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### East Oregonian

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1902

If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man should keep his friendship in constant repair.—Samuel Johnson.

#### A WORD WITH "BLUE" MEN.

An exchange calls Monday a "blue day." Complains about a scarcity of news, dullness of brain, uncertainty about a starting point, and weak pulse. Says there's nothing doing. Croaks about the lack of activity in business. Says people are not stirring. Hints at some ghost of financial reaction, some dim spectre of panic he fancies is hovering over the country.

Its a disease that attacks newspapers. Its symptoms are a falling nerve, a tired feeling in every column, a lack of lustre, a wheedling, whining, complaining tone that is out of tune with the symphony of the world.

There is no "blue day" in a live town. There is no scarcity of news in a newsy office with a willing man at a capacious pencil.

It's nerve, not news, that is scarce. It's the man, and not the day, nor the profession, that is "blue."

There's no use calling the profession names. It has enough to bear now. No use croaking at your town. It will grow and forget you in spite of your walling.

It's your place in society to paint Monday and your town another color. Blue is a good color in the right place. Nothing is more invigorating to a gloomy brain than a heaven-sent streak of blue sky. Nothing fills space so admirably as the blue smoke of action. The electric blue of energetic business friction, which warms a community with life, is sacred to the gods of industry.

But heaven forbid the "blue" man. In the category of hues he is the hoodoo, the hindrance, the "scarecrow" of the race. One blue man "discolors" a town. The color is catching. It goes in streaks through society. It changes hopeful smiles into graveyard moans.

If you feel the symptoms approaching, go outside the door, into the bracing morning air. Walk down the main street with your head up, even if you do owe everybody in town.

Repeat this program daily. It will be to you like hanging an old coat on the clothes line is to it. It will "air" you.

The "blue" man is out of gear. All the wheels in a good town turn forward. He is trying to force them backward. This process is not easy nor pleasant. It is just like pulling a cat backwards across the carpet. Smile and say you want to live. Go with the crowd. There is no reverse lever on progress. You can't go backward.

Oregon, the greatest livestock state of the West, is particularly interested in the convention of the National Livestock Association, which meets in Kansas City, January 13-16. This association has a greater influence on national legislation effecting the livestock interests than any other agency. It has a strong influence in fixing interstate railroad rates on livestock shipments, it is the vigilant guardian

of the stock industry throughout the country, and this convention should be attended by all stockmen, whether delegates or not, as its sessions are educational in a high degree. The livestock industry is a science and men must study to become proficient in it.

It looks more like business in Eastern Oregon right now, than ever before. The citizens of the arid counties are organizing irrigation associations, with definite objects in view. Baker, Morrow, Umatilla and Malheur are earnestly studying the subject of reclamation. They remember the fable of the farmer and the lark, and are doing something for themselves. The best feature about these local organizations is that they are composed of the strong, vigorous business men of the different communities. They have a deeper interest in the country than can be measured by figures. It is their home.

Judge Fitz Gerald told the taxpayers of this city and county some plain, unvarnished truth, in a short interview in last Saturday's East Oregonian. In speaking of the alarming increase of drunkenness among Indians, he said some severe penalties should be meted out to those who openly violate the laws against selling liquor to these people. It is a direct burden on the people to support the Indians that are sent to jail for drunkenness. They have no money with which to pay fines. The laws of the land are violated and the taxpayer as usual, pays the bill. The other fellow gets the profit.

The death of Miss Ensminger, of Haines, who was shot by a jealous lover on Christmas eve, brings the Christmas tragedy close to home. People read of the fiendish deeds which are committed in distant states and do not stop to give them a serious thought. But when the victim is plucked from our own threshold, we feel the sting of a common, kindred grief, and halt to wonder where next the blow will fall.

The fight for the presidency of the state senate promises to be the most spirited spectacle at the opening of the legislature. Dr. Andrew C. Smith, of Portland, and George C. Brownell, of Clackamas county, are now leading the two forces, for the place. Brownell is such a pliable tool of the politicians and corporations, that in the interests of the state at large, he should not be elevated to that honor, by his party.

The people adjacent to the Eastern Oregon forest reserve are so widely divided in their opinion on the reserve, that it is doubtful if Mr. Williamson got much information on the subject, that would aid him in reaching a decision, on his recent visit to Grant county. There are many good men, strong arguments, plausible reasons and much "scrapping" ability on each side.

Marconi celebrated his victory just in time to dampen the ardor of the jubilee over the laying of the Pacific cable. The ghost of the wireless telegraph will sit at the feast, uninvited.

#### ABOUT DATE PALMS.

"These Persian dates are worth 7 cents a pound," remarked one of the leading growers, as he exhibited a pretty little box of sugared fruits. "They come in pound packages and in 60-pound boxes. The fruits are supposed to have been shipped from Persia and are therefore sold for Per-

sian dates. The new crop always commands about one cent more on the pound, because they are a little fresher and probably better. We sell a great many pounds of dates during the holiday season."

The dates of commerce are peculiar fruits, grown on the palm trees of Northern Africa. The fruits grow in clusters or bunches. An average tree bears eight to 10 clusters, weighing from 12 to 20 pounds each. Old trees generally yield about 200 pounds of the dates every year. The fruits are sold green or dried and packed in boxes and shipped over the world. There are several varieties of dates grown for market. Those packed and shipped to the United States are chiefly of the light brown color, having long slender seeds, and growing much in the shape of plums or prunes of American origin.

Palm trees are of different varieties. Some bear fruit and others only leaves. The large flat leaves are often used for fans and in decorating stores and halls. In Africa the palm leaves are brought into the religious festivals during the celebration of Palm Sunday and at the feast of the Passover. The palm trees are much the same as willows. They demand much water. The Arabians say "the palm must have its head in the fire and its roots in the water to grow fruits." The trees grow wild along the rivers and creek bottoms. Marshy lands like the American cranberry bogs are ideal spots for palm growing.

The fruit-bearing palms have been grown successfully in countries where the temperature reached 115 degrees in summer and dropped to as low as 16 degrees below freezing during the winter. Arizona is the best date-growing district of the United States. Several orchards have been planted and are bearing choice fruits every year. The trees are propagated easily by simply putting out suckers from original limbs. They grow thickly and often attain a height of 40 feet. When the fruits get ripe they are picked and packed in boxes. Sometimes they use glycerine to give the fruits the rich, glossy appearance, characteristic of the boxed dates.—Tacoma News.



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