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FOUR LEAF CLOVER

I know a place where the sun is like gold, And the cherry blooms burst with snow; And down underneath is the loveliest nook, Where the four-leaf clovers grow. One leaf is for hope, and one is for faith, And one is for love, you know; And God put another in for luck— If you search you will find where they grow. But you must have hope, and you must have faith, You must work and be strong—and so— If you work, if you wait, you will find the place Where the four-leaf clovers grow. —Mrs. Higginson.

EUROPEAN WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

OCT. 13, 1914

Ostend, Belgium may be allowed to fall into German hands. The Germans prepare to lay siege to Belfort, in France. The Russians have pressed back the German forces on the road from Warsaw to Ivangorod. Mobilization of part of Portugal's army will be ordered tomorrow. The Servians claim to have repulsed the Austrian artillery attack on their left wing.

TRULY-RURAL SCHOOLS

In Herbert Quick's farm novel, "The Brown Mouse" the farm hand hero becomes a school teacher, and proceeds to teach without any respect for cultural traditions. He treats the pupils as friends and associates. He regards his school as a sort of laboratory in which the children help him work out practical problems of their own homes and farms. He doesn't make them sit stiff and silent for hours at a time. As his business assistants, they are free to move about and consult him and each other, like men in an office. There's a constant low hum of conversation, which doesn't disturb anybody, because everybody is intensely interested in what he's doing. The boys and girls flock to school an hour before the bell rings, with samples of green seed and corn smut and insect specimens and things, and they can hardly be driven home when school closes. They are not crammed with book learning. The usual textbooks occupy a minor place in their education. Their arithmetic examples deal with such matters as the percentage of loss in a wheat crop based on a given proportion of weed seeds in the sown wheat and the cow population of the township and the ratio of butter fat to milk and feed. An essay on corn culture is valued more highly than one on poetry. Reading lessons are as likely as not taken from farm journals. Geography is not a matter of maps, but a live subject connected with the food the children eat and the clothes they wear and the treasures in their pockets and the crops in their barns—where everything comes from or goes to. And book culture? They get that too, as a sort of side issue. It comes easily enough, because their minds are kept at such a pitch of activity by vital human interests that they can pick up in odd moments the formal facts necessary. "Let us cease thinking so much about agricultural education, and devote ourselves to educational agriculture," said Mr. Quick. "So will the nation be made strong."

And isn't he right— Isn't agriculture itself so big and all-embracing a thing that it can be used in the country schools as a medium through which the country boy and girl obtain mental training, a knowledge of the world and genuine culture? Shouldn't country children, instead of being crammed with arti-

ficial stuff based on antiquated standards or city standards, be treated frankly as juvenile farmers and farmers' wives, and be taught to love their work and environment and be prepared to live intelligently and joyfully the life for which they are destined?

HOW MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP PAYS

A NEWS item in the Eugene Daily Register is significant. It tells the story of the great success of municipal ownership of public utilities in that city in spite of strong private ownership competition. When the city went into the light and power business there are Oregon Power Co. was charging the people 15 cents per kilowatt for lights and proportionately high for power. The municipal plant fixed the rate at 9 cents and forced the Oregon Power Company to meet it, but made so much money over operating expenses, interest on bonds and sinking fund provision, that a further cut to 8 cents was made. Still the plant makes money, says the Capital Journal, and all the people have the benefit besides of getting their lights for half the money the private corporation charged them when it had a monopoly. The Register news item shows the growth of the plant and how it is able to meet the requirements of increased business without resorting to bond issues, as follows: "An auxiliary electric plant operated by steam will be built by the Eugene water board this fall, to be used in case of accident to the hydro-electric plant near Watterville, on the McKenzie River, which furnishes light and power for the city. The estimated cost of the plant is between \$50,000 and \$80,000. "The board is now asking for bids for the installation of this plant and after the bids are in, which will be within a few weeks, the contract will be let, and it is hoped to complete the plant by the first of the year. It will be located at the sub-station and transforming plant in Eugene, and after its completion will be held in readiness at all times in cases of emergency. The plant will be paid for entirely out of the earnings of the municipal electric plant not requiring the issuance of bonds by the city."

