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We are finding out things right along; and one of the things we have recently discovered, or re-discovered, is that getting old is simply a bad habit. A man who thinks he is old, is old, and a man who retires from business will shortly be retired by death. Nature has no use for the person who quits, so she just takes his word for it and lets him quit.—Elbert Hubbard in the Philistine.

CALLS SEN. FULTON TO TASK.

The Dalles Times-Mountaineer of Tuesday calls Senator Fulton to task in the following drastic manner: "Where was Senator Charles W. Fulton, the champion of Eastern Oregon, last Wednesday when the government engineers visited the scene of the most gigantic river improvements which the war department has ever undertaken, and that, too, in the state Mr. Fulton is to represent in the United States senate in the next six years?"

"This may seem an impertinent question, and it may be looked upon as a trivial matter that he did not accompany the engineers on their tour of inspection. But it is not impertinent to ask the question nor is it a trivial affair that he overlooked the opportunity to render his state a valuable service.

"Mr. Fulton is a brand new senator. He is in the strength and vigor of manhood, unlike his colleague, who is approaching the end of his career. He has six years of active legislative duty before him. An improvement is to be made by the government that affects a territory vastly larger than all the New England and Middle states.

"Mr. Fulton is one of the men who is to represent this territory in congress at Washington. The improvement is to be constructed within the state that has conferred upon him one of the highest honors within the gift of any state. Why then should not Mr. Fulton have been present with the engineers here when they inspected the site of this vast work? If for no other reason, he should have been present to have acquainted himself with the requirements, so that if further legislation is required—if an additional appropriation is to be asked from the next congress, which is not improbable—he could have intelligently laid the matter before that body."

The state health board is now seriously considering the appointment of a meat inspector for the Eastern Oregon district. The discovery by the board that lumpy jaw cattle were being butchered and sold to consumers at different points in this part of Oregon, has brought the matter forcibly to its attention. At the present time there is but one government inspector in Oregon. He is located in Portland and is kept constantly employed in watching the meat output of that city. Dr. Woods Hutchinson, secretary of the state board of health, will visit Baker City soon, to investigate the situation and if he gets enough encouragement from Eastern Oregon, he will recommend the appointment of a government inspector. At the present time the meat consumption of the principal points of Eastern Oregon is as follows: Baker City, 250 cattle per month; Pendleton and Umatilla county, 400 per month; La Grande, 100; Union, 50; Sumpter, 150; Huntington, 75; Walla walla county, 100, and scattering, 100, including Elgin, North Powder and other outside points. While it would be impossible for one man to cover such a large territory closely, the appointment of an inspector would be a

safeguard for the consumers and would tone up the quality of food stuff, where inclination to deal in a cheap article might be shown. By all means, let Eastern Oregon be improved in every way possible. This is one step in the inevitable progress and should be taken now.

In his brief speech, thanking the club women of Pendleton for the elegant Indian robe presented to him, Charles B. Hanford laughingly remarked that this gift might be a hint at the scantiness of his wardrobe, or it might signify an encircling friendship which should warm his soul for the remainder of his life, and as the token of such a friendship he would accept it and wear it. If Pendleton wishes to forget the \$70 she spent in telegraphing for a place on the presidential itinerary, she might send Mr. Roosevelt a robe in token of the warmth of her friendship. Otherwise another Pendleton institution might be chosen to represent her state of mind, and a cake of brand new ice sent Mr. Roosevelt.

One thing that is growing cheaper and cheaper yearly, is books. No matter how high the price of the necessities of life, may soar, books and reading matter will remain within reach of the poor. While bacon and lard are 100 per cent higher than five years ago, books are 50 per cent cheaper. The trusts may corner the book market if they wish the people to endure mental hunger. The luxuries must decrease in price to induce the common people to buy them, but the necessities that are growing higher and higher must be had. No matter what the sacrifice, the masses must live, so the combines are forcing up the prices of the everyday articles of food, and the luxuries are decreasing in price in proportion to the decreasing cost of production.

North Yakima will present President Roosevelt with five boxes of select apples, chosen for their beauty of color, uniformity of size and the excellence of their flavor. The apples will be wrapped in linen paper, on which will be printed a legend of Yakima's versatile resources. Pendleton should not fall behind Yakima in giving a souvenir suggestive of her varied accomplishments. It would take a train to haul a sample of each of Pendleton's resources, yet the richness of the country, the industries of the city and the respect of the people of this vicinity should be concentrated in a souvenir of some kind.

