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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1903.

All men seek happiness: there is no other goal or intent in life, whether men seek it through license or asceticism, through selfishness or sacrifice, it is the one eternal quest.—The Philistine.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Heaven bless the farmers of Umatilla county and of the world; they bear the burden, pay the bills and fill the coffers of civilization.

During the winter months, while the ceaseless grind of labor relaxes its grasp upon the country districts, the time should be spent in improving the conditions that surround the farmer.

Farmers' institutes cannot be held late in the spring, after the waiting field begins to beckon the tiller to his task. This is the only season of the year at which leisure time for farmers' meetings can be found. Every day should be improved. The education of the practical farmer in the arts of adapting crops to soil, selecting seed for the propagation of strong species of crops and in so arranging and so cultivating his farm, that the most highly productive state may be attained, means the perfecting of the great profession known to man.

Irrigation will soon be a force in the hands of every farmer in the West. He must know how to handle and direct it intelligently. He must study to bring the greatest yield from the smallest area. Farmers' meetings must be arranged for mutual good. Crops, livestock, dairying, fruit culture and every industry of the West needs ventilation and discussion.

Productiveness is the basis of bank accounts. Intelligent direction of the great forces of nature, underlie productiveness.

CALIFORNIA TIRES OF INVALIDS.

Since the balmy breezes of California first became known to Americans, she has been a mecca for the invalid. Her cities have been overrun with people who could not live in other climates. A short span of life was promised the tottering consump-

tive in the invigorating breezes of her sea coast and Sierras. A few hours more of sunshine seemed added to the lot of the dying in the whispering zephyrs that spread their healing wings across that favored state. The feeble have flocked to the cities and hamlets of California until she is a sick man's home. Business is carried on almost exclusively in many small towns by people who are just simply hanging on to the edge of life, hoping for the climate to keep blood in their veins and breath in their lungs another year.

The salaried positions are filled with cheap men who are willing to work for a bare living in order to be able to remain in that state. The laboring man finds an invalid ready to try to hold his job, at a decreased salary. The state is thronged with tottering, ghastly men and women. Its condition is so serious that an effort is to be made to restrict the entrance of consumptives into that state.

A committee from the state senate has been appointed to investigate present health conditions, and this committee emphatically opposes the wholesale admission of consumptives to that state. It has been proposed to establish a home for such invalids at some isolated place, where elaborate arrangements could be made for their care. This plan is also opposed by the health committee, on the ground that such a resort would further encourage the sickly to flock there.

Where will the sick turn for relief? That suffering host: "To whom the goodly earth and air, Are barred and banned, forbidden, fare." will be compelled to turn elsewhere for health.

COMBINATION DELAYS PROGRESS.

Railroad building in the West is at a standstill because the great lines are all controlled by the same stockholders, and they are getting all the trade the country affords already.

The sharp competition which prevailed in the early days of railroad building has disappeared with the merging of interests.

The rivalry bred of the hot scramble for trade is vanished. The country can come to the roads that are now in operation, or stay away, just as pleases it. The great syndicates hold most all the available right of

way privileges through the country and the improvement of new sections of the West is retarded by the absence of rival companies.

Oregon has millions of acres of land that would be available as homes with a touch of irrigation and better transportation.

The productiveness of Central Oregon could be increased four fold by the construction of three hundred miles of road from Portland, or The Dalles inland toward Idaho and Nevada. That vast section lies practically dormant today, for no other reason than that the fear of competition is dispelled by the knowledge that western railroads are all one.

The bluster occasioned by the idle talk of Portland and the Sound, about the new terminus of an imaginary road at the mouth of the Columbia, has no more charm for Eastern Oregon.

Transportation is needed for Central Oregon and nothing short of it will bring the full fruition to that splendid region.

Portland knows this. She has the capital with which to bring perfection to an empire that belongs to her, but she dallies with fate.

Some day the hand of enterprise will reach out from the south, and pour the stores of her tributary zone into the lap of San Francisco.

The merged powers cannot long delay inexorable progress.

