

Work is a Blessing, Not an Evil

According to Judge Gatens of Portland, a man who can afford to buy an auto should not require his daughter to work. In the case the judge had in mind he may have been right, but the doctrine he espouses in subject to many limitations. It carries the inference that all work is drudgery to be shunned. Instead of being an evil work is the greatest blessing in the world. Those who have to work too hard are not more unfortunate than those who have never known the joy of useful effort. As a matter of fact no man could ever be so rich that his son or daughter should not have to work, any more than they should exempt from eating, sleeping or walking. There was a time in the world's history when work was regarded with disfavor as something ladies and gentlemen should not indulge in. The time is fast approaching when this situation will be entirely reversed and those who do not work will be considered as lacking in balance or in true refinement.—Pendleton, Tribune.

Are You Aware?

That Colonel F. S. Ivanhoe was an early day newspaper man in Elgin, Oregon?  
That A. J. Martin used to get a "story," write it, or compose as he set it up, run the hand press and send out his own paper? Truly he was a newspaper "publisher." He was the whole show.  
That H. L. Lyons was a newspaper man until he fell on evil days and became a civil engineer?  
That Judge W. W. Cotton was once a section hand on the Santa Fe in Streeer, Illinois?  
That William Bollons was in the section?  
That Dick Buckley and his brother, M. J. Buckley, assistant superintendent of the La Grande division of the O-W. R. & N. company, and general superintendent of the O-W. R. & N. company, respectively, were water boys and section hands at one time.  
If you didn't know these things—get the hunch.

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DOINGS OF THE DUFFS.



FARM LOAN MEETING TO BE HELD SATURDAY  
The second meeting of Union county farmers and other business men will be held Saturday in the city hall building. County Agriculturist Spillman said this afternoon that eleven names had already been secured, one more than is necessary for the formation of the first association. Reports from the county indicate that the idea is being well received by the agricultural people and that more associations will soon be formed.



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RURAL CREDITS IN B. C.

The British Columbia farm loan act, based upon the New Zealand system, has been in operation for a year and a half, and results are beginning to show, at least on the financial side. The act authorized the borrowing of \$15,000,000 to be administered by a commission, which would issue government guaranteed debentures. A preliminary loan of \$1,000,000 was obtained at 5.63 per cent, and is re-lent to farmers at 6.5 per cent. Up to date 400 applications for loans have been received, and 144 have been granted, involving an amount of \$234,000. The commission refused 142 applications, and has the remainder under consideration.

Since the mortgages on which money is lent run for long periods, from 20 to 36 1-2 years, it is easy to understand that farmers bothered by private mortgages would like to exchange into the government system. But the object of the act was not to create a lending bureau to put out money to replace that lent by private investors. It was to encourage agricultural development, and loans are being restricted, as far as possible, to those who intend to use the money for productive purposes. That is the basis of the whole system—the increase of production through better financing facilities. Apparently the commission is proceeding judiciously. The history of the New Zealand scheme has been a record of successes. Losses have been almost negligible. Out of 82,000 loans in 18 years there were only 33 foreclosures. New Zealand loaned \$60,000,000 in this way at 5 per cent. The scheme is safe and sound if properly administered and though British Columbia has been an Eldorado for the land speculator and the land grabber conditions in that respect now are such that only hard productive work counts.—Toronto Mail.

THE GREATEST NEED

The greatest need for Wallowa county probably is for a scientific study of its soils and climate, and experiments to determine what crops are best suited for all localities, and how they should be grown. An increasing quality of wheat and barley is produced each year, certain districts seeming perfectly adapted to these cereals. But there are thousands of acres of the most fertile soil in the county which owing to location and climatic conditions, are not yielding all they should.

The man who will bring out a cereal forage plant, or vegetable that can be widely and profitably grown in the intensive, short season prevailing here and will not be too sensitive to the chill nights of a mountain climate; that man will add more to the wealth of the county than would a prospector who discovered a ledge of gold in the mountains. The hay crop of Colorado is worth more in dollars than the gold mined in its great camps.

Any farmer who makes an experiment along these lines, is invited to report this result for the benefit of others. There ought to be experiments on a score of farms each year for in such tests lies much hope of gain for all.—Enterprise Record Chieftain.

KEEP FISHIN!

Hi Somers was the durndest cuss Fer catchin' fish—he sure was great! He never used to make a fuss About the kind of pole er bait, Er weather, neither; he'd just say, "Igot to ketch a mess today." An' toward the creek you'd see him Slide, A-whistlin, soft an' walkin' wide. I says one day to Hi, says I, "How do you always ketch 'em, Hi?" He gave his bait another switch in. An' chucklin' says, "I just keep fishin' Hi took to readin' law at night. Hi'tt'ry soon, the first we knowed, He had a lawsuit, won his fight. An' was a lawyer! I'll be blowed! He knowed more law than Squire Mc-Knab!

An' though he had no "gift of gab" To brag about, somehow he made A sober sort of talk that played The mischief with the other side. One day, when some one asked if Hi'd Explain how he got in kishfishin, An' chucklin' says, "I jest keep fishin'."

Well, Hi is Gov'nor Somers now; A big man round the state, you bet— To me the same old Hi, somehow; The same old champeen fisher, yet. It wasn't so much the bait er pole, It wasn't so much the fishin' hole, That won for Hi his big success; 'Twas jest his fishin' on, I guess; 'Twas a cheerful, steady, hopeful kind Of keepin' at it—don't you mind? And that is why I can't help wishin' That more of us would just keep fishin'.

—Chicago News.

Assessed valuation of real and personal property in New Jersey for 1916 is \$3,696,314,010, an increase of \$112,360,405 over 1915. New munitions plants figured in the increase.

Grazing experts of the forest Service estimate the cost of producing lambs in the Northwestern states is \$1.82 a head.

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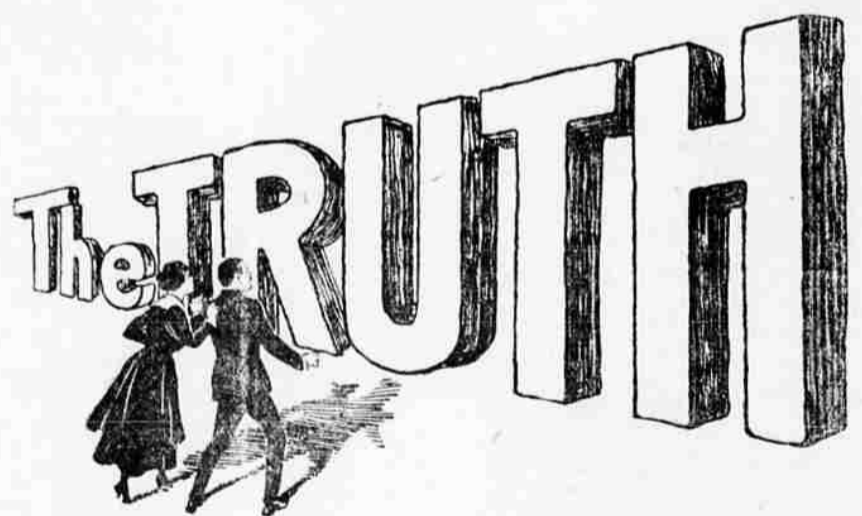
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