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THE HANDSHAKE THAT COUNTS

To meet an acquaintance and shake his hand sometimes means little, or such is a custom that has been established for ages.

But, to meet friends whom you know to be friends, and feel the warm grasp of the extended hand coupled with a grip of firmness, is quite another thing.

Last evening La Grande and Baker shook hands in a way that means something. It meant a friendly meeting of neighbors; it means a permanent and lasting alignment for betterment in a commercial way of each community; it meant a determined effort to interest every other Eastern Oregon town and city in an "East of the Mountains" movement, to the end that all Eastern Oregon will be a unit insofar as development and loyalty of one community to the other is concerned.

The possibilities of united effort in this great and growing portion of the state are unlimited. They are so great that comprehension of what may be accomplished is almost impossible.

Suppose link by link the "East of the mountains" chain is welded in the fires of friendship and the warmth of neighborly feeling as the link last night was welded, until that chain reaches from The Dalles to Ontario, from Joseph to Lakeview, can you not realize the immense power that will at once be marshaled? When once this is done, then it is a part of an unwritten obligation to stand together when any section of the vast empire asks for recognition.

To our mind the meeting last night in the Geiser Grand grill room at Baker is the starting of a movement, which if pursued with proper energy, will finally result in great good to every individual community situated east of the Cascades.

Baker is willing and anxious to extend this good work, and La Grande to earnestly endeavor. Let us see how much progress along this line can be made in the next few months.

CATHOLIC CHURCH GROWS.

The new official Catholic directory shows that only Italy, Austria and Germany exceed the United States in the number of adherents to the Roman church. The number of Roman Catholics under the protection of the Stars and Stripes is 23,329,000, while in Italy itself there are only 30,500,000. Spain has 19,503,000 and the British Empire 12,968,000. The number of Roman Catholics in Austria and that in Germany slightly exceed that in the United States.

A steady increase in the number of

Roman Catholics in the Philippines and Porto Rico is held to be largely responsible for the gains made in the United States, although the increase in the continental states and territories is normal. New York leads the states with 2,790,629. Pennsylvania is second with 1,633,353; Illinois third, with 1,460,987; Massachusetts fourth with 1,383,435; Ohio fifth with 743,065; Louisiana sixth with 584,600 and Michigan seventh with 568,505.

When the official Catholic directory appears it will be the first to name Pius X. the present Pope as the 259th in line of succession from St. Peter. Formerly it has been reckoned that Pius X is the 264th, but within the last year it has been decided that some of the earlier occupants of the Vatican were counted twice and five members have been eliminated.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the CALEDONIAN INSURANCE COMPANY OF EDINBURGH, OF SCOTLAND.

on the 31st day of December, 1912, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Table with financial data for Caledonian Insurance Company, including Capital, Income, Disbursements, Assets, and Liabilities.

Table with financial data for Caledonian Insurance Company, including Premiums, Losses, and Total Risks.

Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1912

CALEDONIAN INSURANCE COMPANY, (Signed) Post H. Post. U. S. Mgr. Statutory general agent and attorney for service: (Signed) Chas. A. Colvin.

Note—Special deposits not held for the protection of all the policy holders of the company cannot be admitted as an asset and included in the published statement.

A. C. WILLIAMS, Resident Agent, La Grande, Oregon.

HAS UNION FOUND THE SAME?

The Answer Is Found in the Straightforward Statement of a Union Resident.

We have been reading week after week in the local press of La Grande citizens who have been rid of distressing kidney and bladder troubles by Doan's Kidney Pills, and we have often wondered whether the same high opinion of this medicine is to be found in our neighboring towns.

This frank and earnest statement by a well-known and respected resident of Union will set this doubt at rest. Thomas Brasher, real estate dealer and receiver for Overton Lumber Co. Union, Ore., says: "I suffered with weakness of the kidneys and didn't rest well. After using Doan's Kidney Pills a short time, the kidney action was regulated. I gladly confirm the testimonial I gave for Doan's Kidney Pills in May, 1910."

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UNIQUE TESTS ON THE EYELESS FISH

Used to Prove Second Sight Exists.

SIXTH SENSE IS DESCRIBED

Montclair Man Who Wrote Odd Book Argues That Finny Specimens Explain Faculty of Clairvoyance—He Tells of Wonderful Power of Dreams. Says He Lived Twice Before.

Eyeless fish from the Mammoth cave, in Kentucky, were dissected by Harry Trippett, town clerk of Montclair, at a meeting of the Montclair board of health, attended by several doctors. Mr. Trippett arranged the meeting to demonstrate to scoffers his belief in the existence of "second sight," as advanced in his book, "The Door With out a Knob," the publication of which has caused a stir in Montclair. In it Mr. Trippett recorded his belief of his existence on this earth at two periods previous to his present life.

The pituitary gland, Mr. Trippett said recently, is responsible for the existence of a sixth sense in some people, which he believes exists more or less in every human being. In every animal having eyes there is a small gland situated at the point where the nerves from the two eyes cross one another. Some persons, according to Mr. Trippett, have unusually large pituitary glands, and to these individuals, he says, is given the power of "second sight," which is called clairvoyance by some.

