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The most delicate, the most sensible of all pleasures, consists in promoting the pleasure of others.—La Bruyere.

WHY PORTLAND IS NOT A FARM

IT WAS her rivers that made Portland. But for them Portland would probably be a farm. Other spots where the rivers do not meet and trundle away to the sea are farms or mere villages.

There is a portage road at Cello. It was put there to make river transportation possible. The presence of traffic on the river was desired in order to appeal to congress for government aid for river improvements.

Heavy freights carried by the Columbia river boats reach Walla Walla, Umatilla, Pendleton and nearby points at a less freight cost than when carried by the all rail route.

Perhaps it is because we are accustomed to the rivers that we do not appreciate their value to us. Yet but for them many a man in Portland who is rich would be poor.

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food staples is soon to encroach upon production. They are striving to bring the earth's foodstuffs up to the maximum. With the tillable raw lands of the country peopled they are working to bring waste lands under production as a means of adding to the general aggregate of breadstuffs.

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As a matter of reflecting the wishes of his constituents it is doubtful if Senator Chamberlain could more nearly have voted the wishes of a majority of the people of the state than he has done.

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tain that if Mr. Scott had been senator and if he had voted as he has written for 40 years, he would have been an insurgent, and with Chamberlain and Cummins, Beveridge, Dolliver and the rest have voted against the painful Aldrich measure.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE The out-of-doors in the early morning is delicious.

OREGON SIGHTS Lexington creamery will be reopened.

Albany Democrat: Come here, Mr. O'Brien, I want to talk to you.

When we get irrigation in this valley we shall be able to work in fruit production, declares the Eugene Register.

From one-third of an acre of Royal Anne and English Marilla cherry trees Dr. R. H. ...

Medford Tribune: Over 2000 people have visited Crater lake so far this season and the rush has just begun.

The Rogue river has its source in three mammoth springs, each about 12 miles from the mouth of the river.

A steamboat man tells the Marshfield Mail that more hunters are scouring the country surrounding Gold Beach.

Newberg Graphic: The prevailing conditions this season knock out the old theory that the absence of hot nights was responsible for short corn crops in the Willamette valley.

The lone Proclaimer is in receipt of the following reformed spelling letter from the Editor of the Oregonian.

One woman had a novel method of saving which might be adopted by many women.

In many eastern cities, such as Kansas City, Mo., Pittsburgh, Pa., East Hartford, Conn., Norristown, Pa., Spokane, Wash., and Atlantic City, N. J., there is a system of saving taught in the public schools.

Many people find it convenient to save all the dime and penny coins in their possession.

The following statement made by one of the banks with a savings department should be an inspiration to every worker to begin saving in the bank.

It is frequently difficult to save in the public schools and without reservation all of the cities which have a system established are more than enthusiastic over the plan.

Amount Interest Total Deposited Earned Amount

The Day, 5 yrs. 155.50 37.85 193.35

25c day, 5 yrs. 891.25 37.85 929.10

50c day, 5 yrs. 785.50 86.70 872.20

1c day, 5 yrs. 1,340.00 1,340.00 2,680.00

25c day, 5 yrs. 3,330.00 222.50 3,552.50

The above is figured on a 3 per cent basis.

John Bunyan

(Contributed to the Journal by Walt Messer, the famous Kansas poet. His prose-essays are a regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal.)

The village marshal, watchful right, was bound to hold on to his own right.

He saw John Bunyan running and put him in the calaboose. Now John, the tinker, had renown for jarring up the little town, and all the local sages tried to hold him in.

But when he would never die in bed, he said: "The sporting life's no joke; here's where I cut it out, and strive to show the world that I'm alive."

And in that dark and dismal den he sat, with paper, ink and pen, and wrote the book that people hold as being worth its weight in gold. The job was hard, in hell beneath, they heard the grinding of his teeth; when he wrote a sentence wise, he had to stop and sweat the flies; the grub was poor, the water foul, the jaller slobber an evil; the jail was full of dirt and dust, the chains he wore were brown with rust.

Yet through it all, by hook or crook, he jolled and wrote his mitchell meal. O, authors of the present day, whose books are dry as bales of hay, who grind "best sellers" by the ton, which last from rise till set of sun, who roll in comfort and ice cream, dictating stories by the team, try to write a masterpiece in jail!

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1675—Cornelius De Witt, patriot of the Netherlands, assassinated at The Hague. Born in 1623.

1776—Fight in the Hudson river between American fire-ships and British men-of-war.

1813—Fort Mimms, in Alabama, captured by the Indians.

1829—The Russians took Adrianople.

1832—Benjamin Harrison, twenty-third president of the United States, born at North Bend, Ohio. Died at Indianapolis, March 18, 1893.

1847—United States troops defeated the Mexicans in battle of Cherubusco.

1863—Lawrence, Kan., burned and sacked by Quantrell's band.

1896—Eight of the Maymarket anarchists sentenced to death in Chicago.

1908—The Belgian chamber of deputies passed the Congo annexation treaty.

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TAINGLEFOOT

BY HILLES OVERHOLT

Although a man is killed occasionally in a place of this kind, it is not as if nobody has yet caught a man in place of a fish.

A PECULIAR DEFORMITY. It always pains me to see a deformity in a human being, and for that reason I was shocked not long ago to see a man who was left-handed on the right side.

It was one of the most peculiar deformities I ever saw. His eyes were not mate, either, both of them being left eyes, and it was very hard for him to read grammatically.

He would frequently step on the other side of himself to get out of his own way. He said he had to wear left handed shoe strings or he couldn't tie his shoes.

One day he was coming along the street when he saw somebody who looked familiar, so he went back a couple of blocks and took over old times for a while.

He discovered that he was talking to himself. Last fall he said he woke up one night and heard somebody stealing his chickens, so he got up and went out and caught the thief in the act.

When he turned on the light so he could see what he was, he discovered that it was himself.

When I got to thinking that over sometimes I can hardly believe it. But why should he be so afraid of himself when there are so many physically perfect men to be about?

In a certain Portland office building there is a firm whose door bears this legend: "Real estate, timberland and horseflesh." Which is a very pitiful advertisement.

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