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Editorials From Over the Nation

COUNTY FAIRS
New Orleans Item: Time was when a "county fair" was chiefly a week of junketing, with hurdy gurdies and blarney side-shows, thimble-riggers and a small army of amiable cranks following after. Times have changed now. The county fairs, the parish fairs, are now genuine expositions of the best rural products, in grains and fruits and livestock. The keenest minds and the best intelligence of the county-sides assemble there. Prize cattle and hogs and poultry are worth-while discussions of methods and systems. There are points of interchange of good ideas, distributing centers for the influence of progress. Federal demonstration agents, state university extension workers, experts in all forms of using the soil and in handling stocks, put their services at the disposal of the farmers, planters, orchardists and dairymen. Progressive thought radiates from them. The gospel of good roads, of domestic science, of community hygiene, of rural education, of more comfortable country homes, of rural community co-operation, is carried out from them. Townsfolk are interested in them, because town well-being is builded on rural well-being, and because some of us who gaze about his head-lands in cities can do so in continued prosperity unless his neighbors on farms, in fields and orchards can live and work through the year with assurance of fair dealing and the profits due their harvests.

THE OFFICE CAT

IF WE CAN SMILE
Life is a tangle,
Life is a care,
Life is much sorrow
And often despair;
But there is pleasure,
Music and light,
There is a morning
After each night.
Life is a mixture
Of joy and of pain,
Plenty of sunshine,
Plenty of rain.
But this same mixture
Makes us worth while,
If through the shadows,
We can still smile.
—Rachel A. Garrett.

Marriage starts with billing and cooing. And the billing lasts.
Envy no man unless you are willing to change places with him.
JUST FREE
She—"I suppose you'd like to be free to marry again?"
He—"No. Just free."

The nice thing about fall is cushioning the ice man goodbye.
Great advances are being made in the sciences these days. Five years ago, very few knew how to make moonshine in the daytime.
FARM
"An abandoned farm."
"How foolish to abandon it."
"Oh, I dunno. I settled on one once and I thought the man who abandoned it was pretty smart."
From now on, worshippers of big Bill Hart will be puzzled to tell whether his serious look on the screen is intended to fool a train robber or to figure out why his wife is suing him for divorce.
When the world doesn't appear to be running right, rest assured that you're not.
Sandy was seen coming out of the First National Bank by his friend, MacGregor, and he was accosted thus by him.
"Been putting some money in the bank, has ye, Sandy? I ken."
"Nae, nae, no putting money in," answered Sandy.
"Well, it cannot be that ye were taking any out," said MacGregor.
"Nae, nae. I was just in the place filling a fountain pen," answered Sandy.
He who takes one chance takes one too many.
SURE CURE
Brown—"I'm the most forgetful man in the world."
Black—"Why don't you buy a flyover?"
Brown—"What for?"
Black—"That will jog your memory."

No, No, Not So Bad As That!

Reviewing election results the Boise Statesman points a finger of scorn at Oregon and says: "Our neighbor state has become a divided state. Men in office and in the legislature find themselves expected to cater to religious interests, cliques and clans. Communities are divided. A law, presented to an unprepared public, for its snap judgment, has denied parents the right, if they should desire it, of schooling their children in religious establishments. This will bring bitterness. More than this the campaign in Oregon has caused things to be said and done not to be forgotten in a lifetime. Friends have become enemies. Partners have broken up. It is a horrible example sure enough."

Wait a minute, Editor Cobb. Things are not as bad in your sister state. We admit that the chance of reviving an organized republican party has gone glimmering and need never be attempted again, for after republicans of this state met and adopted a platform—and a good one—not a single candidate would mention that platform or convention in his campaign. In La Grande we had several "party leaders" who made political speeches and none of them gave mention to the effort made by a large number of republicans who left their business and journeyed to Portland to construct a sensible party platform. The reason probably was that these men who spoke were like Borah, products of the open season system which never takes responsibility and makes promises with nothing but personal backing.

We admit that Oregon had a nasty campaign—one of those kind when speakers and newspapers say things which should have been left unsaid. We will admit that some of the republican leaders and newspapers, in their excitement, attacked the man who was elected governor in an unfair manner. We will admit that a compulsory school bill carried at the election. We will admit that the next legislature has some very perplexing problems.

