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Opportunity started out one day to seek a man. It was against all rules and custom, but he had remained undiscovered so long he was fairly dying of homesickness. After a brief period of seeking he came upon a human biped and catching hold of him said: "Come with me, my friend, I am Opportunity."

So far the cities of Portland, Athena, Prineville and Pendleton have called off their Fourth of July celebrations, out of respect for Heppner.

The Portland butchers are now after the scalp of Dr. Woods Hutchinson on account of his stringent meat inspection regulations. The people who eat meat are with him.

Roosevelt has become desperate in the postoffice scandal situation, and as a last effort to bring the thieves to justice, employed the most prominent democratic lawyer in Baltimore to assist in the prosecutions.

Freewater and Pilot Rock enjoy the distinction of making the largest per capita donations to Heppner of any other town yet reported. Freewater gave \$468 and Pilot Rock \$450, and neither of them have over 400 population.

The inexorable movement of railroad building into Alaska will soon bring that great empire in direct touch with the outside world. Within three years more, from present indications, a trip to Dawson will be accomplished with no more hardships than any other trip by rail, of a like distance.

A report compiled by the Norwegian postal authorities shows that \$4,500,000 were sent from America through the postoffice at Christiania, during the year 1902. What Norway is losing to America, is the way of strong young blood and energy, she is getting back in American gold. Thousands of her families are supported on wages earned in the mines, factories, lumber camps and farms of the United States.

Ex-Congressman Loud, who was very active as chairman of the house postoffice committee, in keeping down the salaries of postal employees, is now accused of being implicated in the postoffice frauds. He was beaten in the last election through the influence of prominent clerks in the mail service, who went to California and "plugged" against him on account of his objections to a raise of salaries. It now dawned upon the people that his own salary was being constantly increased by ways that were once dark, but which are now being brought to light. It is not always the case that the man who objects to prosperity for others, refuses it himself.

But for the ready hand of the great fraternal orders, there would be many more orphans left on the charity of the world, at Heppner, than there are now. Too few people recognize the need of some future protection for families. There is no reason why every household in the land cannot be protected by insurance as cheap as it is. While men are young and strong and have steady incomes, they should make provision for the future. It is an investment for the welfare of those dependent upon you, and there is no means of knowing how soon it may stand between them and the specter of want. The insurance policy and the fraternal orders should become more and more widely patronized by the common people. They are the safeguards of the poor man's family.

The temporary withdrawal of a million and a half acres from settlement in Harney county for irrigation purposes, does not signify that the county will be irrigated during the life of the present generation. There is too much red tape in the process of government investigations to admit of any immediate benefits. Too much of the welfare of the people is lodged with individual engineers. There is no question about the feasibility of dozens of irrigation plans in Eastern Oregon. Work should now be in progress upon them. The irrigation law is in effect, the money accruing to the arid states from the sale of land, is now lying idly in the treasury, and yet the arid land is still arid. There is too much dallying with this matter. The government should not unnecessarily delay such a work. If the law means anything, put it into execution. If it don't mean what it says, don't fool the people with it.

INJUSTICE TO PENDLETON.

F. H. Newell, chief of the United States geological survey, gives out the information that Pendleton is headquarters for a company of fraudulent land locators, which is mercilessly robbing innocent settlers by locating them on lands which they are led to believe will be irrigated.

Mr. Newell has not visited Pendleton nor the irrigation reservation at Echo, and his interview in Tuesday's Oregonian is unfair to this city and to every citizen who has spent a day with friends looking over the Echo land with a view to filing.

There is no company nor individual in Pendleton operating as locators on any irrigation tract; there is no one here who has acted in that capacity at any time during the excitement accompanying the withdrawal of that land, and Mr. Newell's story is absolutely unfounded.

This long-range interview would lead the public to believe that Pendleton harbors a fraudulent concern, ready to fleece the homeseeker on the slightest opportunity by claiming to have inside knowledge of irrigation plans.

This interview from Mr. Newell will go to many places where there are intending homeseekers for Oregon, and coming from one so high in authority will do untold injury to this locality.

In justice to the community Mr. Newell should make thorough investigation before "broadcast" such information. There is a class of land hunters in every community that is just as culpable and just as detrimental to the interests of the country as the land locator. On the slightest provocation this eager, greedy class of investors fly to new fields and the first thing they do is to offer to "pay" for "inside" information.

Being ignorant of land numbers, they must necessarily hire some one to "show" them and they do not make a kick on any price that is charged for this service, until they find out they can't use the land nor get a fortune out of it in a day or so.

They go into the proposition with open eyes, pay willingly all the expenses of the transaction and then, seeing that their judgment was poor, cry "fraud," and give the people and the community a black eye.

Some woeful tale from one of this class of eager investors was probably the basis of Mr. Newell's interview.

THE AMERICAN ABROAD.

