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OPPORTUNITY OR YOU

Some people are always waiting for opportunity to take them by the hand. It never does, and it never will.

Opportunity is ever present with us, it is by our side, it dogs our steps, it never leaves us. But it never reaches out its hand. We must do the reaching, the grasping, the improving.

Don't sit still and wait for opportunity to come to you. Go out and hunt it, and hunt till you find it. It is flirting with you every day in the year, every hour of the day.

One of your greatest opportunities lies in what you may accomplish in aid of your home town, for what is good for the town is even better for you. If you want your town to do something for you, you should first do something for the town. Opportunity believes in that, and greets the one who does it.

Don't expect to receive everything and give nothing. Opportunity does not approve of that, will not sanction it, will not lend its aid and encouragement. Only fools expect that, and fools seldom step beyond the shadow of their own foolishness.

The wise man makes his own opportunity, and that begets other and greater opportunities, and they breed success.

Your future is not up to opportunity—it is up to you.

THE STONE ROLLED AWAY

That is a beautiful story of the women who hastened to the sepulchre early in the morning. They were in deep sorrow, hope had fled, and they never expected to see their Master alive again. But the love they bore him impelled them to go on their last sad mission.

As they went they were troubled by the thought of the great stone that blocked the entrance to the tomb, and they asked themselves the question, "Who will roll us away the stone?" That thought of the stone weighed on their mind all the way to the sepulchre. But when they reached the place they found the stone already rolled away, and then they realized how needless had been their fears.

So oftentimes today people foolishly worry themselves in anticipating real or imaginary difficulties. But when at last they reach the place of the stone of difficulty, they frequently find that some good angel has rolled it away.

EASTER A MOVABLE FEAST

Unlike most general anniversaries the date on which Easter falls varies by several weeks, and for that reason Easter is called a movable feast. During the first three centuries there was much uncertainty and confusion among Christian churches as to the precise time it should be observed. This was because the Passover, immediately following which Christ arose from the tomb, was a movable feast among the Jews. Consequently some churches kept Easter as early as March 21 while others kept it as late as April 25. The Council of Nice in 325 ordained that Easter should always be held on the Sunday immediately following the full moon that happened upon or next after March 21, the day of the vernal equinox.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER

The selection of a Malheur county man for this important office is of much importance to the citizens of this part of the state. J. W. McCulloch of Ontario, candidate for this position, is a man of high intelligence, sterling integrity and has demonstrated in many ways his undoubted ability and fitness for this position. His candidacy should especially appeal to the citizens of this county, regardless of political affiliations. Every Republican should aid in securing his nomination and then every vote in the county should be cast for him next fall. When you cast your ballot for public service commissioner, stand by Malheur county.—Jordan Valley Express.

Some people give so little thought to public matters that they do not realize just how much credence to give a statement. When they are told that a set of books has been audited and found correct they imagine that everything is all right. The auditor merely finds out that there are vouchers for all moneys paid out he does not attempt to show what value, if any, was given for the money. For a report of the stewardship of an officer or set of officers it is necessary

to know what value they are getting for the people's money. As a general thing where there are no tax payers organizations to look after the spending of public funds the average value received is about sixty per cent. When this county is organized with a taxpayers league it will be possible to reduce the taxes just that much and the people will still receive as much benefit as they are now receiving. Is it worth while to organize?

The Pendleton Evening Tribune sent out letters to the several candidates for Public Service Commissioner asking them to hold a meeting in Pendleton where they could all be seen and heard. Few of them are known there or in fact at any point in the district and it is but fair to the people to show up and be seen before the voters are asked to make a choice.

J. W. McCulloch replied to the inquiry and expressed himself as willing and anxious to meet with the other nominees and give the voters a chance to size them up. He does not believe in a gum shoe campaign and also believes it is a nuisance to the voters to have the candidates stringing along one at a time and all demanding the attention of the voters when they are busy. If a joint meeting can be held it will be better for the voters and candidates also.

As the several candidates come here and give the people a chance for the once-over it becomes more evident that Ontario has the only aspirant who is qualified for the position. Some of the candidates would make good clerks but none of them outside of J. W. McCulloch have had experience that fits them for the executive duties and the legal mind necessary to handle the problems that are put up to the commission to pass upon.