But, even so, Oregon is still all right. She has met the compulsory school bill, it has carried and now its status will be legally determined, probably saving Idaho from the ordeal. It had to come some time and perhaps it is better for Oregon to take the burden of this religious scrap than her sister to the east. Anyway, Oregon is taking it. But we refuse to think that Oregon is pulled asunder as The Statesman would have us believe. Oregon is composed of live citizens who speak out in meeting, who fight their fights at election, but aside from that she is solid as a rock, as right as a golden coin, as peaceful as the Pacific ocean and her people will bury the hatchet immediately, take on new undertakings, put up a solid front to the world and be a great state every day in the year.

Probably the certain accusation which will stick is that republicans of Oregon will not join in organization. That was demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt at the last election.

One of the best honest-to-goodness fights in Eastern Oregon this campaign was that of Roy Ritner of Pendleton. Bled as he was with unanimous nomination by both Republicans and Democrats in the primaries, he awoke one morning to find a red-hot fire built under him by an independent. Roy was taught to work and in his practical way, he decided the only way to win was to work. It is said he wore out a new Cadillac car on the Umatilla county roads and that he filled his gasoline tank on the run. That he did not sleep for three weeks is admitted. But he won by a thousand votes, and the state is ahead by his winning.

If Volstead is beaten how does that affect the Volstead act, has been asked the Observer. It does not affect the Volstead act to beat Volstead, but the way some of the states voted on beer and wine will have quite a bearing on it.

Senator-elect Henry Taylor of Umatilla county asserts that he does not care if strangers visiting the senate next winter do take him for the chaplain because of his long beard and dignified appearance.

Baker refused to adopt the manager form of government at its city election. She should have adopted it, and increased her number of commissioners to either five or seven and she would have the best form of government.

Judging from the number of telegrams Governor Pierce is receiving there are many who want him to know they were close to him in the last campaign. But Walter is no child in political affairs. He has some idea of the "sheep" and the "goats," politically speaking.

Portland's 1927 exposition will not be held. The state refused to let Multnomah county take on a tax burden for that purpose. A case where several children in the family combine to prevent another from spending his money.

The fellows who had made up that "innocent" income tax bill on the ballot did not get away with it. They probably thought the title of "income tax" would do the work, but somehow a microscope was put on the measure.

Flings at Folly
A war isn't over until the surplus army goods are disposed of.
Housekeeping is just a slow process of accumulating useless pieces of cut glass.
One can't help wondering what job would have done had he stepped on a lump of used gum.
Mother says the vacuum cleaner was suggested by the head of the old-fashioned hired girl.
Infant prodigies are a nuisance at times, but no one of them has yet written his memoirs.
Jack: An instrument used to raise a car. Also a means of lifting people into high society.
The order making American ships dry will at least open up new fields of endeavor for the bootlegger.
Note to wives: It is safe to trust a husband out at night if he doesn't decline onions for supper.
Even the cynic appears to have complete faith in the water's ability to add a column of figures correctly.
The concert of nations will be more harmonious when England and France decide which is to play second fiddle.
One own notion is that divorced lawyers would starve to death if all husbands helped with the supper dishes.
As we understand it, an experienced traveler is one who knows how to be disagreeable enough to get served.
Thirty days' training are required to make a street car conductor unless he has had previous experience making speeches.

BRIEF PUNCHES
Boston News: They use to say, "Britannia rules the sea," but that was before Attorney General Daugherty made his ruling.
Greenville Piedmont: "When any-try tackle a woodpile," says a Harvard professor. Now you know why Wilhelm saws wood.
Macon Star: That the second century's the hardest is proved by an Eastern seaman who misses her wine at the age of 101 years.

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ORDERS EXCEED THE PRODUCTION

remote from populous centers, when little lumber was consumed locally, but that condition has changed, not only in the South, but on the Pacific coast as well.

Local consumption now is a very important item. Thus, this year, when local consumption is added to the volume of orders secured from outside sources, production so far has been considerably exceeded by orders, says the American Lumberman. A glance at statistics on shipments shows that so far this year, production has exceeded shipments by at least 5 per cent. This condition is due to the severe car shortage which continues to embarrass lumbermen.

Prices are firm and orders are readily placed, provided assurance of reasonably prompt shipment is made. Furniture factories, railroads and other large industrial consumers are purchasing large quantities of lumber, while retail lumbermen, due to the continued building activity, purchase considerable quantities. The export business on the whole has been improving, though in some cases prices on export stock have been less of late than on stock for domestic consumption, with the result that it is not so easy to place export schedules, particularly for southern pine.

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