The upward tendency of the horse market is a promise for Eastern Oregon. How many of the old horsemen of the balmy days of stage coaches and freight trains would rejoice to see the ranges once more stocked with \$200 mares. It was not uncommon in those days to see stockmen with pockets so full of \$20 pieces that they were stooped over with the weight. No land on earth is better adapted to thrifty, strong, feet-tooted horses than this. Its record as a horse country will never be beaten.

L. T. Harris, a representative from Lane county, is gathering strength as a candidate for speaker of the next house. He is a young man, clean, able, loyal and worthy of the support of his party.

As a forcible reminder of their escapades, Tracey and Merrill will both have representatives before the next legislature. Ingram, the guard who was shot by Merrill on the day of the escape, will ask for an appropriation

to relieve him in his helpless condition. W. E. Morris, who was mistaken for Tracy and shot by a posse, near Vancouver, will present a bill for relief, covering \$300 for medical expenses and loss of time. Both men are crippled for life.

MAKING A FARM IN IRELAND.

When, in the course of some years, or incredible toil, the tenant has at last cleared away a level space as big as the floor of a small building in Chicago—when he has literally taken away the spongy surface of the swamp and dried and burned it—he starts upon the task of making his pitiful little field ready for tillage.

He must dig a ditch all around it, else it will be constantly under water, and at least the surface it little better than mud. Then he must get gravel, clay and sandy earth from some place and spread it out in a thin layer over his prospective field. The skinned bog is only a foundation, a black, reeking platform upon which to build a farm!

Having no horse or wagon, he must carry the new earth and gravel upon his back and put it there. The women and children help. You may see them toiling to and fro, their willow hampers full of dirt upon their bent, tired backs, after traveling a mile or two with each tiny contribution to the soil of a farm from which they hope to gain a livelihood.

Many of them are barefoot winter as well as summer. They are in rags. Their bodies are ill-nourished. The winds blow sharp and cold across the dreary moor. The rain falls nearly half the time from sea-born clouds, swept inland by the winds of the near-by ocean. Hours of bright warm sunshine are few and far between.—Walter Wellman.

LAI D TO REST.

Hang the shin guard o'er the mantel, And the helmet on the wall; Willie's playthings won't be needed Till the early days of fall. Put away the canvas jacket, With its daubs of college gore; Willie's made himself a hero, But his splurge this year is o'er.

THE AX

of toughest steel becomes dulled by constant use and must have a new edge if it is to do good work. Constant work dulls a man as it does an ax, makes him sluggish of body and dull of mind. He needs a tonic, something that will restore the keenness of mind and activity of body.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery puts new life into weak worn-out, run-down men and women. It strengthens the weak stomach, purifies the blood, and effectively stimulates the liver. The whole body is built up with sound, solid flesh by the use of "Golden Medical Discovery."

"I was confined to my bed for four months from January 1st, 1899, and commenced to take your medicine January 15th, 1899," writes Mrs. Sallie L. Shepard, of Poplarville, Mo. "I took eight bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, four of 'Favorite Prescription,' two vials of 'Pleasant Pellets,' and one bottle of Doctor Pierce's Compound Extract of Sarsaparilla, used as a liniment. Indigestion, obstinate constipation, and hardening of the liver was my trouble. I am at this time able to do almost any kind of house work. Your medicine saved me from my grave. Thanks to you for the benefit. My case was hopeless when I began taking your medicine."

Don't be fooled into trading a substance for a shadow. Any substitute offered as "just as good" as "Golden Medical Discovery," is a shadow of that medicine. There are cures behind every claim made for the "Discovery," which no "just as good" medicine can show. Biliousness is cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.



COLUMBUS.

Behind him lay the gray Azores, Behind the gates of Hercules; Before him not the ghost of shores, Before him only shoreless seas. The good mate said: "Now must we pray,

"For lo! the very stars are gone. Brave Admiral, speak; what shall I say?"

"Why say: 'Sail on! sail on! sail on!'"

"My men grow mutinous day by day, My men grow ghastly, wan and weak." The stout mate thought of home; a spray

Of salt wave washed his swarthy cheek. "What shall I say, brave Adm'l, say it we sight naught but seas at dawn?"

