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IMPROVEMENT CLUBS NEEDED.

SOME of the residents of South Marshfield have inaugurated a movement for the formation of an improvement club.

These improvement clubs, and there should be one in each section of the city, could not only institute action seeking to add to the appearance of that particular part of town but could also look after public improvements as well.

A HOPEFUL SIGN.

ONE of the hopeful signs of a return of good business is the fact that the United States is really coming into her own in the merchant marine traffic.

THE NEW WOMANHOOD

THROUGH motherhood and motherliness women have until now made their great contribution to human culture.

Women on the whole have shown their superiority to man in the fields of sympathy and self-sacrificing unselfishness.

ADVANTAGES OF FREE TEXT BOOKS. THE state of California has printed and distributed free to the school children of that commonwealth 1,455,963 text books

ideas from being swept away by the new ideas. The recognition by all men of the right of women to act on their own responsibility will result in women learning fearless love of truth, intellectual integrity and public spirit that gladly shares the large interests of man's whole world.

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING Give out freely, always, in thought and deed, but urge no man's acceptance of your message. It is yours to offer, another's to receive; each must be free, spontaneous, without fear, without pretension or affectation of any sort.

IN THE MIDST OF LIFE

Do not doubt me when I tell you that its really awful man. To be reading from a monthly famous fiction magazine. When the hero's at the mercy of the villain, sneering, grim, Who has said he'll tear his victim flesh from bones and limb from limb.

The above is aggravating, but in fact I know of worse, which has often, very often, made me up and loudy curse; When the hero, fighting madly with back against the wall, Fights a bandit band and holds 'em off, a score or so in all; By his crack shots with his rifle, he has but one bullet left, We know the hero'll win, but doubt what turn the case will take, When we hear the film reel rattle ('Tis in movies), crack and break!

It takes a Coos Bay woman to believe things that are unbelievable.

Most of our relatives are about as useless to us as empty tomato cans.

Some Coos Bay men never brace up because they take too many bracers.

It's easy for a sympathetic woman to make any man believe he loves her.

W. J. Conrad is at work on a new song entitled "It's great to Spoon to a Tango Tune."

The kick of the knocker leaveth no dent in the joy of life, for he swalloweth naught to the end.

Some men are headed for the scrap heap, not knowing it, so here's good advice that don't cost you nothing; Get out and mix in before you dry up and blow away.

Some Coos Bay men's lofty ideals get no higher than the high balls.

Do the square thing and you won't lay awake nights with unpleasant things pressing heavy on your conscience.

Everyone who loves you Loves to see you smile, Loves to see you cheerful, And happy all the while, Smiling comes so easy! Do not wear a frown, If you feel one rising, Always smile it down.

Better be the man to cheer up than to run a neighbor down; hands are scarce in the cheering-up business.

Think for yourself. Others can do many things for you, but no man can think for you.

between January 1, 1913, and January 1, 1914. In addition 5729 books were sold to the orphan asylums throughout the state. The state paid out in royalties the sum of \$87,629.16.

The average cost of school books to the patrons of the public schools, roughly estimated, is about 50 cents. If California did not have the free text-book law, the people of that state would have paid out \$739,811.50 for books, says an exchange. By deducting the royalties, which probably go out of the state, we find that California is about \$663,182.34 ahead.

Of course the labor and materials cost something, but the money remains in the state and the profit goes to those who help pay the taxes and help make the state the great commonwealth that she is.

In Oregon the great bulk of this money goes to the text-book publishers in the east. Very little of it stays in the state. Local centers do not get enough profit to pay for the handling of the books and the chances are that many will in the future refuse to do gratis work even if it is in behalf of the public schools. And no one can blame them.

Some of the districts in the state are already furnishing text-books free to the school children, but the enormous price paid for the books takes away the funds that should go to the teaching force or to other improvements that are badly needed. Oregon could with profit and satisfaction publish its own text books, and furnish them free to every child attending the public schools.

WHOLESONE PLEASURES.

ONE IS struck by a paragraph in Mrs. John A. Loran's book of reminiscences in which she says: "I doubt seriously if there is now half the happiness among the people generally that there was in those pioneer days, when all worked hard, and all enjoyed the holidays and merry-making together. Old and young joined in the sports and pastimes with an abandon of enthusiasm which springs from health, mind and bodies that have not been satisfied by too much leisure and over-indulgence."

To some readers it may appear that this is only a fond delusion of one who looks back affectionately on the "good old days," but to the thoughtful modern observer it seems that our present methods of amusement are often the exaggerated excesses of over-indulgence than the wholesome recreation which marked the pleasures of an older era. We need to cultivate something of that pioneer spirit of sturdiness and wholehearted indulgence in both work and play if we would realize the sanest and safest sort of enjoyment.

ANSWERS GIVEN.

What is the best land for little kittens? Lapland. Who was the first whistler? The wind. How can you get water out of a bottle without breaking it or pulling the cork? Push the cork in.

AMONG THE SICK

George Hayden, who has been quite ill at Empire, is reported improving. He is a son of Dr. Hayden.

Mrs. R. A. Church, who is receiving treatment at Mercy Hospital, is reported improving. Geo. McCulloch, son of J. C. McCulloch, of Haynes Inlet, is out of ill at Mercy Hospital of appendicitis.

