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SYSTEM ON THE FARM.

In a recent issue of the Breeder's Gazette it is pointed out that many farmers fail to earn as much as their hired men. That is, the net result of their efforts does not afford them a hired man's wage.

Assuming a farm to be worth \$20,000 and the farmer's net income at the end of the year to be \$1,500, the Gazette contends quite properly, that the farmer's earnings are only \$300 a year for his own labor.

It is quite right. A farmer should, by intelligent application, earn at least \$3,000 net from a \$20,000 farm.

In order that a farmer may determine what his own labor brings him, the Gazette recommends that he keep a sufficient record of his business; that he take an inventory at the beginning and close of the year, and keep account of all expenses and receipts, including the value of that portion of the produce of his farm which is used by himself and his family for their subsistence.

countant, should have some effective system of accounting which would enable him to determine his earning capacity.

The result of such a system would unquestionably be good. The energetic farmer who could make a larger success of his farm but does not because he thinks it is bringing him a fair return might learn that he is really slaving to no purpose.

We need more farmers, it is true, but we need more good farmers, not more poor ones. Once the standard of farming were raised, we should have more good farmers, for farming would show better returns and would attract men who have it in them to be good farmers.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS

Wm. Stoop, an aged and respected veteran of the Civil War, was in the city last night visiting with his sons William and Charles. He left today for his home in Elgin.

J. E. Arkoosh a one time resident of this city, now a resident of Gooding, Idaho is here visiting and transacting business. He came with his father from Armenia to America and by close application to business amassed a fortune which he has lost and regained.

Louis Stron of this city left last night for Norway where he will visit with his father and mother and other relatives. He is expert lumber grader for the George Palmer Lumber company and has lived in this country some twelve years.

Mrs. H. S. Berryman of The Dalles left this morning after visiting with her husband who is assistant grand master of the fraternal organization of Artizans. Mr. Berryman has been in the city about a month finding timber for the organization and states that last night they initiated 29 new members into the order.

Chas. Reynolds is secretary, and Elmer Sharp is treasurer. The initiation took place in Eagles hall on the top floor of the Foley building.

EVERYDAY THOUGHTS.

We can't all win in the battle of life, but if fortune doesn't favor us we can at least try to be good losers. It isn't easy, but it is possible.

It would save such a lot of disappointment if we could all make up our minds to the fact that never so long as the world lasts will other people agree with us as to what they should or should not do.

Some of us badly need to be reminded that home is not a place provided for the express convenience of people who want to grumble.

If you want to enjoy life set out every day with a determination to be amused and interested and refuse to be bored.

If a blessing is removed don't make yourself miserable by lamenting its loss. Look round and see if there are other blessings within reach that you have never made the most of.

Discontent is so infectious that people who habitually allow their discontent to get the upper hand really ought to be isolated for the benefit of the community.

TIME.

[Written the night before his execution.]

E'en such is time, which takes on trust Our youth, our joys, our all we have,

And pays us but with earth and dust.

Which in the dark and silent grave,

When we have wandered all our ways,

Shuts up the story of our days.

But from this earth, this grave, this dust,

My God shall raise me up, I trust.

—Sir Walter Raleigh.

DRUGS AND CRIME.

A new species of offender is making his appearance in our prisons as a result of the steadily growing drug habit—those who steal in order to buy drugs. They come to us as men and boys charged with petty larceny, but they are victims of drugs, for if they did not indulge the chances are that they would not steal.

SAVINGS OF SAGES.

That destructive siren, Sloth, is ever to be avoided.—Horace.

An idle life always produces varied inclinations.—Lucan.

There is nothing more annoying than a tardy friend.—Plautus.

Diligence has a very great power in everything, particularly in defending cases in court. We must cultivate it carefully and always attend to it. There is nothing which it does not accomplish.—Cicero.

Benefits are acceptable while the receiver thinks he may return them; but, once exceeding that, hatred is given instead of thanks.—Tacitus.

Our inquisitive disposition is excited by having its gratification deferred.—Pliny the Younger.

It is necessary to be mad with the insane unless you would be left quite alone.—Petronius Arbiter.

Your job printing. Have it done at the Observer office.

Easter Millinery

In a wonderful variety of Artistic shapes are here for your selection.

The Touch of Real Parisian Style

is found throughout our extensive line of trimmed models and Pattern Hats.

A French Designer and Trimmer Has Been Employed This Season

thereby placing our exclusive millinery department in an enviable position when it comes to offering unusual creations in beautiful Easter Millinery at moderate prices.

We invite your inspection of our Easter Millinery and comparison of prices.

Agents for Fownes Gloves in Both Kid and Silk.



Visit our Ready-to-Wear Dept.



HYGIENE MEETING TONIGHT.

The Hygiene district which meets in the city hall, convenes tonight.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Repeal of present tax law; collection of taxes quarterly; combining of useful commission, abolitions of useless commissions and offices; general reduction in cost of running the public business. These are the things I stand for, and ask your support in the primary, May 15th for the Republican nomination of joint representative from Wallowa and Union Counties.

—Adv. AL. JONES. a-w-to-5-15

I hereby announce myself as a candidate on the Progressive Ticket for the office of County Judge of Union County, and should I be nominated and elected, will give the office my careful attention and will reduce the expense of the county where ever possible to do so.

—Adv. LORANZO STILWELL. wed-sat-wk

TIRED.

O God, I'm so tired of playing my part and wearing the mask with a smile.

I long to discard it—to cast it away and be my true self for awhile.

To drop off the role of delusion and sham.

And stand just the nonce as I am.

Of what avail is this striving the while and playing my part day by day?

The reward I receive when the curtain's rung down,

Is it worth the price that I pay? The answer comes back in the voice which is still,

Play on, and I answer, I will. —Nellie Held.

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NOONDAY SERVICES FOR MEN HONAN HALL EVERY WEEKDAY, March 30th. to Good Friday, April 10th. BEGINS PROMPTLY 12:05 ENDS PROMPTLY 12:30 SUBJECTS OF ADDRESSES: HOLY WEEK MONDAY, APRIL 6, The Cross the revelation of man's sin. TUESDAY, APRIL 7, The Cross, the revelation of God's love. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, The Cross, our assurance of pardon. THURSDAY, APRIL 9, The Cross, our assurance of peace. GOOD FRIDAY, 12:05 to 1 p. m. I. "Behold the Lamb of God" II. "In the Cross of Christ I glory." All Men Invited. No Collection. These services are arranged by REVS. W. C. DRAHN and UPTON H. GIBBS who will be assisted by other pastors.

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