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ON AN OREGON FARM.

The December number of *Outing* contains an article entitled "On an Oregon Farm," by Clifton Johnson, which does not do the country justice and is not calculated to advantageously advertise the state. Of course, there are such farms in Oregon—and so there are in every state in the Union—but it is hardly fair to pick out an unprogressive section, most of whose inhabitants are mossbacks, and send it out as typical of Oregon. The article is illustrated by rural scenes, not at all typical of the new Oregon.

The writer describes a visit to Canyonville in the Cow Creek canyon, and to farms far off the beaten track. He quotes the customary gossip of the villagers and interviews a pioneer who tells of his arrival in the '50s and the taking up of a donation claim. The landlady laments the land fraud prosecutions which killed business brought in by timber cruisers. The following dialogue is quoted:

"There ain't been no right good apples in Oregon for twenty years. The old orchards have all failed like on account of the San Jose scale. However, I don't believe we could equal the eastern apples, anyway. Apples are a cold climate fruit. Last year our crop was ruined by that hot day we had. The thermometer went up to 108, and, in addition, the wind blew hard, and every apple was scalded on the windward side. There's one thing about it—we don't have to hurry pickin' 'em for fear of frost. I've seen apples hangin' on the trees perfectly good at Christmas."

"I was readin' in the paper that Oregon apples beat the world," remarked a man who had not spoken before. "Oh, that ain't so at all," affirmed the teamster. "They don't compare with those back in Michigan where I came from."

Talk of this kind can be heard in any backwoods community in any state, but it is not typical of the state. The commercial orchard has reached scientific perfection in Oregon, and Oregon apples bring the highest price in the markets of the east and Europe, all of which would probably be news to some of the inhabitants of distant valleys.

The *Outing*, having portrayed a mossback section, typical of the old Oregon, should now portray a progressive region—typical of the new Oregon. It should describe the Rogue River valley, where the farmers and orchardists have telephones, haul produce to market in automobiles, and live in mansions or spend their time in southern California or Europe. It should photograph orchards whose fruit holds world's records for quality and price and which yield as high as \$2000 an acre a year; or broad expanses of alfalfa which return large profits annually. It should portray scenes where the beauty of earth and sky make perfect landscapes, and then its thousands of readers will have a more correct idea of Oregon. Or, if rural life alone is wanted, *Outing* should reprint "Letters From an Oregon Farm," by Mrs. Abigail Scott Duniway, whose talented pen has portrayed in charming fashion real life in the Oregon country.

AMERICAN ENGLISH.

Mr. Sidney Lee, the Shakespearean scholar, in a recent issue of the *North American Review*, expresses the opinion that the Americans write and read, or speak the English language more correctly than the English, and exhorts his countrymen to exercise the same care to guard the purity of English that the Americans habitually use. This is rather interesting and attracts additional attention because English journals have republished and endorsed the article, having approved of Mr. Lee's opinion.

The diagnosis is substantially true, therefore the opinion is valuable. There are a few Englishmen—they form a small class—who perhaps exercise more care from earliest youth in speaking and in writing English than educated Americans. But the great mass of Americans are immensely superior in their education and speech to the mass of Englishmen. The common people speak a rough elementary language, in which the vocabulary is very narrowly limited, and the great mass of Englishmen have not had the common school education which in America is universal. In England a few—a very few—have a feast, and the rest in education are on short commons. In America nearly everyone has a decent provision.

The high general average of intelligence and education in America, especially in the use of English, is due to the newspapers and to the "reader" and public schools. The old school reader has been the well-spring, the fair start, the inspiration for myriads of Americans. It has been their introduction to good literature, their guide and philosopher, their instructor in English. Long may it wave. In recent years "pedagogists" have shown a tendency in the preparation of "up-to-date" readers to include in them a vast deal of stuff chosen with some pedagogical and psychological purpose. In order to serve selections which fit in with the "scheme," much namby-pamby matter, apparently written in order, is used. It is poor and weak pabulum. The proper way to make a "reader" is to choose the best; to permit the pupil to consort with the masters; to let him drink from the well undefiled.

What Papers Say

WITH THEIR PLEDGES BROKEN— THEN WHAT?

(Oregon Journal.)

If enough members to break up the Statement No. 1 majority should withdraw from their pledges, then what? Who cannot foresee the sequel? Many "republican voters' choice" members are honest, and would be bound to vote for Mr. Calkins. They could not in honor support another candidate. Pledges signed with their names and promising their votes for the party choice, are filed away and of record in the public archives. These members could not vote for Mr. Fulton, for the same reason that re-elected them rejected Mr. Fulton. They are bound by as strong an obligation as man can make and honor seal, to vote only for Mr. Calkins. If they dared to vote for Mr. Fulton or any other, they would be faithless to their pledged word, defaulters to conscience and branded for all time as unworthy of belief. With this inevitable following, Mr. Calkins would be a leading republican candidate. It would be a factor that would bring utter demoralization, for nine-tenths or more of the Statement No. 1 members cannot surrender. To them a pledge is a pledge of honor and back of them are the instructions of the people, emphatically expressed. They will go to the end of their terms of office without a cowardly retreat.

Then, what? Forty days of nightmare at Salem, 40 days of extravagant legislation, 40 days of corruption, riot and scandal, 40 days of lawlessness and disgrace, 40 days of revolution and holdup, 40 days of the old rotten regime that for 30 years dis rupted the republican party and scandalized the state, and at last an adjournment without a senator. That would be the beginning. The end would be a revolution among the voters that would drive from public life and bury in the deepest depths of oblivion forever every man who is aiding or abetting to overthrow the will of the people, sealed and delivered through the ballot box last June.

Men are mad, incoherently, insanely mad when they imagine they can upset a ballot box verdict, and thrust a personal program down the throats of the people of the state. The primary law was itself the result of a revolution by the people against senatorial deadlocks and legislative insanity at Salem. Nearly 70,000 ballots cast last June, ordering the legislature to elect the senatorial candidates receiving the highest number of votes is a ballot box expression from the voters that leaves no question as to what is their purpose therein. It means that 70,000 of the voters are tired of political tomfoolery. It means that a holdup of the coming legislature would arouse a storm among the people that would drive every politician and every legislator concerned into political graves from which there would be no resurrection.

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To Our Patrons

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