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HANLEY AND THE COYOTES.

Bill Hanley owns a lot of land. He is located in a country where homeseekers come and homeseekers go. There is a certain percentage of homeseekers in a new country who fail to connect, as it were, who scarcely have enough to keep the proverbial wolf from scratching on the window casing. Well, Hanley's country (read a bunch of this class.

They became hard up. But they saw a light for the county was paying a good price on coyote scalps, which price has now been doubled by the legislature. Those settlers combined pleasure with business and instead of plowing the stubborn soil they grabbed their shotguns and searched for coyotes, whose scalps they sold to the county.

"But," says Hanley, "all good things have an ending. There came a time when even in Harney county coyotes became scarce. This did not discourage the class of homeseekers mentioned for they immediately petitioned the county court to put a bounty on jackrabbits. The court granted the petition and now the jackrabbit industry is flourishing."

From inference one would judge all that is necessary for the landowners in Harney county to do is to pay taxes and be content.

DEFENDING HOME PORK BARRELS.

We have always had a great admiration for Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Umatilla county, for we have found him right so many times. But now a time has arrived when it would seem that the Judge is perfectly human, to say the least, and subject to the jealous and possibly selfishness of most mankind.

A few days ago he wrote a very pretty communication to a Portland newspaper. In his well chosen English and his polished phraseology he called upon the legislature to refuse to diminish appropriations for the care of the insane, the blind, and the feeble-minded.

Here is an eloquent paragraph quoted from the Judge's communication: "It is well to stop in the midst of economic hysteria, and consider where the duty of the commonwealth lies. It will be meet for the members of the legislature to pause and ponder upon the living death behind walls of masonry which the state has erected, and to see to it that nothing is lacking to make existence there as bearable as possible. The estimates of the superintendents are none too great, and, if granted, the state will have done too little toward the amelioration of the sad lot of the inmates. Reduce salaries, abolish commissions, consolidate offices, if neces-

sary, but in the name of Christian charity, and of a living Golden Rule, let the state not fall in the duty it owes to its unfortunate and dependent citizenship."

But when the situation is analyzed it seems to get back to the defense of the institution located in "our town." Pendleton has an insane asylum, and with the usual Pendleton spirit of taking care of its own Judge Lowell comes to the front with protest against reduction of legislative appropriations for the support of the institution.

Away down deep we do not believe there is a man in Oregon, no matter how much he may pledge to economy, who would for one moment refuse to levy proper tax to care for the insane, the blind or the feeble-minded. Good, healthy vigorous men are not built on such narrow lines—not in Oregon, anyway.

But, the management of the Pendleton asylum and other state institutions is the question before the court of public opinion. This is the point not touched upon by Judge Lowell's eloquence. He works on the sympathy of the people, which needs no work, for the sympathy is all right.

What the people, and what the legislature, will endeavor to determine, is whether these different institutions are properly managed. Now, don't think there is any charge of graft, for there is none. But are the men now in control capable of handling the business end of such large concerns?

Too often, it must be admitted, professional men are not thoroughly successful in handling large business concerns because their attention is centered on other things in life and they do not get the business training.

It was very apparent a few years ago when the asylum at Salem was under investigation as to its business management that Dr. Steiner was a splendid physician, but not wholly successful as a business man. He was retained however, against the protest of many.

We contend that every institution needs a good manager, including the Agricultural college, of which we are all very proud, but which is entirely too expensive as it is now run.

All of us will agree with the sympathetic portion of Judge Lowell's communication, but we ask the judge to join us in demanding system and business efficiency in the conduct of these institutions, one of which is located at Pendleton.

ONE WOMAN'S IDEAS.

In these times when suffrage for women takes considerable attention and when the danger of the suffrage question going to extremes is apparent, it is very interesting to read the offering of a woman who recently in a Portland paper gave her views. After reviewing a letter written to that paper by a radical in her belief that women should take the place of men in many places, this meek woman says:

The old adage—"Man's work is from sun to sun, Woman's work is never done," applies fully to this case under consideration. There are very few of us women who have more time for politics than to go to the polls and vote. Even to do that we have to leave the dishes unwashed and the baby in care of a woman who has been to the polls and voted while we took care of her baby. Under these average circumstances we do not feel that we could do much more of the work of men. They marry us because we have modesty, purity and other pure

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