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What the Farmer Owes to

The Agricultural College

The field representative of the Rural Spirit, an agricultural paper published in Portland, recently made a trip through Central Oregon, interviewing ranchers here and there, relative to the various conditions on the ranches in this section of the country. In other columns of this issue is published in full, an interview with A. Monner, the Agency Plains rancher. Below is an editorial, published in the same paper, covering the topics suggested by Mr. Monner's interview:

ence the Best Teacher,' we pub- edge. As already stated it has no lish this week some excellent yet met all the farmers' problem suggestions to farmers in semi- and probably never will, but i arid regions from a progressive, is of immense value in the help enterprising and successful it does give. And it is always farmer living on the Agency ready to pursue investigations Plains, in Central Oregon, and help still more. What he tells about farming is "But when the last word has martyr of him, and removed him, from actual experience and every been said by the college or from suggestion is thoroughly practi- the demonstration train, there have been the one person whose cal. Yet we have to say that the is still something for the farmer position and wish would have gentleman's idea of the farming to do himself. He must know made it possible for him to asde nonstration train being of his own surroundings, study his small value, is erroneous and own soil and adapt the knowl- tion. based on false premises. The edge the scientific investigations ties, is beyond computation.

"It will not be claimed here perience is the best teacher. the same characteristics that and it is not claimed by the col- The only mistake is in not real- have made the "New South" leges that they can give an izing the immense value of the possible, and the same traits of answer off-hand to every ques- knowledge the colleges' and character to which we pay trition that may trouble the farmer. government's scientific men are bute when we place a flower on Nor is it even asserted that they able to give us and making the the grave of a soldier or sailor. have solved all his problems. greatest possible use of it." What is asserted is that, with the equipment at hand and the American Heritage trained men with scientific knowledge at work in the col- No event in history has shown leges and in conjunction with the the character of a nation so experimental work instituted by sharply, as has the complete obthe United States Government, literation of all sectional hatreds much is done to advance the and enmities resulting from the science of farming and to solve war between the states shown those problems, a lack of the the honesty and sincerity of the knowledge of which causes great American people. Four bitter loss to the tiller of the soil and years of warfare, which reduced the breeder of livestock. The itself to a conflict with brother national and state governments against brother in many inare spending millions trying to stances, was but the natural and meet and solve the problems of expected result of the bitterness greater production and the les- that had been smouldering in the sening of waste in crop produc- hearts of the people, one part tion. And they are succeeding, against the other, for nearly a The college has apparatus that half century. They fought not the farmer does not possess for for their property, though proptesting the soil; its professors erty rights valued at millions of have time and opportunity to dollars were at stake, but for a watch the growth of plants under vindication of their convictions different conditions. On its ex- relative to their personal rights. perimental and demonstration Nothing, not even war itself, farm it grows one kind of grain could change them from these under varying conditions and convictions. They fought for several kinds under the same them as no other men have conditions. It is then able to fought for a cause. say: This kind of grain or plant | However the honesty of purwill make such a growth under pose which had characterized the \$1.47. such a condition and will be a warfare during the four years failure under other climatic con- was but a criterion of the magditions or in other soil. It tells nanimity of the conquerer and him in what his soi, is lacking the heroism of the conquered. and what kind of fertilizer to use General Lee, the idol of the Conto supply the deficiency and federacy, not repudiating his usually it can tell him the cheap- convictions, submitted to overest way in which to get the fer- whelming odds, and for the sake tilizer. It not only tells him of those who would have followed what is needed, but why. This him unhesitatingly to their helps him to know in advance death, surrendered to General whether certain soils are fitted Grant, who in the supreme mofor certain crops with the rain- ment of glory, gracefully refused fall that may be expected. He to accept the side-arms of the may find this all out by experi- leader of the "Lost Cause." ence if he keeps on long enough. President Lincoln, revered now Experience, it is true is the by South and North alike, surest teacher, but it is by far promptly showed his intelligent the dearest. It is to save him sympathy for the suffering south, f om this dear experience that and had started well on his policy the demonstration farms are of "charity toward all" when cultivated, the demonstration the foul assassin's hullet made a

THE MADRAS PIONEER trains run and the college bulletins issued.

"Itso happens that just now the

Central Oregon country is receiving much attention at the hands of the government and state agricultural departments. Two demonstration farms have lately been established in Crook County and co-operative demonstration plats arranged for with a number of progressive farmers. Among these we notice that two are on the Agency Plains, on the farms of J. Evick and S. H. Edmonds. Besides these G. Springer and W. H. Lucy of Culver, J. S. Forsythe of Metolius, J. C. Rush and L. E. Meiton of Lamonta and others will have cooperative demonstration plats, under the supervision of Prof. W. L. Powers, who represents the Oregon Agricultural College. Close to thirty varieties of grain, about fifteen of potatoes, hardy alfalfa for seed and various other crops will be grown under varying conditions. We are certain it will result not only in the gathering of much useful knowledge but in its dissemination. And that is one of the great fields of usefulness for the

college and the demonstration "Under the caption 'Experi- train. It disseminates knowl

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who is now admitted by all to sist the South in its reconstruc-

These are the events and confact is that the value to the give him. In fact he must do ditions which prompted the Nafarmer of the agricultural college, this with knowledge gained from tional Memorial Day. Honesty including its experiment and de- whatever source, if it is to be of of purpose and sincerity of monstration farms, demonstra- value to him. It is probably thought and action are the tion trains and all related activi- this thought that Mr. Monner characteristics that made the had in mind when he said ex- Civil War possible, and they are



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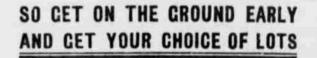


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whether they be Union or Confederate. These characteristics are the heritages of the American people.

Inventory of an Edition

A North Carolina editor has kept track of his profit and loss during the year and gives an inventory of business at the end of twelve months of ups and downs:

Been broke 364 times. Had money 4 times. Praised the public 9 times. Told lies 1728 times. Told the truth 1 time. Missed prayer meeting 52 times Been roasted 341 times. Roasted others 52 times. Washed office towels 6 times. Missed meals 0 times. Mistaken for preacher 11 times. Mistaken for capitalist 0 times. Found money 0. Took a bath 6 times. Delinquents who paid 28. Those who did not 128. Pain in conscience 0. Got whipped 0. Whipped others 23. Cash on hand at beginning

Cash on hand at ending 15 cents.-Bend Bulletin.

The pale moon sheds a witching light On yonder moss grown rocks, But if you're going out tonight Put on your woolen socks. --Springfield Union. Judge-Your wife complains that for

three years you never spoke to her. What reason can you assign for such conduct? Defendant-I didn't want to inter-

1.pt her.-Satire.

Tommy Cod-What is it they call a pessimist, pa? Pa Cod-A pessimist, my son, is a fish who thinks there is a hook in

every worm !-- Puck.

Old Mother Hubbard Went to the cuptoard To get a nice bone for the hound, But when she got there The cupboard was bare, Bo she kicked the poor dog around -- Cincinhati Enguit