"Mechanically the United States Post Office Department is about the most perfect working machine there is in the business world. When you consign a letter to the post office, you have almost definite assurance that it will reach its destination. On the other hand, the methods used for determining charges on different classes of mail are antiquated and unscientific, for it seems certain that a general revision of the postal rates must be made within the next few months. "There are many reasons why letter users are entitled to a one cent rate. Among them may be mentioned: "Because the government is making about 100 per cent profit on letter postage. "Because the department was established primarily for the distribution of letter mail. "Because it was never intended that letter mail should pay a profit. "Because one-half of our letter postage is a tax. "Because this tax is used for the general expenses of the government, but utilized as a subsidy for other classes of mail. "Because it is wrong to tax one class for the benefit of another. "Because an equalization of our postal rates will provide better service. "Because we have been entitled to one cent letter postage for the past ten years. "For the purpose of crystallizing sentiment throughout the United States so that this reform can be brought about, there has been formed the National One Cent Letter Postage Association, of which Charles Wm. Burrows, Cleveland, is president, and George T. McIntosh, Cleveland, is secretary and treasurer and manager of the campaign. This organization has been in existence for a number of years and has been steadily working for a one cent letter rate. Substantial progress has been made, and it is hoped that definite action on this important matter may be had at the approaching session of congress. "Users of letter postage of the country, who are now heavily taxed for the carriage of their letters, should rally to the support of this work, and it is my intention to arouse interest in the work of this association locally, so that we may be properly represented when the time for action at Washington comes. "I feel certain that we can present this matter in a proper light, so that our representatives at the national capital will be sufficiently impressed to support this work."

WITH THE TOAST AND THE TEA

GOOD EVENING If a man write a better book, preach a better sermon, or build a better mouse-trap, the world will make a beaten path to his door, though his house be a hut in the woods.—Emerson.

CHEER UP!

Don't stop to grumble and to sigh Be thankful that you're getting by, For if a man had his own way, He'd be in trouble every day.

A Coos Bay man believes the other fellow's girl may be fallible. But he knows that his girl is pure and irreproachable.

When father kicks about the dinner and mother slams it down on the table and says "Well, you can take it or leave it," she means that he can go to Halifax for all she cares.

Some Coos Bay men regard women as toys but the ones wearing the brightest paint are not always the most popular.

Married women ought to make good jurors. They know what darned liars all the men are, and they are wise to all the affils.

A Coos Bay man can be patient with any woman but the one he is married to.

Time is precious, but not so much so but many Coos Bay people will spend a lot of time trying to get something free.

A Coos Bay woman will rave over her decorated China and never say a word about her hand-painted complexion.

A few Coos Bay folks know how to make money who don't know how to spend it; but a lot more more know how to spend it who don't know how to make it.

The quarrels of lawyers never mean much. But when doctors fall out it is the real thing.

LOONY LIMERICKS

There was an old woman named Randall Whose toes touched a wasp in her sandal; The words that she said Near woke up the dead, And caused a most horrible scandal. —Anon.

One Cent Letter Postage

"Letter postage users of the United States and particularly those who have a large volume of letter mail are clearly entitled to a one cent letter rate, and a determined fight will be made in congress this winter to secure it."

C. A. Smith, President of the C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing Company sent us the above statement yesterday, accompanying it with the information that the business men of this city are joining the ranks of the National One Cent Letter Postage Association, for the purpose of securing a one cent letter rate.

He declares that already the association has strong and representative memberships in every city and town throughout the United States, and that every effort is to be directed toward securing action on a one cent letter rate at the approaching session of congress.

"The time has arrived," he declared, "when officials at Washington should take cognizance of the demand made by the users of first class letter mail for a readjustment of rates so that ordinary letters, which are now being charged two cents each shall be carried at cost, or about one cent each."

"It has been amply demonstrated by statistics and actual investigation that a one cent letter rate throughout the United States will pay, and that the extra cent now being demanded for the carriage of a letter is nothing less than a tax."

"The United States post office department was primarily organized for the carriage of letters, and in the early days the charges made on a basis of actual cost of transportation. When the department was organized transportation difficulties were immense, and a high rate had to be charged. Years have passed, wonderful inventions have revolutionized the transportation business and the cost of carriage has been lowered until now it is known letters can be carried at one cent instead of at two cents, which is the present charge."

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All Over Oregon

FLORENCE—The Sluslaw Fish Association proposes to ship fish parcel post so that they can furnish to the people of Lane county at half the present cost.

BAKER—The home of Mrs. August Rohner near Wingfield was burned and the family barely escaped with their lives from the burning home.

PENDLETON—Mayor John W. Dyer has announced that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself and Dr. J. A. Best, a Republican, is the only candidate.

HOOD RIVER—Dr. E. E. Ferguson, one of the best known men of the locality, committed suicide during a fit of despondency brought on by a nervous breakdown.

MEDFORD—Joseph Brown, a wealthy Indian, has been indicted by the federal grand jury for the murder of Eugene Isaacs, another Indian last July, and admits the killing but claims self defense.

EUGENE—Benjamin Cochran, aged 23 years, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid because the parents of a young lady did not want him to go with the girl.

