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A Local Lesson

Hood River celebrated a sane Fourth and the unanimous opinion was that it was a complete success. Fireworks were taboo and the law in this respect was strictly enforced. It is probable that the youngsters had just as good a time without them and it is certain that the older generation appreciated the absence of the noise.

In the Upper Valley the same ruling was made, but it was not so strictly enforced as here and the celebration at Parkdale was marred, to some extent, by an unfortunate accident which resulted in a boy losing his right hand by the premature explosion of a giant cracker.

If the day taught any lesson it was that fireworks can be dispensed with and everybody be the better for it. Insane celebration will become rarer each year and it is right that it should be so.

Hood River's Standard

Reference by Professor Lawrence in his talk at the Commercial Club to the need of a strict and rigid inspection of apple packs this Fall recalls once more the fact that Hood River's most choice possession is her reputation as the section which grows and ships the finest apples in the world. It is that reputation which affords Hood River a more receptive market than less-known fruit-producing sections. It is this reputation, too, which enables local shippers to secure prices which are considerably above those obtained by sections whose reputations are still in the making. It is but natural, of course, that the tendency should be for each rancher to grade his fruit as high as possible and to have few culls. However, the same rancher can but realize that this tendency, when considered in the aggregate, is suicidal. Preservation of Hood River's reputation is a matter of important and common interest and it is a subject which deserves careful consideration between now and harvest time.

Cheap Loans for Farmers

An exchange which gives some interesting facts about the position which the farmer occupies in the money market says in part: About half the people in the United States are either farmers or are dependent on the farms for their livelihood; all people depend for food on the products of the farms. It is surprising, therefore, how little attention is paid to the needs of the farmers. Much, indeed, has been said and written about increasing the fertility of the soil, about sanitary dairying, about profits in stock-raising, about amusements for the farmer's wife and daughter, about the country church, and about a score of other things. But even so, there is need for more thorough study of the problems of agriculture and of country life.

President Taft's investigation into European money-lending systems is the latest form in which the growing solicitude for the prosperity of the farmer has shown itself. To learn, if possible, how these systems can be adapted to the needs of this country, Ambassador Herrick is studying the Credit Foncier of France, Ambassador Leishman is studying the Landschaften of Germany, and other American ambassadors are studying other European agricultural banks, all of which lend money to the farmers for a little more than four per cent a year. The American farmer has to pay from five to ten per cent.

The reason for this difference

is said to be that whereas the American farmer is virtually forced to borrow in the limited market of his own community, the European farmer does not have to depend on local investors. The French farmers mortgage their land to the Credit Foncier, and that institution offers for sale in the money markets of the country bonds based on the mortgages. In Germany the farmers' associations have the same power to issue bonds based on farm mortgage; and since every member guarantees these bonds, there is a demand for them everywhere in the empire. Denmark has a system similar to that of Germany; under it the country has changed from one of the poorest nations in Europe into one of the most prosperous.

The Danes indeed cooperate not only in their banking, but in their farming; by keeping uniform both the quality and quantity of the butter and the eggs and the cream and the fruits that they send to market, they have assured themselves of steady sales and good prices the year round.

When the ambassadors have made their reports, the administration intends to embody such elements of the European systems as are suitable for this country in a plan for opening the money markets to the farmer on more favorable terms than those that prevail now. If the farmer can borrow money more cheaply than he has hitherto been able to do, the cost of production will be reduced, and the city dweller may get his food for a little less than he has been paying. The whole country would be benefited by his successful carrying out of this plan.

Christian Science Services

Christian Science services will be held in the Commercial Club rooms Sunday at 11 a. m., subject, "Christian Science." Sunday school at 11 a. m. in room 8, Davidson building. Wednesday evening testimonial meetings are held in Davidson building. All are cordially invited to attend these services. Reading room open daily, No. 6, Davidson building.

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LIVE NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

The Home Telephone Company, operating in Medford and the Rogue River Valley, have taken over the entire plant and equipment of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company and hereafter there will be but one telephone system in Southern Oregon.

A business block at Oregon and Wall streets in Bend is a mass of ruins as the result of a fire, causing a loss of about \$35,000, with insurance of about \$15,000. The fire started from an overheated stove in a barber shop bathroom and the buildings, all frame, burned quickly.

The only event to mar the celebration at Ashland was a collision between a motorcycle ridden by Tyler Smith of Medford, in one of the races, and a bicycle ridden by Lloyd Chapman, whose machine accidentally got in the way of the speedy motor. Smith escaped with minor bruises, but it is thought that Chapman is fatally injured.

If the "near beer" being manufactured by the Roseberg brewery contains alcohol in excess of three per cent, the legal limit for prohibition territory, the treasury of Douglas county will no doubt be enriched by several thousand dollars in the near future. Sheriff Quine, aided by seven deputies, raided Roseburg's 10 soft drink establishments and seized nine kegs and six bottles of beer—or near beer.

With President Taft renominated by the Republicans and Theodore Roosevelt, who received a plurality of the Oregon popular vote for President, talking of organizing a third party and becoming its candidate for the Presidency, the members of the Multnomah county Republican central committee are asking themselves "where they are at." A majority of the members of the committee were elected in the same election that Roosevelt was endorsed for President.

Austin Hall, the 10-year-old son of B. G. Hall of Albany, was severely bitten on the calf of the right leg Wednesday afternoon, July 3, by a monkey belonging to a traveling carnival company. The monkey had broken loose from the pole to which he had been attached and attacked the boy, who was passing the show grounds on an errand. A bystander came to the lad's rescue. The chief of police and one of the night men came at once, and upon their approach the monkey made a rush at the chief, who drew his revolver and shot the animal.

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America Should Aid In China's Uplift
By CHARLES W. ELIOT,
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IN China the present is clouded, and the conditions are very grave. Americans and the graduates of American universities should feel the heartiest sympathy in the phenomenon we have seen worked.

AMERICA, I FEEL SURE, HOPES TO GIVE TO THAT GREAT COUNTRY THE BEST THAT SHE CAN—TO GIVE TO THAT MOST INTELLIGENT, THAT MOST INDUSTRIOUS AND FAITHFUL PEOPLE THE SAME POWERS THAT SHE HAS.

We have witnessed a great change in China, and it could not have been accomplished unless there had been long preparation for it in the minds of thinking Chinese. I am in full accord with the men who have this reconstruction in hand and will hopefully watch to see how the spirit of freedom and public justice can be spread in China.

The influence of American universities is largely due to the change which has been made in the educational systems during the last forty years. EDUCATIONAL CHANGES ARE NEEDED IN CHINA. We have been through changes ourselves and are now reaping the benefits.

The great advance is due in the main to the INTRODUCTION OF THE INDUCTIVE METHOD, and it is a method that must be established in China. It has been responsible for the great advancement of the world during the last 400 years.

Lecturing is the most important of all systems of instruction of today. The time has come to abandon the old static method. The fact that the American universities are preparing more men each year for work in connection with the world's affairs in view of the fact that the introduction of the INDUCTIVE METHOD has been responsible for this great advancement should be A LESSON TO CHINA.