Wherever the American goes, he creates a demand for American products. Wherever he settles and begins the process of making a living, his first demand is for something American.

In South Africa, John Hays Hammond could not rest easily until every mine under his control was equipped with American hoists, and American cable chains. He found them more economical, more safe and more convenient.

In South America the settlers who introduced the American threshing machine and the American self-binder, to the Argentine wheat fields were Missourians and Kansans.

In Serbia the civil engineers who surveyed some of the most difficult portions of the Trans-Siberian railway were Americans, and introduced the American steam shovel, the American steel gravel cars and the American locomotive.

In China the American has created a demand for flour, and has changed the customs of that people, until they are consuming more bread each year now, than in any thousand years before.

In Europe and Africa and Asia, wherever the American goes, he carries the story of American industry and creates a demand for American products.

One of the most recent examples of this is seen in the increasing demand for Oregon horses in the wheat region of Canada.

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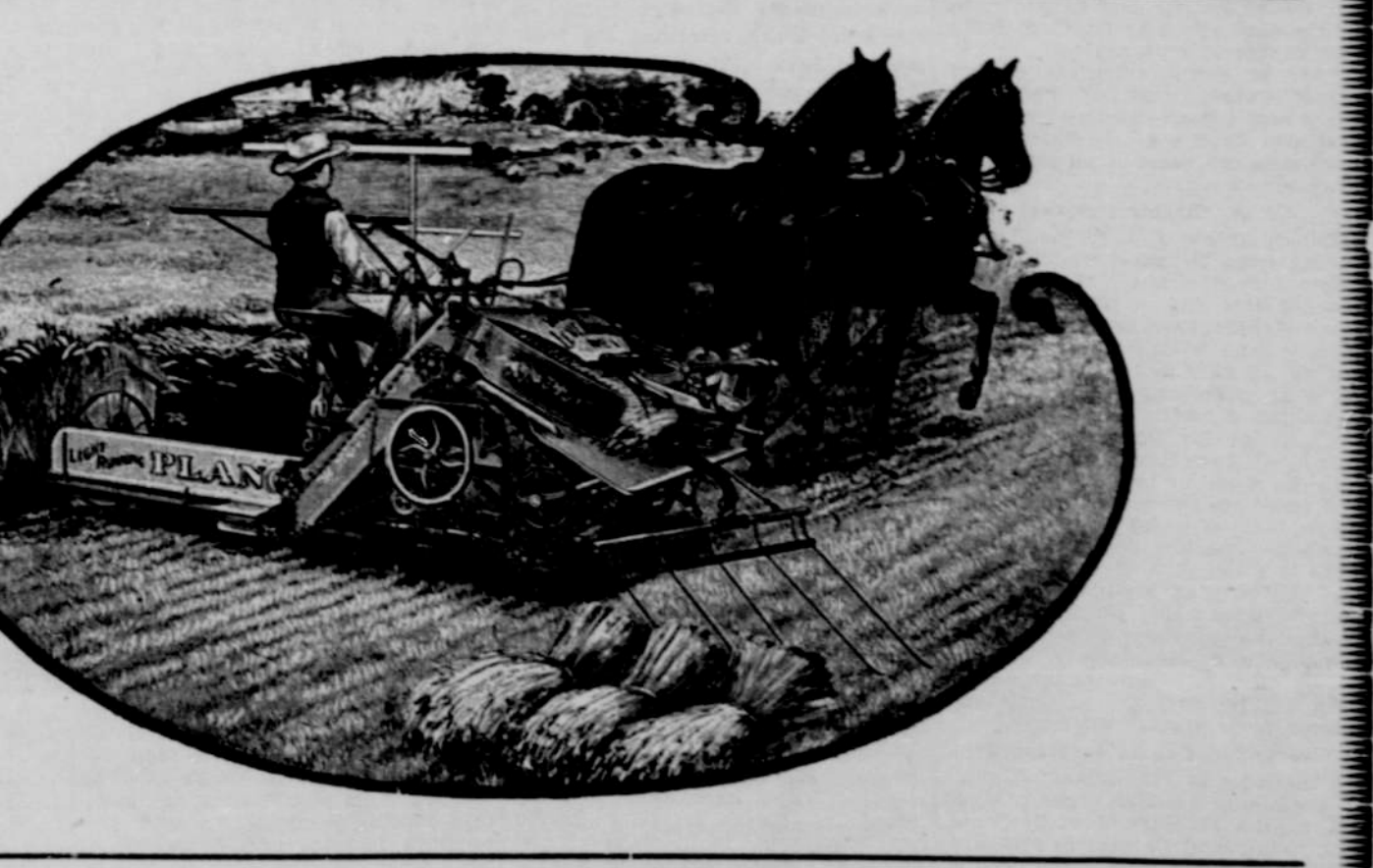
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