Mrs. J. W. Carter, who has been spending the winter at the ranch of her brother, near Camas Valley, recently went to Roseburg for treatment and is so ill there that she cannot return to the ranch.

Ed Howatt, filler at the C. A. Smith mill, is suffering from a severe attack of throat trouble.

Mrs. J. N. Bayless underwent an operation at Mercy Hospital this morning and the operation was a success. She stood the shock well and her many friends in Marshfield and Coquille will hope for her early recovery.

P. N. Flagg, who recently underwent an operation at Mercy Hospital, was reported to be getting along nicely today, much to the gratification of his many friends.

MEXICAN FEDERAL GUNBOAT ENTERS MISSISSIPPI RIVER

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 11.—The Mexican Federal gunboat Zaragosa, which arrived here today, fired a salute of twenty-one guns as she passed into the Mississippi River past Jackson barracks, but the salute was not returned by the United States troops. Commissioner Redfern, of the immigration office, gave instructions for an inspector to meet the Zaragosa when she docked to ascertain if an attempt was being made to bring aliens into the country unlawfully.

CLOTHIERS CRITICISE STYLES.

MASON CITY, Ia., Feb. 11.—A three-day season of the retail clothiers of the State of Iowa begins here today. The central theme of the convention will be the criticism of styles and designs, and the disposal of surplus merchandise will be discussed.

SON TAKES FATHER'S PLACE.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 11.—In holding examinations, the civil service commission makes no allowance for experience, so Thomas Dugan, Sr., veteran assistant superintendent of markets, today gives place to Thomas Dugan, Jr., a son, who successfully passed the examinations and has been appointed to succeed his father. The commission is today holding tests for mechanical draftsmen of the second grade.

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Going & Harvey Co Complete Home Furnishers

SPORTS NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—No season without its copper-faced sensations. They say that Joe Graves, the Indian, who has just been dug up by Bender for the world's champions, will make a sensation when he joins the Athletics in Philadelphia before long. Graves is only 18 years old and stands 6 feet 1 inch in his stocking feet. He is a Chippewa Indian and was raised on the Indian reservation at Walker, a short distance from Brainerd. The lad has a world of speed, good control and an assortment of curves. C. F. Murphy, son of the late M. C. Murphy, athletic trainer at the University of Pennsylvania, has entered the West Pennsylvania High School to prepare for Pennsylvania. He is 17 years of age, and a splendid all-round athlete. The California Football Association, by unanimous consent, has decided to affiliate with the United States Football Association of America. This decision gives California players a chance to be chosen for the American team which will go to Berlin for the Olympic games in 1916. Baseball fans who live on Chicago's north side, have rallied to the support of the new Federal League Club. In order to disprove the statement that the north side will not support "big leagues" baseball, they point to a population of 582,409, not including Evanston, in justification of the Federal League investment. Rumor has it that Wilbert Robinson will "show" his Brooklyn players how to run bases and how to slide. If he does, look out for seismic shocks down in Georgia, with the center of disturbance in Augusta. It looks as though Ban Johnson has got to come to the lawyers after all. Ever since John M. Ward nicked him for \$1000 worth of libel a few years ago, Ban has had little use for the profession. But now it is up to the courts to stave off the outlaws. Even the increase in salaries brought about by the coming of the Federal League, has its drawbacks. Members of the big clubs who have signed up for princely salaries have been furnished income tax blanks by vulgar Government agents. Now how many salaries will shrink? Joe Tinker is in favor of the organization of a society for the suppression of writers of useless articles. Tinker says that he has a sermon-book containing skeighty-eight articles about himself and showing reasons why he will and will not jump the Federal League. Joe says everything has its place in a man's life, even advertising, and he has enough of it. Rollie Zeider's jump to the Federals has called forth the usual backfire from magnates and eastern writers to the effect that the former Sox infielder is no good anyway and never will be missed. Jimmy McGlinchey, the Irish lightweight of Philadelphia, is getting the idea now that he is a better fighter than manager, as he has not made a fortune since he has been acting as his own business man. Manager Griffith has parted with his Love. Griff has released "Slim" Love, his six-foot seven-inch tall to the Los Angeles club of the Pacific coast league. Harry Clark, manager of the Milwaukee pennant winners of the American Association, is having trouble with Bill Powell, a hurler who formerly was mound for the Blues. Bill got out and the indications are that Clark does not come through with a substantial raise in the new contract, it will not be signed. Bill will hop to the Federals. In connection with the case of the McFarland-Smith fight was scheduled for Lincoln's at Madison Square Garden, the fight fans are remarking that time that Willie Ritchie spent other ankle. Ad Wolgast says him. "Kid" Williams, the boxer, is anxious to meet Coulon, the present heavyweight title holder. He recently had a fight with Eddie Campi, of San Francisco, Los Angeles and showed tactics that his manager is not the "Kid" will be able to give an interesting time. The great question is whether or not organized fighting the Federals. The fight and visible signs of combat have been observed, and in the end the foe has waxed fat. If the ret conclusions and insinuations be war, please label it. The is flourishing like the green under the present terrific fighting struck by the owners. If you have anything to trade, or want help, try The Times office.

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