Describes Eyeless Fish. Mr. Trippett says that the eyeless fish of the Mammoth cave have this pituitary gland in a highly developed form. Through the United States gov-

ernment, after much difficulty, he obtained two of these eyeless fish and dissected them to confirm his belief that the large pituitary body of the fish was responsible for their powers of perception under physical handicap. He dissected the brains of the fish and found that, as he expected, the pituitary gland was highly developed.

Apparently, he says, these eyeless fish, through the power of the large pituitary body in their brains, are enabled to see without the usual optical organs.

Among specific instances of second sight that Mr. Trippett attributes to the presence of a highly developed pituitary gland is that which involved the late Judge Wilgerard and his wife of Montclair. Judge Wilgerard received a box of cigars from a young man named William Maxwell. The gift had no marks to indicate where it had come from except the young man's name. Maxwell's family were very eager to find him, as he had been absent from home for several years. Mrs. Wilgerard took the box in her hand and, concentrating her mind on the object, experienced a vision which showed her that Maxwell had married and was living on a plantation in Virginia. Afterward, when Maxwell was communicated with, he said that his environment as described by Mrs. Wilgerard at the moment of her vision was the same in every detail as it actually existed.

Benefit of Dreams.

Mr. Trippett explains in reference to the dream in which his former existences and his hanging for murder were revealed that he believes it is quite as possible today to receive information in dreams and by revelations as it was in olden times, provided people show a willingness to follow the truth when they receive it.

While there are many persons in Montclair who scoff at Mr. Trippett's beliefs and theories regarding occultism, he advances his arguments with much logic. He believes that his forthcoming demonstration before the board of health and the doctors of Montclair of the highly developed pituitary gland of the eyeless fish will be productive of the dissemination of more knowledge about that little known but wonderfully important detail of the human makeup. He believes also that its study by scientists and surgeons and the sympathetic interpretation of the results of these investigations by the human race will bring about a greater spirituality in the world.

FLOWERS IN AN EXPLOSION.

Actual Detonation Occurs When Plant Throws Seeds.

There are certain sorts of flowers that "explode" in order to scatter their seeds about, but these are silent explosions brought about every seedling time by nature. For a flower to actually explode with a detonation that can be heard a long distance is quite another thing and a rarity.

Such a floral explosion occurred in the botanical gardens at Algiers recently. It was the spathe or the covering of the bunch of blossoms on a great palm tree. This spathe was nearly three feet long, and when the explosion occurred it was hurled to a great distance, while the shattered blossoms arose like a cloud of golden smoke and covered the top of the palm.

The cause of this was the sun's heat, which was unusual and had actually roasted the flower to the color of rust. The excessive dryness of the air had caused fermentation inside the spathe.

An Exception.

"When a fellow starts to do anything he can always succeed if he only sticks to it."

"Not always. How about you when you start to remove a sheet of sticky fly paper that you've sat down on?"—London Telegraph

Innocence Faked.

If you want to see a picture of innocent honesty just get a look at a man's face in a street car after the conductor has forgotten to collect his fare.—Cincinnati Enquirer

Shoot with the rifle of concentration and leave the shotgun of scatteration to the other fellow. Sheldon.

Lead and the Teeth.

A tendency of the teeth and gums to absorb lead has been observed by Viktor Hlnze, a German dentist, among the workers in an accumulator factory. The teeth all had much tartar, and that scraped from the teeth of one man affected with anemia and other symptoms of poisoning was found by analysis to contain about one-half of 1 per cent of metallic lead. Extracting the seventeen teeth still retained by this man, the metallic lead in the crowns was shown to be 0.038 per cent and 0.033 per cent in the roots—sufficient to give continuous lead intoxication. The tartar was removed from the teeth of the other workers, and this was followed by marked improvement in the condition of gums and general health.

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Chicken Supper.

Ladies of the Presbyterian Aid society will serve a chicken supper on Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Bohnenkamp on Second street. The menu: Chicken Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Apple Fritters, Cabbage Salad, Bread and Butter, Jelly, Cherry Pudding, Coffee. Price 40c. 4-15-21

MARKET NEWS.

The local market quotations are: Eggs and Butter, Fresh ranch eggs—Selling at 25c, bought at 22 1/2c. Butter—Fancy creamery, 40 cents 1 lb. roll; 2 lb. roll, 75c. Ranch butter—1 lb. roll 40c; 2 lb. roll 60@75c. Vegetables and Miscellaneous: Onions—\$2.00 cwt, small lots 2 1/2c lb. Young onions—5c. Potatoes—50c per cwt. Beans—White \$ 1-3c; Lima 10 cent. Radishes (California grown)—5c. Cabbage—2 1/2c. Spinach—3 lbs. for 25c. Fruit, Etc.: Home grown apples—50c. Oranges—35@50c. Bananas—40c per doz. Grape fruit—2 for 25c. Sugar—Fruit sugar, retail (cash) \$5.70; same grade 30 days, \$6.10. Beet sugar, cash \$5.50; thirty days 5.90. Lemons—45c. Celery (California)—15c; 2 for 25c. Honey—20c. 3 lbs. for 50c. Green peppers—20c lb. Turnips—2 1/2c lb.

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The Test of Time

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