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A CROSS-ROADS LAUNDRY.

The Dalles Times Mountaineer indorses a plan to lighten the burden of farmer's wives in the following words:

Modern invention and scientific research have done much to lighten the burdens of the farmer. Inventive skill has not only facilitated the operations of husbandry by supplying labor-saving machinery, but it has adapted many of the conveniences and comforts of the city to farm life.

But inventive genius has done very little for the farmer's wife. It has relieved her of butter-making through the multiplication of the modern creamery, but in doing so it has also diverted the profits of this industry to the farmer's pocket, whereas the proceeds of butter-making formerly were conceded to the farmer's wife.

The farmer has the telephone and free mail delivery, and he rides all day long on a sulky plow or on a reaper that cuts the grain and binds it into sheaves. It is doubtless only a question of time when machines will husk his corn and dig his potatoes. But the drudgery of the week's washing and ironing is still with the farmer's wife. While the lord of the fields rides in indolent comfort on a sulky plow the wife bends over a washtub or wrestles with the hot irons two days out of every week.

A promise of belated relief for the farmer's wife is seen in the proposition of Representative Frost of Wisconsin to establish a steam laundry at every cross-roads in the state, to which the farmers washing and ironing may be brought every week. As the state is dotted all over with creameries and cheese factories, it would be an easy matter to operate steam laundries in connection with them.

There is nothing impossible or visionary about Mr. Frost's plan. It embodies the principle of co-operation which has already been successfully applied to nearly every form of agricultural activity from the old grist and saw mills to the modern creamery. Divest the farmer's household of this form of drudgery and then introduce in the kitchen some of the modern labor-saving devices that are used in hotels and the life of the farmer's wife will begin to approach that standard of ease and comfort long since attained by the farmer himself.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that big crowds attended every day's session of the Chautauqua Assembly, the association comes out nearly $500 on the wrong side of the ledger. If the management is compelled to pay big money for talent they ought to procure better entertainers than Polk Miller, who was a decided frost. On Miss Neal, Dr. Mitchell and the Park sisters, nothing but praise can be bestowed. Secretary Wilcox was not re-elected and the officers for 1902 are: W. C. Hawley, president; Chas. H. Dye, vice-president; Harvey E. Cross, secretary; T. F. Ryan, treasurer; Geo. A. Harding, Dr. W. E. Carll, E. E. Charman, T. F. Ryan, Mrs. Wm. Galloway, Mrs. Robt. A. Miller, board of directors. The president, vice-president and secretary are members of the board. A heavy leak in the association's expenses is the pay of marshals. It is necessary to hire many of them to prevent people from going over or through the fence. The proper thing to do, and it is false economy to do otherwise, is to build an enclosure high enough to keep out the grafters without going to the expense of keeping up a human fence year after year.

CHENEY thinks that the county should ask for bids in a lump sum. That is, bids will be received for all the bridges the county may need for a year no matter what size or how many, a lump sum must be named. Also for tools for road work whether road graders or shovels, a lump sum must be named for all the county may need in this line. The same thing with the county printing and supplies. The Enterprise did not offer to do the work as cheap as done in other counties, but the Enterprise offered to do the county printing as cheap as it is done in any county in the state. Cheney never intended to do the work for $1000 because it can not be done for that money. This is shown in the fact that while he has done only a small part of the work the past year, yet he has received well up towards a thousand dollars for the work.

Prominent Clackamas County Farmers.

"Rambler" in Pacific Farmer.

M. F. Ambler, owns a fine, thrifty young orchard of 1,000 fruit trees, of which 200 are Italian prunes and 200 are Petites. Strange to say, the latter are a failure this season, but there is a full crop of Italians, also of apples there is a good crop. Mr. Ambler has 25 acres of his place in fine cultivation, cleared from timber nearly all by himself in the eight years he has been on the place, which is 1½ miles west of Clackamas station.

H. Longcoy, native of Tompkins county N. Y. and owning a fine place one mile west of Clackamas, and 23½ acres of same in high cultivation, has 13 acres in young bearing orchard, 4½ acres in Italian prunes are loaded with fruit, but the same amount in Petites has little or no fruit. Last year, however, there was a good crop of Petites, the yield being six tons of dried fruit. The apples look well now, and there is every prospect of a fine crop. Since nine years, when Mr. L came on the place, he has, by himself, cleared and put into cultivation 17 acres.

G. H. Webster, owning a fine farm near Clackamas, has 32 acres in orchard, 22 acres of which are in prunes with chances of a fair crop of Italian prunes, but there is one thing not very encouraging, a blight is affecting some of the young fruit on the Petite trees.

J. H. Roadarmel, a native of Springfield, Ill., has 16 acres in truck garden back of Milwaukie; 4½ acres are in Advance peas, grown for canning purposes; also one acre of early garden peas, which he began to market May 27th. He has 2½ acres of cucumber, one acre in beans and several acres in potatoes.