The high taxes are being talked of pretty generally throughout the county and it may be interesting to see what other counties are paying out for having their assessments made. We find the assessors office for Harney county for 1915 cost \$3,830.05; Lake county, \$3,370; Gilliam county, \$1,835; Baker county, \$5,710; Wasco, \$4,250; Crook, \$5,000; Umatilla, \$4,500; Grant, \$2,200; Wallowa, \$2,500; Sherman, \$2,119; Morrow, \$2,700; Malheur county, \$7,363.45.

Governor Withycombe of Oregon in regard to Ferris bill says, "I would rather see one stream developed than a score preserved."

MORE EVIDENCE OF HOG PROFITS

G. W. Cruickshank, living a few miles from this city, is very enthusiastic over his hogs. Tuesday he shipped ten hogs from this city receiving a check of \$158 for the same. He received \$7.90 per cwt. for his hogs, each weighing around 200 lbs. per.

Mr. Cruickshank has been shipping a bunch of hogs every month since early last summer. The lowest he has received in one month has been \$96 and the highest was \$158. Mr. Cruickshank has been feeding grain raised on his own farm. Last month was the first month he missed shipping a bunch of hogs, but he will make up for it this month, when he will ship two times.

He has about 25 more hogs on his farm to ship this spring, but about 15 of these he will be compelled to buy feed for. This year he is going in the hog business on a larger scale than last, and consequently will be compelled to put more of his land into grain, to provide feed for them.—New Plymouth Sentinel.

A VALUABLE LOG

An Emmott paper says that the Michigan-Idaho sawmill cut a log Tuesday 12 feet long, about six feet in diameter, that produced 1816 feet of boards. As extra clear lumber retails for \$40 per thousand, it will be noticed that the single cut was worth close to \$75.00.

Montana Goal for Settlers.—It is reported that more than 15,000 cattle and 6,000 horses have been shipped into Montana since the first of the year by settlers. Most of these people are coming from Minnesota, some from North Dakota, Iowa, South Dakota and Washington.

And here's wishing you yet another summer of magnificent prosperity.

A bright smile is a golden asset in business. Try it yourself.

Baseball, however, has not been shot off the map.

With warm weather hopping along we may expect a noticeable impetus in the fine art of local open air court-ing.

THE POULTRY DEPARTMENT

Question. We keep on our farm one hundred seventy-six hens in good chicken-house, 12x20, feed them well balanced ration of corn and wheat—they seem to be in good condition, yet we hardly get more than three dozen eggs at an average.

Ans. According to laid down rules it is never satisfactory to house more hens than you have floorspace, that is, at least two square feet to one fowl, which in other words would mean no more than one hundred. Under this condition it would be best for you to cull closely adhering to the standard requirements, select the most vigorous, largest type, no matter what your particular breed may be, to choose the layers, one way is to observe the ones that are the best rustlers, first off the roost and you will be surprised the difference in your flock by examining their crops of nights, the ones that are steady layers will be filled up when the drones hardly have anything, as the latter needs but a trifle to sustain life. She may be sick or too old, stunted, or any ailment which the average novice cannot understand.

Another big factor in visiting poultryhouses around here, that people as a rule are not alive to the fact that nothing will respond to kind, careful treatment more readily than poultry, yet see how many houses are really sweet, clean. It is but little labor to disinfect the house with some hot whitewash to which some salt and creolin or other coal tar product is added, many owing to high prices of lumber have earthen floors which has its disadvantages, varmits, wasted grain and hard to keep in clean condition, now as never is the moment when lice and mites multiply, and with the coming summer months thousands of chicks that have been raised with cost and tender care will be sacrificed on the altar of carelessness. Remove the old dirt, replace with new, mix some airslacked lime, tamped down solid. By all means let the hens have all the scratching material to be contented. Most roosts are too high and old fashioned and on a slant, no dropping board, the nests made at random out of apple boxes, just suitable to perpetuate mites, the grey and red louse.