AURORA—The city council of Butteville has decided to grant a franchise to the Molalla Company and will hereafter have electric lights.

DON'T NAG

If you wish to help the world a little in your humble way, Don't nag. Your wife, if you're a husband, doubtless has her faults, but—say Don't nag. You may be too busy toiling for your little bit of crust To be able to lift others who are lying in the dust But you still can help in making the world brighter, if you just Don't nag. If you wish to give him courage who has chosen you for life, Don't nag. If you wish to be his helper—and he'll need you in the strife— Don't nag. He may have a few shortcomings—husbands generally do— And he may sometimes sit beaten when he should have triumphed, too. But he'll rise with newer courage and new strength if only you Don't nag.

All around you there are others who have painful wounds to nurse, Don't nag. Rubbing on the raw has ever and will always make it worse. Don't nag. You can see your neighbor's foibles—all his weaknesses are plain— But, then, what's the use of prodding when it cannot bring you gain? Why add by a look or whisper to the world's supply of pain? Don't nag. If she has her days for fretting, Oh, be patient then with her— If she makes mistakes remember it is human still to err— Don't nag. You may not have strength to rescue the pale ones whose burdens kill. Or to lift the weary toilers who are stumbling up the hill, But you can refrain from making the world sadder, if you will— Don't nag.

WARNING

To the Trade and to Consumers of Children's Outer Garments. You are hereby notified that J. C. Penney Co., of Marshfield, in the Coos Bay Times, Wednesday, August 11th, 1915, advertised Koveralls, good heavy denim, 75c value, our price 49c.

You are advised that "KOVERALLS" is a trade name adopted by us for our well-known one-piece play-suit, and that no other person, firm or corporation has a right to use said name, and that we have been protected in our ownership thereof by decrees of the Courts of the State of California.

The public and consumers are further advised that J. C. Penney Co. has never purchased from us any of our "KOVERALLS" and that we have in our possession articles made in imitation of our "KOVERALLS" which were sold by J. C. Penney Co. for and as our "KOVERALLS."

The public are warned accordingly. LEVI STRAUSS & CO., Mfrs. Battery and Pine Sts. San Francisco, Cal.

To the Public In a former issue of this paper your attention was called to our "COVERALL" advertisement in issue of August 11th. These garments were not advertised as KOVERALLS (a copyrighted name), nor was there any attempt on our part to misrepresent. The name Coverall is a common name for play suits and several manufacturers are using that name, which is no infringement on KOVERALLS. WE DON'T HAVE TO MISREPRESENT OUR MERCHANDISE TO GET YOUR BUSINESS. OUR VALUES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. OUR VALUES ARE BIGGER. OUR PRICES ARE LOWER. That's why we are doing such a big business. Investigate for yourself.

J. C. Penney Co.

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NORTH PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO. Steamship SANTA CLARA sails for PORTLAND OCTOBER 12, AT 1 P. M. Steamship SANTA CLARA sails for SAN FRANCISCO (VIA EUREKA) OCTOBER 13, AT 1 P. M. For further information see SMITH TERMINAL DOCK W. E. STUHR, Agent Phone 136

GRAVEL We are now prepared to furnish GRAVEL in any quantities from pile in our yard or in carload lots, at following prices: From pile on ground, \$2.25 per yard. Carload lots, taken from cars, \$2.00 per yard. Retail Department. C. A. Smith Lumber & Mfg. Co. Opposite Post-Office. Phone 100.

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Marshfield-Cook Auto Stage Leave Owl Pharmacy Marshfield A.M. 7:00 9:30 P.M. 1:00 5:30

MARSHFIELD-COOK STAGE TIME TABLE Schedule arranged to suit with boats to Bandon, Myrtle Point, Wagon, No delays. Fare from Marshfield to Bandon 75 cents. Stage & Lambek Prop. Will furnish extra extra trips day or night charter cars.

AUTO STAGE SCHEDULE October, 1915 To Portland via Florence and Leave Marshfield and Bandon Monday ... 11:00 ... 2:00 Tuesday ... 12:00 ... 2:30 Wednesday ... 12:00 ... 2:30 Thursday ... 11:00 ... 2:00 Friday ... 11:00 ... 2:00 Saturday ... 11:00 ... 2:00 Sunday ... 11:00 ... 2:00 Monday ... 11:00 ... 2:00 Tuesday ... 11:00 ... 2:00 Wednesday ... 11:00 ... 2:00 Thursday ... 11:00 ... 2:00 Friday ... 11:00 ... 2:00 Saturday ... 11:00 ... 2:00 Sunday ... 11:00 ... 2:00