ADOPT PROFESSIONALISM

Webber and Elliott, the two Portland musicians who delighted Chautauqua audiences last week, started Monday on a tour of the theaters of the Northwest as a musical specialty team. It is their intention to stay on the road and leave the ranks of amateurs.

A LARGE majority of the people of Oregon City have the interests of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua at heart and are ready and willing to aid the association in every possible way to make the assembly a success. It is very probable that Secretary Wilcox served the association to the best of his ability but the secretary should not be tied up with other matters and must devote his whole time and attention to Chautauqua work, or we shall see a repetition of this year's financial results. The public has a right to expect a better Chautauqua next year and the experience of Mr. Cross should give him a keen insight into the wishes and desires of the public.

THE St. Helens Mist rejoices over the fact that Columbia county is now out of debt, notwithstanding the fact that on April 8, 1898, it was $60,463.79 in the hole. And the county has been under republican management all this time. Not thus in Linn county, says the Albany Herald. Along about that time Linn county was retiring from a number of years of republican rule and was entirely out of debt and had money to pay all current bills. Now under about four years of populist rule this county is in debt about $60,000.

WHEN times are bad there are no strikes but when business improves strikes occur. Laborers are doing better but believe that they should do still better and that their employers are in a position from a rush of work to be forced into paying higher wages. If they lose their job other work is waiting for them.

THE time to find out whether the people are satisfied with the change in text books is when they buy the new books at the beginning of the new year.

The drought in Kansas is liable to ruin crop prospects, but that will not be so bad as the crop of calamity howlers that will probably spring up.

THE balance of trade in favor of the United States is seven hundred millions for the past year. Not a bad showing by the country.

Those famous little pills, DeWitt's Little Early Risers, compel your liver and bowels to do their duty, thus giving you pure, rich blood to recuperate your body. Are easy to take. Never gripe. Geo. A. Harding.

Fred Kransbear, in mixed farming on part of the old Crookshank place back of Milwaukie, has 4½ acres in onions, with good stand. He recently bought acreage here, including some good beaver dam land. For several years Mr. K. ran a feed stable in different parts of Portland, and is now trying his hand at farming.

A Big Road District.

W. H. Council, last year road supervisor in Clackamas county, and for eight years past roadmaster for Milwaukie precinct, says he has 45 or 50 miles of road under his direction with a fund of $14,000 to work with. He was found working on what is called the middle road from Milwaukie to Oregon City. This, he says, is the most direct route from Portland to the city at the falls of the Willamette, the distance being 13 miles. Considerable work is being expended on it, and it will be put in good condition. Mr. Council's district included the whole of the Milwaukie voting precinct.

Diversified Farming.

Thomas E. Brown in mixed farming, on 114 acres on Clackamas, just above the hatchery, has 18 acres in orchard, mostly young apple trees, coming into bearing. There are 100 Ganos and as many Canada Reds, 4 to 5 years old, full of fruit; likewise most of the Baldwins. In part of the orchard there are 5 acres in rape now, used as hog pasture, one acre in turnips, and several acres in peas. One part of the orchard, two or three acres, was cultivated in oats, cut for hay the first season the trees were set out; showed less thriftiness than other part on no better ground. Mr. Brown thinks grain crop, such as oats or wheat, is an injury to any orchard, and has not repeated his first experiment. Other cultivated crops raised in first few years of orchard's growth he thinks not injurious, or very little so to the trees' growth. The canker has considerably injured a good many of the trees in this orchard. Mr. Brown has growing finely over 2,000 tomato plants in a big patch adjoining his orchard and the warm sandy soil there is well adapted to their growth. He has a greenhouse in Oregon City where the plants can easily be grown for early transplanting on the farm.—Pacific Farmer.

Why not spend the vacation at Yaquina Bay, where can be had excellent fare, good fishing, good boating, safe bathing, alluring rides and rambles. The courses and exercises at the summer school, of 1901, at Newport, will afford great variety of instructions, diversion and entertainment. No other resort offers equal attractions and advantages.

VIOLATE COMPACT

Early Closing Agreement Is Not Complied With.

COMPACT MAY NOT BE RENEWED.

Business Men Will Meet Next Tuesday Evening and Discuss the Whole Question.

Next Tuesday evening the business men of this city will meet to consider the question of renewing the early closing agreement, which expired July 1. Last year all the leading merchants signed an agreement to close at 8 p. m. and a penalty was attached for violating the compact, which was generally observed. It is reported, however, that a Main street clothier, whose signature was attached to the paper, has failed to observe the stipulation and made a bluff at closing, that is, he closed the doors but did not lock them and anyone wishing to make purchases after 8 o'clock could do so. For this reason two of the most prominent merchants refuse to renew the agreement and the meeting has been called for the purpose of smoothing over all difficulties, if possible.

