoted to the opening addresses and the exchange of greetings. The proceedings will continue over tomorrow.



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