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"Many favors which God gives us ravel out for want of hemming, through our unthankfulness: For though prayer procureth blessings, giving praise and sharing them with others doth keep the quiet possession of all things of value.—Fuller.

The Grange's Influence on Legislation

The influence of the Grange has been exerted for many years moulding public opinion and crystallizing public sentiment into laws for the benefit of agriculturists, the farmers, and people in general.
Among the laws already enacted in which the Grange has had great influence may be cited: The interstate commerce law establishing an interstate commission to regulate transportation on a basis of equality between shippers and localities, and fairness between shippers and common carriers, and to prevent discrimination between individuals and localities.
Securing an extension of rural mail delivery.
The act of February 19, 1906, enlarging the powers of the interstate commerce commission, and of courts, to prevent secret rebates.
The so-called Sherman "anti-trust" law of 1890, and the various amendments since that time enacted.
The act of February, 1903, creating the Department of Commerce, having authority to secure full information regarding the organization and operation of corporations engaged in interstate commerce.
The Hatch act for the establishing of state experiment stations.
The separation of the agricultural schools from classical colleges and directing that the additional appropriations for agricultural colleges be confined to instruction in agriculture and mechanic arts.
The Grant bill protecting the dairy interests against the fraudulent selling of colored oleomargarine as butter.
The act of 1902 to prevent false branding of food products, protecting farmers from fraudulent imitations being sold to them as pure articles.
The rate regulation act and pure food act of 1906, the principle involved in both having been repeatedly discussed and urged by this organization in the national, state and local Granges.
The denatured alcohol law of 1907, providing for the manufacture and sale of denatured alcohol for use in the arts and industries free of tax.
The defeat of the Ship Subsidy bill under the provisions of which the many would have been taxed for the few.
The enactment of a comprehensive pure food law and provision for the machinery necessary for its enforcement.

Toledo is responsible for the saying that "the whole progress of science up to the present time has not improved the lot of the majority of man but has made it worse." If there remains among enlightened people a few who agree with this incomparable man they have only to read the records of the appalling disaster to the "Republic" to be provided with ample refutation of the sweeping statement. To be sure there is the argument that only the dead are happy but let one imagine himself on that unhappy ship, stashed in the darkness, alone and helpless on the high seas in a blanket like a fog to be rescued and brought home to shore through the aid of the wireless telegraph and the appreciation of what may and has been done by the aid of modern science seems clear and con-

There may be those who will smile at the behaviour of the jury in the Carnack murder case in Nashvillo, and the indulgence of the judge who allows his morning tudy on the ground that "the Constitution prohibits cruel punishment" and suggests rolling dice when another asks if card playing is forbidden, but the majority of people feel that a trial of this sort is rather too serious a matter for levity and that a proper lesson on the gravity of the duty before the jury would have been more timely and fitting. It may be a little old-fashioned to suppose that serious matters should be treated seriously but there are many who must plead guilty to an old-fashioned conception that a jury flippantly charged may be flippantly inclined when it comes to their agreement.
President Roosevelt says that a woman's place is in the home but the trouble seems to be that every time a man gets that idea firmly impressed on a woman's mind he finds her out of it trying to break into society. Perhaps if women were convinced of the propriety of doing something useful outside of the home we should find a falling off of our bridge-club and pink teas.
John Burrows says there are few rich men who are happy. Still there are a number of poor men who are not happy and almost any one would rather be rich and unhappy than poor and in the same condition.
A New York court has decided that searching a husband's pockets is a common theft and a woman who abstracts things from that bank is amenable under the civil law. Husbands would do well not to put much dependence on the law though and a little caution in destroying compromising stationery still has its advantages.
The highly colored poster advertising for naval recruits is to go. No more shall we see visions of Apollo like blue jackets being hailed in jibrickshaws through avenues of galsha girls or drinking ginger pop in tropical glades. The navy department has put the ban on the seductive poster and is negotiating for dull colored solicitations for naval enlistments.

The Milwaukee Sentinel says, "the more talk of culture there is around a man's home the fewer good things he has to eat" but the assertion is equally true when reversed. The more talk of good things there is around a man's home the smaller the culture.