While the effect of the new Irish land bill cannot yet be felt in the Emerald Isle, the bright prospect it has shed before that oppressed race, has not effected the Irish immigration to America. Within the past four months the number of Irish immigrants arriving at New York was 8,206, against 4,002 for the same period in 1902. The one good thing about this incoming tide of Hibernians is that they are young, vigorous people of good habits and sound sense. No one ever heard of an Irish dynamiter.

Pendleton should remember her volunteer fire department and increase the conveniences for it at every possible opportunity. The promptness and readiness with which the boys respond to the midnight cry of fire, should send a thrill of pride to every citizen's bosom. The city is in the keeping of this body of alert men and no fire-fighting apparatus or device should be too good to place at their disposal for the city's protection.

In the the Inland Empire baseball league, Pendleton leads the four teams by one point. There is reason to be proud of this temporary leadership, for it has been won from good ball players, and will be defended more vigorously than ever. Pendleton went into the league to win, as did all the other members. It is to be a season of clean, artistic baseball and the people are constantly showing their keen appreciation of this fact.

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THE BLIND CHAPLAIN'S RISE.

The death of William Henry Milburn, for many years famous as "The Blind Chaplain," recalls the romantic and heroic incidents connected with his first election as a chaplain of congress in 1845. When Milburn was 22, a very slight figure, his left eye entirely blind, his right eye having but one little transparent point not so big as the head of a pin, giving him but a glimmer of the outer world, he was traveling by Ohio river steamer from Cincinnati to Wheeling, W. Va. He was then entirely unknown to the world except to the little band of circuit riders among whom he had been preaching in the backwoods for a year. To his great delight he found on the steamer a large number of congressmen of both houses, who were on their way to Washington for the opening of a session. Milburn expected great profit from their conversation, but was soon shocked at their profanity, their gambling and their drunkenness.

The Ohio river was low, and fogs coming on, they were detained over Sunday. At breakfast a committee of passengers invited Milburn to preach, and a congregation of 300 persons assembled. At the close of a brief sermon, to the astonishment of all, he bowed to the men before him, and said: "I understand that you are members of the congress of the United States, and as such, you are, or should be, the representatives, not only of the political opinions, but also of the intellectual, moral, and religious condition of the people of this country. As I had rarely seen men of your class, I felt, on coming aboard this boat, a natural interest to hear your conversation and to observe your habits. If I am to judge the nation by you, I can come to no other conclusion than that it is composed of profane swearers, card players and drunkards. Suppose there should be an intelligent foreigner on this boat, traveling through the country with the intent of forming a well-considered and unbiased opinion as to the practical working of our free institutions—seeing you and learning your position, what would be his conclusion?—Inevitably, that our experiment was a failure, and our country is hastening to destruction."

The congressmen were a plucky lot, and so admired the nerve and sincerity of the young preacher, that they at once bestowed a purse upon him, and on arriving in Washington secured his election as chaplain. He held the position for 58 years.—L. A. Banks in Everybody's Magazine.

HOW INDIANS KNOW A COWARD.

An Oklahoma man once told an Indian that a desperate white man was after his scalp. He smiled and shook his head. "A few days later," continued the narrator, "we were talking to the white man when an Indian came up to join the group. He had spotted the stranger and knew him by sight. Without saying a word to him he walked up within an arm's reach and struck the white man in the face with a rough heavy glove."

He paused for a few seconds and hit him again. "Ugh!" he exclaimed as he wheeled around and walked away. The white man looked at the Indian in amazement, but made no show of resentment. Later in the day when we asked the Indian why he didn't follow up the insult with blows he told us the white man was a coward. In explaining how he knew it he said the man's jaw dropped when he struck him in the face the second time with the glove, and that this, with the Indians, was an unerring sign of cowardice.—Kansas City Journal.

QUEER INDIAN NAMES.

Here are a few names taken from the rolls of the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations in the Indian Territory as made up by the Dawes commission: Excellent Love, Ugly Boogie, Cora Tugle, Indian Territory Spears, Chick and Chow (twins), Okla and Housa, Hate Fobb, Mealey, Tecumseh, Hilly Wolf, Lying Hampton, Sweet Magnolia Brown, Sweetann Cole, Selly Brate Smith (born fourth of July), Pleas Jonathan Kiehl, Epluribus Guest, Fancy Nora Brown, Nervus Jackson, Always Billy, Dethadne Watts, Dicy Jiggetts, June Love.—Kansas City Journal.

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