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Growth of Our Language.

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A Life Sentence.
"Would you call stealing a kiss larceny?" queried the inexperienced young man.

"I suppose so," replied the married man, who was hustling from dawn to dusk to support his family.

"What is the penalty?"
"Why, I stole a kiss one time and was sentenced to hard labor for life."
—Philadelphia Record.

ASKED TOO MUCH

EIGHT HOUR LAW WOULD PUT COUNTY MILLS OUT OF BUSINESS.

None of Them Can Afford to Pay \$2 As A Minimum For Eight Hours—Owners Have To Work Hard and Are Not "Bloated Capitalists."

SMYRNA, Or., March 24.—(Special.)

—We too are not surprised that the bills sent to the legislature by the labor unions of Oregon City failed to pass, but not for the reasons given by your correspondent from Carus in last Monday's Record. The unions simply asked too much. To enact those bills into laws and enforce them would compel all the country mills in the county to go out of business. None of them can afford to pay two dollars as the minimum for an eight-hour day. The writer is personally acquainted with a mill owner that paid \$1.25 for ten hours work last year and himself working as one of the hands, the only difference being that he put in six hours more out of the twenty-four to keep the machinery in order and see to the details that it takes to keep any plant large or small in running order, and he is far from being a "Bloated Capitalist" for all that. Another reason why those bills should not have become laws is: class legislation. Why should farmers and cattle men be allowed to work their help longer hours than mills or factories? It is an admitted fact that they have to work harder and as a rule for less wages, but they are to have no recourse, they must worry it through or die in attempt. There never was much love lost between the writer and the "senator of many promises," but we are not the one to blame him for what no one could accomplish.

Farming goes on apace. It has been a long time since the ground has been in as fine a condition for seeding.

Miss Anna Yoder left last Friday for Palmer, Or., to be assistant cook in the Bridal Veil Lumbering Co.'s boarding house at that place. Is it the wages they get, or the good looking men the company employs that draws the girls to that particular camp? Miss Yoder is the fourth one to go from this neighborhood to work there.

It is not often that we hear an old settler wishing for rain at this season of the year but your correspondent

would like to see a few days of genuine Oregon mist.

The ladies aid society of the Congregational Church here has bought carpet and window shades to take the place of the old ones used heretofore. The one is to be put down and the others up before another Sabbath.

Our school having some funds left from their entertainment, after paying for the bell and belfry, invested in a suitable sized U. S. flag. The flag staff is ready to be raised, and they intend to have the flag flying before next Friday.

Last Saturday some of the members and friends of the congregation met at the church and put up new hitch racks and otherwise cleaned up the grounds belonging to the association.

Wesley Yoder is on a business trip to Clarke.

L. H. Yoder visited his sister and other relatives in the Metropolis yesterday.

A Bull For a God.

The ancient Egyptians believed that the spirit of their greatest god, Osiris, dwelt among them in the form of a pure white bull marked by a certain sign. Herodotus mentions two of these signs—a black eagle on the back and a black forehead with a square of white in its center. These creatures when found were worshipped during life and mummified after death. The New York Historical society has one of these "bull gods," a fine mummy from the temple of Serapis.

The Benefit of Change.

We are like house plants: We need a change of soil now and then—to be replanted. New scenes, new experiences, new surroundings—a change of climate, dry air instead of moisture, sunshine in place of cloud. This is sometime essential to health. There are conditions near at hand that are better than Europe can offer. Take a month or two in California. Plant yourself for a time where there are no irritations, where the hotel is beyond criticism, the landscape pleasing, and where warm sunny weather invites to walks and drives. Pure and dry air, and the increased electric influences of sunshine are vastly helpful.

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