The Army officers are eager for a new Presidential deal feeling assured that Mr. Taft has too much consideration for the boys to set them any gait for the physical endurance tests.

A hypnotist has arisen in New York who says he can restore lost memories. He would be a useful person to have around the courts during a railroad or Standard Oil investigation. The number of "I forgot" replies that are assembled at these times would justify his employment.

Evidently San Francisco has the earthquake habit and having been quiet so long would like to poke up a little volcano under Japan.

Thornton Hains just acquitted of murder says he will continue to carry his gun. Still having twice escaped the gallows he is likely to be more careful about using it in the future.

Mr. Taft has sailed for Panama. Tinned foods and sterilized drinks will be a sad change from possum and taters and corn pone.

Congress is eagerly looking forward to the time when the big stick will be replaced by the golf stick.

That spelling reform does not meet with much favor in Canada, is seen in the refusal of the Ontario school authorities to drop the letter "n" from such words as "honour," "favour," "labour," etc. Evidently the attempts of some of our radical spelling reformers would get scanty consideration north of the boundary line.

The wealthy Trinity church of New York with its \$20,000,000 of property has acted wisely in deciding to dispose of its tenements and to improve its remaining rental property. The unsanitary condition of its tenements has long been a reproach to Trinity, and incidentally to the cause of religion.

That the path of the average newspaper in Russia is far from being strewn with roses is evident from the heavy fines recently imposed upon many for publishing news which in this country would cause little comment. The freedom of the press is as yet but little more than a pleasant dream.

It is said that the Duke of the Ahrazzi wants to resign his title that he may be free to marry some American girl. But the duke ought to know by this time that the most of the women in the circle in which he would seek, have little use for a foreigner without a title. It is that they are after, not the man.

Castro says that all he asks is to be permitted to return to Venezuela and live quietly as a humble private citizen. That is what all exiled presidents of Central and South American republics say, but when they get back they forget their promises to be good.

One may not always be in a position to render financial aid to others, but it is within every man's power to speak the helpful, sympathetic word and reach forth a hand to lift, and oftentimes such help is more valuable than any amount of money.

The mayor of St. Louis meant well in offering free lodges to the tramps who attended the recent Tramp Congress in that city, but they failed to appreciate it. There is but little affinity between tramps and water.

Most people are very anxious to live, and if they were only as anxious to live well as they are just to live, how much better this world would be.

That self-boasting charity which is always seeking misery elsewhere but does nothing to relieve misery in one's own neighborhood is of the spurious variety.

In many cases individual character must be rudely shaken by adverse circumstances in order to reach its fullest development.
Twenty-one hundred and ninety pounds of publicity were forwarded to the Portland Commercial Club last week. This was in addition to the six tons that went two weeks earlier. The printers will soon be busy in turning out one million leaflets advertising the one-way colonist rates to Oregon points, and these leaflets will go out through the boys and girls attending school, the preachers and churches, the banks, business houses, factories, hotels, and the homes of Portland, whose example in this work should be followed by every community in Oregon. People can buy their tickets to almost every rail point in the state just as cheaply as they can to Portland, but if they have to pay local rates from that city to their final destination.
An enormous amount of attention has been excited by the invitation of Chicago, extended through the Ways and Means Committee of the Chicago Association of Commerce, to send a hundred and fifty Chicago school boys and girls for a two months' trip through the western states. The commercial bodies of the whole west are joining with the Portland Commercial club to insure acceptance of the invitation. Hundreds of business men who do business with Chicago firms are asking those firms to cooperate with Mr. H. A. Wheeler, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, 77 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, bringing this about. If any reader of this paper can help in case by writing a letter, he is urged to do so.

As an evidence that Portland people are more and more interested in the advancement of Oregon, the First National Bank and Ladd & Tilton have each notified the Oregon Development League that their subscriptions for the year 1909 would be \$200 per month instead of \$100 as in former years. The same sum is subscribed by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, while the United States National bank has advanced from \$50 to \$100 per month. These are larger subscriptions than are made by the financial and business interests of any other city in the United States.