There are hundreds yes thousands of books on poultry, every one written with a purpose, each a sermon, yet lo—there are good kind-hearted people that will go to houses of worship horrified to know some would break the Sabbath, while they sing chants to higher glory of God, their poultry suffers at home from want of water. Just think it over. Sit tibi terra levis!

BEST BREEDING HORSES SOLD

The large war orders for Oregon horses has not been altogether for the best interests of the horse business from the horse breeders' standpoint. Instead of taking the small, unsound and undesirable horses, buyers took only the very best. The result of this is that the very horses that have been sold are largely the ones that should have been used for breeding stock, and the smaller, inferior ones that breeders should have disposed of are now on hand for the foundation of future herds.

"Many people are asking what is to be done to improve these horses so that those who are in the business at the present time may stay in it and derive a satisfactory income from their investments," said Carl N. Kennedy, horse specialist of the Agricultural College. "The very first thing that will have to be done before advance is made is to replace the scrub stallion with a good pure bred stallion just as fast as it is possible. "In the next place these stallions must be given better care and more feed during the winter. "With sires such as are being used at the present time it cannot be expected that horses will be improved, since the sires themselves would scarcely make marketable geldings. We cannot get good, big, marketable horses from small, underzaged scrub stallions. As long as we use mongrel sires we will raise a class of horses which will not only be hard to sell at a profit but hard to sell at any price. "With the advent of the auto and other forms of gas power times are changing and use for certain kinds of light horses that there has been in the past. To meet these changed conditions horsemen must change their method of breeding and raise what the market calls for."

You've noticed, no doubt, that these brilliant talkers make blamed poor listeners and mighty slim doers. The road to success, Algernon, is paved with hard knocks and lined with the stings of adversity. Get up, go to it, and hump yourself.

RULES TO GOVERN COUNTY SEAT FIGHTS

Statute Says 60 Per Cent of Qualified Voters Before Any Change May Be Considered.

The "Madras for County Seat Club" has started something that may cause more county strife over the state than has been enjoyed for some little time in local politics. It is a movement to place an initiative bill on the Jefferson county ballot at the November election providing for the change of the county seat from Culver to Madras.

The general law at the present time provides a method for changing or locating county seats. This statute requires that petitions be circulated and signed by at least 60 per cent of the qualified electors of the county before the change of a county seat may be considered.

Provisions Are Stated. No person may legally sign such a petition unless he has been an actual resident of the county for at least three months immediately preceding his signature. It is further provided that at least three fifths, or 60 per cent, of the votes cast at the election must be in favor of changing the location of the county seat before it may be changed.

If the legal theory of the Madras club is correct in that their county seat fight may be settled under the general provisions of the initiative and in disregard of the present law, which has been supposed to govern county seat locations, all of the old county seat controversies will undoubtedly be reopened and fought out under the new procedure. It requires but 8 per cent of the voters to put an initiative bill on the ballot, and a majority of the votes cast for and against a measure will determine its success or failure.

Other Fights Recalled. There has long been a bitter fight in Malheur county between Vale and Ontario over the county seat. Ontario is able to muster more than 50 per cent of the vote cast in efforts to take the seat of county government away from Vale, but cannot quite reach the 60 per cent mark. Grant county, Wallowa, Crook, Jackson and other counties have all had bitter county seat fights in the past where the efforts to change have been blocked by the high vote needed under the law. These old contests will be ready to reopen if it is found that the battles can be fought out under the initiative rules.—Portland Journal.

Funny, but true. Some men's brains are about as effective as the bobbed tail of a horse in fly time.

THE PAID LOCAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Lost—A small black purse containing a gold watch and some money. Watch has initials L. B. engraved on back. Finder return watch to this office and receive reward. 161f

Good second hand Buick automobile for sale, cheap. Enquire J. W. McCulloch. 161f.

For Sale—Feed Corn—H. B. Redington, Fruitland, Ida. 16-2f

For Rent—House now occupied by W. H. Laxson, V. B. Staples. 131f

For rent—5 room cottage, good lawn, trees and garden spot.—Art Dunnuck, 84j. 1f

Piano for sale or trade. Her make, used very little, in good condition. Phone 53 n or box 31, Ontario. 2f

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