Several merchants are agitating the proposition of forming a merchants' protective association and the matter will be brought forward at Tuesday's meeting. There is an association in Portland for the mutual benefit of merchants and there is no good reason why such an organization should not succeed here. In every town there are dead beats who make a practice of running a bill with one establishment and after their credit is exhausted, go to another and repeat. A protective association would check these people and it is to be hoped the business men can agree. A community of men, pulling together, can accomplish many things, where any effort but a united one would fail.

SEVEN BROTHERS FOUGHT.

All But One of Them Came Out of the Civil War Alive.

Robert Wickham, who has lived here for 20 years past, residing at Sixth and Monroe streets, was one of seven brothers who enlisted in Iowa regiments at the outbreak of the rebellion and served through the war with distinction. He experienced the horrors of a confederate prison and carried a gunon many a battlefield. The brothers were James W. Wickham; Robert and Bimiel and Isaac, who enlisted in Co. A, 13th Iowa; Timothy, Co. F, 32d Iowa; William, Co. C, 24th Iowa and Asol, Co. A, 12th Iowa. Isaac was the only one of the seven to lose his life.

Robert Wickham's regiment was the 13th Iowa and with the 11th, 15th and 16th Iowa regiments formed Crocker's brigade, a reunion of which was held last September at Keokuk, Iowa. Its career of honor from 1861 to 1865 is shown in the following list of marches, battles, seiges and campaigns participated in by the brigade:

Shiloh, April 6 and 7, 1862; Bolivar, July 27, 1862; Iuka, Sept. 21, 1862; Corinth, Oct. 3 and 4, 1862; march to Monroe, Miss., Nov. 29, 1862; Vicksburg campaign, April to July 4, 1863; march to Mechanicsville, Ga., May 29, 1863; march to Monroe, La., Aug. 29, 1863; march to Jackson, Miss., July 5 to 18, 1863; Meridian Expedition, February, 1864; Kenesaw Mountain, June 27, 1864; Nickajack Creek, July 3 4 and 5, 1864; Atlanta July 21, 22 and 28, 1864; Atlanta campaign, June to September, 1864; "March to the Sea," Nov. 15 to Dec. 21, 1864; Savannah, Dec. 21, 1864; march through the Carolinas, January to April, 1865; Columbia, Feb. 16 and 17, 1865; Bentonville, March 20 and 21, 1865; Raleigh, April 13, 1895; Grand Review, Washington, May 24, 1865.

Max Adeler's New Stories.

Twenty-five years ago, when "Elbow Room" and "Out of the Hurly-Burly" were the successes of the day, Max Adeler suddenly ceased writing. For a quarter of a century he was proof against the blandishments of editors, but within a few weeks he has completed a new series of humorous stories which show him at his best.

Tales of Old Turley, which will appear in the early numbers of The Saturday Evening Post, are wonderfully droll stories of the quaint characters in an old-fashioned country town before the war.

Local politics, school committee fights, church squabbles and women's clubs lend themselves admirably to Max Adeler's humorous touch, and form the basis of some of the cleverest stories that have been written for many a day.

The Excitement Not Over.

The rush at the drug store still continues and daily scores of people call for a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs for the Throat and Lungs for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis and Consumption. Kemp's Balsam, the standard family remedy, is sold on a guarantee and never fails to give entire satisfaction. Price 25c and 50c.

Music Hath Charms.

Alderman Anton T. Zeman has made a discovery, says the Chicago Journal, which, he claims, will bring joy and comfort to the parents of little babes. It is in brief a new method for putting a baby to sleep. Mr. and Mrs. Zeman have a year old infant, which is a very fine child, but is like lots of others in so much as she cries long and loudly at most inopportune times. At present the baby is teething and is more conspicuously present than usual.

The other night the baby started at seven o'clock to howl. The alderman's wife tried to quiet the youngster, but gave up in despair. Then the alderman from the Thirteenth ward tried his hand at it. For one hour he battled. Then sat down and wiped his perspiring brow. The child yelled more lustily than ever.

Then like a flash came a brilliant idea to the city father. He owns a graphophone. He got the machine and lined it up in front of the baby's cradle. He trained the mouthpiece against the crying child. Then the alderman started the machine.

The sweet entrancing notes of "Dear Midnight of Love" came forth from the graphophone. The child stopped crying and listened in delight. The alderman took advantage of the lull to beat a hasty retreat to bed. The graphophone kept on with "Dear Midnight of Love" and then broke into "Wine, Women and Song." The child continued quiet and happy. Then the graphophone sang merrily "When Reuben Comes to Town," and as the tune changed to "Go to Sleep, Lil' Piccaninny," the baby's tired eyes closed and there came a contented snore from the aldermanic couch.

Since then the graphophone has been tried on the baby and has never failed to bring peace to the Zeman household.

The Columbia Phonograph Co., No. 88 Wabash avenue, Chicago, headquarters for graphophones and talking machine supplies of every kind, will send you catalogues on application.

The piles that annoy you so will be quickly and permanently healed if you use DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of worthless counterfeits. Geo. A. Harding.