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HAS PRAISE FOR MEDFORD

Visitor Says This City Leads Others in Prosperity--To Sell Pianos

D. W. Thomas, superintendent of agencies for the Ellers Piano House of America, in an interview today says: "All of our out-of-town stores in the California, Oregon and Washington territory are under my supervision, which necessitates my visiting all important points in these states from time to time; but Medford has impressed me as being the most wide-awake and energetic town of any that I visit. For instance, I have been unable to find any kind of a vacant building to rent for the purpose of housing \$15,000 worth of pianos my firm has shipped in. I do not know of any other town where every building is occupied by substantial business concerns. While this condition in Medford is to my mind evidence of its great prosperity, nevertheless it has put me in a great dilemma as to how to handle our big stock of pianos. However, I received from our general office word instructing me to cut prices to a point that will reduce this immense stock at once. In some instances I have reduced prices \$25. This, coupled with the fact that everyone is prosperous in this section, I expect to sell at least 75 instruments in a very short time."

SPENDING \$20,000,000 IN IMPROVING BRAZIL HARBOR

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Dec. 21.—Colossal harbor works are planned in Rio; to the two miles of docks now under construction 10 more miles are to be added. The additions will consist of three piers at a distance of over 1000 feet from each other, and they will be built at right angles to the shore. The original two docks have no piers or slips, but simply a curved front. The additional works will cost \$20,000,000.

ONLY ONE OUT OF EACH HUNDRED DO WORK WELL

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The Rev. Frank Crane, formerly of this city, now of Worcester, Mass., told students at the Chicago university that the rank and file of every profession, students, teachers, mothers, preachers—yes, indeed, he concludes preachers, actors, all come under his ban. For he says only a meager 5 per cent ever do the work required of them. And with the students the percentage sinks in an appalling manner—to a bare and lonely 1 per cent.

"Only one out of every 100 students really does his work," were Mr. Crane's relentless words, but before his startled hearers had fairly begun to writher he solved their feelings by declaring that out of every 70 teachers only one knows how to teach right.

"The great work of the world is left to the hands of incompetents. And this unfitness extends to all walks of life.

"Nineteen out of every 20 mothers are unfit to rear their children.

"Nineteen out of every 20 preachers fail to deliver their message.

"Only one out of every 20 actors really gives you what you pay your \$2 for."

And the moral of it all was this: "Be the exceptional man or woman. To be one of the mediocre crowd is to

GERMANS LAUNCH THEIR FOURTH GREAT BATTLESHIP

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The fourth of Germany's "Dreadnaught" type of battleships was launched today at Kiel and christened the Posen. The Posen's tonnage will be 17,960 and her speed 19 knots. It is expected to have her ready for service early in 1910.

Princess Radolin, wife of the German ambassador to France, christened the vessel. Germany has the keels laid for

three other vessels of similar type. For Sale.

At a bargain, upright parlor organ; in perfect condition; will make suitable Christmas present. For particulars address "H," Tribune office. 242

BRUCE WILL BE TAKEN BACK TO CHICAGO TONIGHT

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—William T. Bruce, accused of deserting his wife and four children in Chicago and coming to Seattle, accompanied by another woman, will be taken back tonight by a Chicago officer.

be a failure. If you are one of the 90 either quit college right now or become the hundredth man."

STATIONS MEAN GAIN TO FARMERS

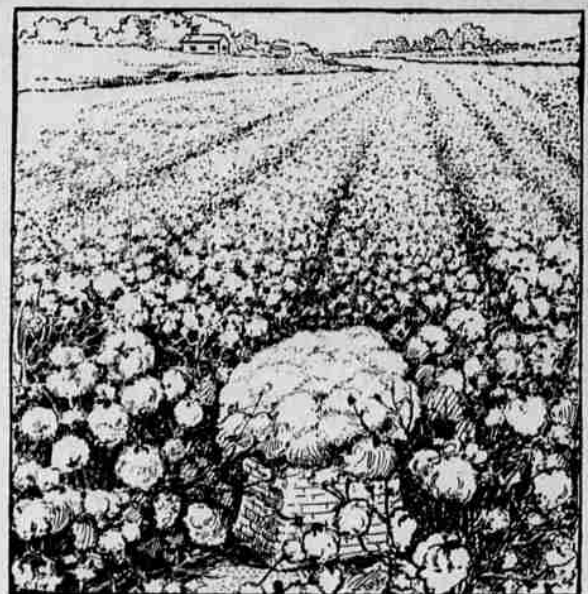
Portland will be the meeting place in July, 1909, of one of the greatest assemblies of American educators and

scientific men ever held in this state. The occasion will be the meeting of the Association of American Experiment Stations and Agricultural Colleges, the convention of the Association of State University Presidents and the convention of farmers' institutes. The presidents of all land grant colleges, the directors of all experiment stations in the United States, Canada and Mexico,

representatives of the department of agriculture, the presidents of all the state universities, besides many other men of note in the scientific world, will be present, says the Oregonian. President W. J. Kerr of the Oregon agricultural college has secured for eastern Oregon the establishment and maintenance of two new experiment stations in eastern Oregon, one irrigation dem-

onstration farm and experiment station to be located at Hermiston, Umatilla county, and the other stations to be located in one of the dry land counties.

Dr. Kerr says that these stations will affect over 1,000,000 acres of land. From these stations the farmers will realize net profits amounting to many hundred thousand dollars annually over their present profits.



The Swine or the Flower?

Oh me! I saw a huge and loathsome sty,
Wherein a drove of wallowing swine were barred,
Whose banquet shocked the nostril and the eye;
Then spoke a voice, "Behold the source of LARD!"

I fled, and saw a field that seemed at first
One glistening mass of roses pure and white,
With dewy buds 'mid dark green foliage nursed;
And as I lingered o'er the lovely sight,
The summer breeze that cooled that Southern scene,
Whispered, "Behold the source of COTTOLENE!"

"Nature's Gift from the Sunny South"

COTTOLENE is a pure and wholesome frying and shortening medium, made from refined cottonseed oil. There is not an ounce of hog fat in it to make food unwholesome, greasy and indigestible. As evidence of its superiority, COTTOLENE received Grand Prize (highest possible award) at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition

and Gold Medals (also representing highest awards in each case) at the Charleston Exposition, the Paris Exposition, and the Chicago World's Fair. In fact, in every case where COTTOLENE has been exhibited in competition with other cooking fats, it has invariably been granted the highest award.

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