SIGNS OF PROGRESS

Items Concerning Oregon's Advancement Gleaned From Columns of Our Exchanges

The residents of Merion are positive that that section will be a railroad center ere many years roll by.
The people of Enterprise have let the contract for the erection of their water works.

The Odd Fellows of McManville are preparing to erect a modern two-story building, the lower floor to be occupied by a store. The estimated cost of the structure is \$23,000.

The freight shipments from Sheridan are steadily increasing, says the Sun.

Sixty men were signed up for the militia company at Perrot Grove in less than one day, and the papers were at once taken to the State Military Board.

The Mc Minnville Telephone-Register celebrated its twenty-first birthday last Friday.

Residents of Silverton hail with delight the news that the Silverton Lumber company will resume operation in a short time. Since the mill was forced to close down, the residents of that place have missed the large payroll to a certain extent. It is the general opinion that the reopening of the plant will bring an influx of new residents.

Portland and Vancouver, Washington, are getting more and more chummy all the time, and there has been no occasion when the people of the two cities enjoyed themselves more heartily than at the launching of the new ferry-boat "City of Vancouver" from the St. Johns Shipbuilding Company's yards at St. Johns, last Saturday afternoon. This is a home-built boat and for that reason the best.

More than two hundred citizens of Spokane and the "Inland Empire" will reach Portland Saturday, Feb. 6, enroute to California. The party is under the auspices of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce. Immediately upon their arrival the Portland Commercial Club will entertain the guests on a trolley ride over the city, and at a reception and dinner at night.

ECZEMA CURABLE? PROVEN!

Attorney at Moline, Ill., Convinced by Oil of Wintergreen Compound

There is nothing that will convince a lawyer except evidence.
Now, here is some rather startling evidence of a simple home cure for eczema which convinced one lawyer, F. C. Enriken, attorney at Moline, Ill. He tells how oil of wintergreen compound mixed with thymol and glycerine, as in D. D. Prescription, cured him in thirty days after thirty-two years of suffering.
"For 32 years," writes Attorney Enriken, "I was troubled with eczema, scabs all over my face, body and head. I could run a hair brush over my body and the floor would be covered with scales enough to fill a basket. I tried everything—salves, internal medicine, X-ray—all without result."
"Just a month ago I was induced to try D. D. Prescription. The itch was relieved instantly; so I continued. It is just a month now, not a particle of it and the scales have dropped off."
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DOINGS IN OREGON

Interesting Items Gathered From All Parts of the State.

Angry Father Kills Elopers.
Brownsville—Charles Powell, a well-known and highly-respected farmer residing three miles west of Brownsville, shot and instantly killed Homer Roper, a young man at the J. A. Nice place last week. The trouble which led to the fatal result arose over the fact that Roper, who is aged 22 years, about six months ago ran away with Powell's 15-year-old daughter, taking her to Pilot Rock. Powell followed and brought his daughter back and Roper soon came, too. Since that time he has persistently sought the girl, although warned to keep away.
The girl attended a party at the Nice place Thursday night, where Roper appeared and enticed her from the house. Powell was notified at his home and with his wife went to the Nice home and began a search for their daughter. She was found in Roper's company by Mrs. Powell.
Roper then went to the barn. Powell returned and when near the barn was accosted by Roper, who informed him that he had the drop on him. Powell, who carried a .44 Winchester rifle, then began shooting, hitting Roper just above the right eye, killing him instantly. Roper remained on the scene of the tragedy and when the officers appeared gave himself up.