"Why you shall say at break of day: 'Sail on! sail on! sail on!'"

They sailed and sailed, as winds night blow, Until at last the blanched mate said:

"Why now, not even God would know Should I and all my men fall dead, These very winds forget their way, For God from these dread seas is gone."

Now speak, brave Adm'l; speak and say—"So said: 'Sail on! sail on! and on!'"

They sailed. They sailed. Then spake the mate, "This mad sea shows his teeth to night."

He curts his lif, he lies in wait, With lifted teeth, as if to bite! Brave Adm'l, say but one good word, What shall be done when hope is gone?"

The words leapt as a leaping sword; "Sail on! sail on! sail on! sail on!"

Then pale and worn he paced his deck, And peered through darkness, Ah that night! Of all dark nights! and then a speck—

A light! A light! A light! A light! It grew, a star-lit flag unfurled! It grew to be Time's burst of dawn. He gained a world; he gave that world

Its grandest lesson: "On! sail on!" —JOAQUIN MILLER.

Senor Escandon has been re-elected mayor of Mexico City.

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Cream Balm is good for the nose, over the membrane and is sterile. It soothes and a cure follows. It is not a medicine, it is a relief. Large tin, 50 cents; small tin, 25 cents. Trial Size, 10 cents by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 50 Warren Street, N. Y.

GREAT SALE OF Christmas Goods

This is the time to buy your Christmas presents for your friends, and at no place will you find the assortment so good nor the prices so low as at THE FAIR. We have nearly everything anybody needs, and now our stock is complete, so we urge you to come at once and select what you want. We have all kinds of toys, dolls, doll carriages, toilet cases, work boxes, moving toys and kinds and books for all ages.

SPECIAL FURNISHINGS FOR PRESENTS

LADIES wool opera capes, head shawls, silk mittens, ice wool and silk fascinators, prices, silk waists, handkerchiefs, perfumes and toilet articles, jewelry and purses, furs and of all styles.

GENTLEMENS initial handkerchiefs, neckties, gloves, mufflers of all colors, jewelry kinds, fancy pen knives, etc.

SPECIAL PRICES ON CLOTHING

We will give a special discount of 10 per cent on all boys and mens suits and overcoats until Christmas day. Ten per cent off of FAIR STORE prices makes your clothing cost you about 30 per cent less than at other stores in Pendleton.

OVERSHOES AND RUBBERS

Our stock is complete and the very best to be bought, and prices are far below our competitors on the same grade goods. Mens overshoes, \$1.10; womens overshoes, 85c; misses overshoes, 55c and 60c; mens Alaska defenders, 80c; womens Alaska defenders, 60c and 65c; misses Alaska defenders, 38c and 50c; mens rubbers for German socks and felt boots, \$2, \$1.65 and \$1.35.

All the above prices are on new goods and not old stock, and we guarantee our rubbers give satisfaction or refund your money.

THE FAIR THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

A FEW MORE DAYS, THEN CHRISTMAS

If you have not already secured your presents we take the liberty of reminding you that it is a bad policy to wait until the last moment before making your purchase. We have so many pretty things to show you that it is best to take your time and avoid the crowding that usually takes place during the last few days of the holiday season. We call your attention to a few of the many lines we carry.

<p>DIAMONDS</p> <p>Mounted and unmounted. The largest collection of the finest gems that has ever been shown in one stock in Pendleton.</p>	<p>ART GOODS</p> <p>Under this head we are showing so many pretty things that it will be impossible for us to enumerate them.</p>	<p>CUT GLASS</p> <p>The finest and best collection to select from. All the new designs. Rare beauties. Are sole agents for the Hawkes' world-renowned Cut Glass. A guarantee in itself of the excellence of this display.</p>	<p>WATCHES</p> <p>In bewildering profusion. In solid gold, gold filled and silver. Something to please all desires. Grade high prices low.</p>	<p>TOILET SETS</p> <p>In ebony and solid silver. To see them is to make up your mind what to get for a gift.</p>	<p>OPERA GLASSES</p> <p>It will pay you to look at our stock before purchasing.</p>
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