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When you're feelin' kind o' blue
And 'th' world seems down on you,
Don't lose hope and ease your grip—
Set your heels so they won't slip.
Set your heels and wear a smile
And keep shovin' all the while.
Keep on shovin' till you lose
All 'th' symptoms of the blues.
—Will Maspin.

The Athena Press pertinently remarks that the next great strike will not be for an increase in wages, but to prevent a reduction of wages. The limit has been reached and the employer will now have to strike, in order to keep the great industries moving.

Hitchcock need not be ashamed of the appointment of Davis, to be register of the La Grande land office, and try to lay it on the president. Davis is a good man and will be an honor to the office and to the man who is responsible for his appointment.

Russia is determined to prevent popular education among the masses. A Polish priest who had in charge six young girls bound in America where the children were to be placed in school, has been arrested on the frontier of Poland, and held on charge of kidnapping. The object of the Russian government is to enforce the doctrine—"once a Russian, always a Russian."

Justice is swift in Oregon. A negro who sandbagged a Portland merchant this week, was located, arrested, tried, convicted, sentenced and lodged in the penitentiary for six years, in less than 48 hours after committing the crime. This is a serious check on the hold-up business in Portland. A lit more of this swift brand of justice will stop robberies on Front street, in daylight at least.

The Clark silver cup, offered for the best fruit exhibit at the Ogdén Irrigation Congress, belongs by right of merit, to Umatilla county. Will it be brought home, or will Utah capture it? The effort required to get it is so insignificant, that it should not be a barrier. Where are those enthusiastic Willamette irrigators who are so proud of their records of their locality? Here is an opportunity to score a point against all the West. Send for that cup.

The Oregon woolgrowers' state meeting is to be held in Baker City, beginning September 14, and lasting two days. This important convention should be attended by every wool grower in the state. Organization and a close study of the conditions surrounding their industry, is what has made all the great business interests of the country successful. It is as necessary to discuss and study woolgrowing as banking or railroad, and the woolgrower cannot hope to be on an equal footing with his associates unless he takes advantage of his business in every way.

Harvest being over and the season's hauling practically done, the periodical Good Roads agitation is again afflicting the Oregon farmer. If the government would build some good roads in some of the Western states, as a nucleus for a general good road movement, it would be much more appropriate, than to pay out so much money for agents, whose only service consists in traveling over the country using space in the papers and doing no practical work. If the government will put some of these "experts" to work, on selections of bad roads, for the purpose of demonstrating their theories, Oregon will promise to furnish the road for the experiment. One mile of good road on the ground, is worth a hundred miles on paper.

There is a growing sentiment in the West in favor of the repeal of all the land laws, except the straight homestead law. The abuse of the timber and stone act, and the vast tracts acquired by corporations, under the various laws that have aided in diminishing the public domain, have forced the people to demand protection for the remaining area of public land. The actual homesteader has need of the remaining land, and it seems that title should be confined to the one law, in order to insure a settler for every future filing. It is quite important that the coming irrigation congress take action on this subject, and petition the national congress to repeal the timber and stone, and the desert land acts. The speculative period has almost stripped the country of good land, and now the remnant of the once magnificent domain should be reserved for actual settlement. It is as necessary to save the desert to the people as it is to save the forests and streams for them.

UMATILLA COUNTY WHEAT.

The Oregonian's estimate of the wheat yield of Umatilla county is 2,750,000 bushels this year. While this is a very good off-hand guess, it will not stand the test of figures.

In Umatilla county there are approximately 150,000 acres of strictly wheat land. There are 200,000 acres of farming land in the county, according to close estimates by those acquainted with the county, and not more than 50,000 acres of this is used for barley, corn and oats.

The yield in the Athena, Adams, Helix and reservation districts has not fallen below 26 bushels, on an average. In other small districts, the yield has been as low as 15 bushels, but the amount of this 15-bushel land is very small—probably not over 10,000 acres. On the other hand, much of the entire wheat belt in the Athena and Helix country has yielded 35 bushels. In fact, the estimate from Athena and Helix is 30 bushels per acre.

Even at 26 bushels, the 140,000 acres of good wheat land would yield 3,640,000 bushels, and the 10,000 acres of poor land, would yield 150,000 at 15 bushels per acre, making a total for the county of 3,790,000 bushels.

While it is impossible to make anything like an accurate estimate, from the warehouse receipts, a close account of the crops has been kept by the harvesters, as the grain was cut, and from all reliable sources, now at hand, the yield of the county will not be less than 3,500,000 bushels, or 750,000 bushels more than the estimate of the Oregonian.

It is a difficult matter to make an accurate estimate on the wheat yield of any Oregon county, owing to the very unsystematic manner of handling the crop, and the lack of statistics kept by those buying and selling. All conclusions as to crop figures are guesses at best, but it is possible to get somewhere near the true output by beginning at the basis of the question—the farm area of the county.

One fact which stands prominently to the front, in the crop situation in Umatilla county this year, is the excellent grade of the wheat. Very little second-grade wheat will be found in this county this year. In most every district it is weighing from 61 to 64 pounds per bushel, and is plump, clean and free from smut or blight.

LABOR DAY.

The first celebration of Labor Day was held in New York City on September 5, 1882, under the auspices of the Knights of Labor.

It was not a general holiday at that time, but the workmen of the city arranged a parade with exercises in Union Square.

It was strictly a trades union affair, and none of its present wide significance was visible in the celebration. It was confined to organized trades, exclusively, and was local in its nature.

Gradually the agitation of the Knights of Labor for a general holiday, resulted in the designation of a special day as a legal holiday, in the states having large labor centers. The first Monday in September has been chosen by the different states as Labor Day, except California, which has fixed the first Monday in October, and Louisiana, which named November 25.

The tendency to make it a special trade and organized labor day is gradually merging into a broad and liberal application, which includes every branch of industry in its meaning. It is coming to be a day of rest and celebration in farming communities, and all callings where men or women are engaged in manual or mental labor. It is truly and surely gaining a place in the industrial world, which means the recognition of the royalty of labor. It means that there is a tendency to halt the laboring man to that position in the affairs of the world, to which his importance entitles him.

That a day is to be set aside for his special pleasure and enjoyment, and that the industry of the country, still be regulated to conform to this arrangement.

Each year finds a more general recognition of business in honor of Labor Day. Each year finds a more general willingness among all classes to recognize the festive features of the occasion, and to give it a regular place on the list of annual holidays.

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Never gleam brighter than in this great hour;
Never before was the burden you bear
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