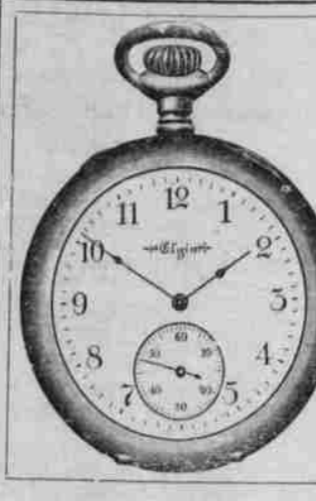
Siletz Decision Eagerly Awaited.
Postland—A proceeding that is attracting a great deal of attention from homesteaders and others interested in the acquisition of title to the public domain has been in progress all this week before the register and receiver of the Portland land office and several days longer may be required in the hearing of the issues involved.
It appears from the evidence already adduced that settlers in the vicinity of Euchre Mountain, in the former Siletz Indian reservation, commuted their homestead entries at the end of 14 months from the date of filing. The forestry service instituted a contest and is prosecuting the same on behalf of the government, on the ground that the submission of proof at the end of only eight months' residence is evidence of bad faith. If this contention is sustained by the local land office officials and confirmed by the land department, it is claimed that it will have the effect of establishing a dangerous precedent and place many other homestead claims in timbered districts in peril, as it has heretofore been common practice to accept eight months' actual and continuous residence as sufficient to sustain a commutation proof.

Busters Annoy Stockman.
Canyon City—That an organized band of cattle thieves has been operating in various parts of Grant county is evident from the large amount of stock cattlemen claim cannot be found. This is particularly true in the northern part of this county in the vicinity of Ritter.
In the Ritter country nearly every stockman has met with some loss, and in one instance a stockman has lost 20 head of steers of various ages out of a band of 200 head.
It is understood that the range has been ridden carefully and that traces of the many missing animals cannot be found. Representatives of the Ritter Stock Association have visited places where cattle are being fed for the early spring market in large numbers, but thus far their efforts to locate the missing stock have been fruitless.

Oregon Day at Seattle Exposition.
Portland—July 17 has been formally selected as the "Official State of Oregon Day" at the Seattle Exposition. The Oregon state commission, Gov. Chamberlain and the commercial organizations of the state have been so notified by Chairman Josiah Collins, of the committee on special days, and steps will be taken at once by the various officials who are interested in the extensive plans Oregon has been making to make this day one of the most notable of the entire exposition. The extensiveness of the plans will depend largely upon whether the legislature will grant the extra appropriation of \$50,000 which the state commission is asking for.
Gatens, Acting Governor.
Salem—Robert Caples, of Portland, correspondent and newspaperman, will be secretary for George E. Chamberlain in the United States senate. This announcement was made from the governor's office Monday.
No information has been given as to the governor's plan in relation to the governorship, but it is pretty definitely understood here that William Gatens, present private secretary, will conduct the affairs of state for Oregon until Chamberlain's position in the senate is definitely known.

Smallpox Closes Silverton Schools.
Silverton—Because of smallpox in Silverton, schools, churches, theaters and all public places have been ordered closed by the mayor and business is practically at a standstill. Five cases are reported in different parts of the city, but all are of mild form.

WOODBURN.
Woodburn is going peacefully on its way since the high water is over with the exception of the basketball games. Even the election this month is seldom heard about.
The Capital College basketball team played the Woodburn Athletic Club Saturday night and was sent home to the tune of 50 to 15 in favor of the W. A. C.
School has commenced again after the mid-year examinations and work is progressing nicely. Some changes were made in the high school, as B. K. Cook resigned his position as principal to accept a position in Portland. Miss Frances Yoder, who was assis-



WATCHES

The price of a Watch is governed largely by the quality of the movement in the case. The case is a protection to the delicate machine inside, and while it may vary from the silverine to the expensive gold, there is still a greater difference in the grades and prices of the different movements. To most people all watches look pretty much alike as far as the movement is concerned, and it is only by experience that one is able to determine between the dozens of makes.

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tant teacher, is now principal and Miss Gray has been chosen to fill the vacancy. There were several exemptions from the examinations and but few failed to pass the grades.
A public reading and rest room has been established in Woodburn by the Woman's Club. It will be open to the public every evening and Friday afternoons at present and later will also be open every afternoon. The public library has been moved into the same rooms and will be in charge of the club. It is located on Grant street in the Randall buildings opposite the city hall.
Miss Minnie Trullinger, who is teaching near Damascus, came to Woodburn Saturday evening to visit her relatives and returned to her school Sunday morning.



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