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Build well thy spirit house,
 With many rooms; give space
 To joy and truth and hope and
 gentle sympathy—
 But leave no place for fear.
 To anger bar the door and o'er
 the window
 Of thy inmost soul, when hate is
 nigh.
 Unfold the curtain of a loving
 thought.
 Build in the inmost valleys of
 thy heart
 A temple to the God of Love,
 With stones hewn from the hills
 of Harmony.
 Use in thy work the scented
 wood
 That grows in Freedom's land,
 and place within its halls
 The Shrine of Peace.
 —Harry T. Fee.

TRUE RICHES OF THE WEST.

Elbert Hubbard, lecturer and editor of the Philistine magazine, draws a true picture of the real values of the West in the July number of the Homemaker, a monthly publication of Washington, D. C., devoted to the interests of irrigation.

Speaking of the possibilities of agriculture of Montana, Mr. Hubbard makes observations which apply with equal force to the entire western empire.

"You will not find the true wealth of this state in her mines," says the writer. "These are wonderful, but far more so is the agricultural possibility. There is where Montana and the West will become great. The wealth of the mines is immense, but is it permanent? The returns are great, but the land once worked over, becomes useless.

"The farmer is the one who will build up the state to the empire it offers. There the wealth is cumulative and lasting. It adds to the richness of itself by successive cultivation and use. It increases in wealth as the fertilizing processes of the ages go on. The mining industry, like the lumber industry, is destructive of natural resources in a large degree. It strips the land and leaves it unoccupied.

"Here you have land, water and people, the three great essentials of a civilization. The storage and use of waste rivers is the solution of the industrial questions of the age, you are at the open gateway of the golden age of irrigation."

This solution of the agricultural and industrial questions applies with particularly vital force to Umatilla county. The land, the people and the water are here. Water in sufficient quantities and land of sufficient richness to make one of the grandest and most prolific districts in the West, await the coming of the true irrigationist, in this county, and Eastern Oregon.

The process of government irrigation seems to be tedious and belated. The storage and distribution of water, in a way to make productive land of the desert, is not such a deeply abstract and technical task as many would be led to believe, by the mysterious actions and slow calculations of government agents.

If the government wants proofs of the adaptability of the soil of Umatilla county to the science of irrigation, there lies the Butter creek belt, one solid field of alfalfa meadow upon which one good soaking will make two and three good crops each year.

If the government wants estimates of water supply, possibilities of storage and other information regarding the feasibility of the Echo tract of

land, the Umatilla and Morrow county irrigation association should furnish this data, and hurry up by every means, the reclamation of this magnificent territory. The delay in locating and deciding upon the means of irrigating this land seems to be unwarranted. The advantages of the tract are undeniable. The fact that one winter soaking will make good crops upon this sandy soil, removes the possible objection that the water supply may be insufficient for the area.

Truly, the riches of the West lie in the arid lands and the wasted mountain streams, but unless the government gets a different move on, or surrenders the task of irrigating the West to the people interested in the West, the present generation will not see the dawning of the promised Irrigation Age.

BAD DAY FOR DODGERS.

The state land board, on Wednesday made a ruling which will swell the taxes of Oregon several thousand dollars. It went after a certain class of tax "dodgers" with a rough hand, for which the people are duly thankful.

At the present time, on the records of the state land office, are between 400 and 500 purchasers of state land, who still owe small amounts on their payments, and as long as this amount is due and the deed still in the name of the state, the purchaser cannot be compelled to pay taxes upon the land, although he may be farming or renting the same, at a great profit.

The result of this practice is, that the state has been shielding, inadvertently, a very successful species of tax "dodging," for years, and assessors have been powerless to levy upon the land in the name of the rightful owner, who was in no hurry to secure title.

In view of the alarming increase of this practice, the board has decided to end it and yesterday issued an order that all purchasers of state land who owe \$50. or less, on their contract, must pay up and take a deed to the land.

This will bring into sight, as taxable real estate in Oregon, at least 60,000 acres of land, of an average value of \$10. Some of this land is worth \$40 per acre, as it is highly cultivated and improved and other tracts are desert, worth but little more than first cost of \$1.25 an acre.

The land board's action meets with hearty approval of the people, as there has been altogether too much tax dodging and property hiding in Oregon. High levies are due largely to the complete escape of many kinds of profit-yielding property from any share in the burden of taxes. Corporations with alleged millions of dollars in capital stock have snapped their fingers in assessor's faces for years, in this state; large land holders have hidden behind this law, and the poor man whose small holdings were all in plain view and the business man whose wealth consisted in property that could not be covered by any statutory shield, have paid the major portion of the expense of government.

It is a bad day for the "dodger." He is being left unprotected by the law of favoritism and must meet the responsibilities of citizenship as it was designed that all men should do, when the right to enjoy the ownership of property was first vouchsafed to man.

FIRST BATTLE OF WAR.

The histories tell that the first battle of the war of secession was fought at Bull Run. A Missouri writer undertakes to prove that the histories mislead. He contends that the first fighting was done in Missouri, near Monroe City.

Claiborne Jackson, governor of Missouri, was a confederate and was resolved to take this state out of the union, whether its people wanted to go or not. The great menace to his peace and plans, as the writer referred to points out, was the Hannibal & St. Joseph railway, which was owned by Boston capital and operated mainly by Germans. Jackson determined to tear up the "Yankee railroad."

John W. Brooks, its president, appealed to President Lincoln for military protection, and Lincoln ordered Colonel R. F. Smith to cross the Mississippi river with the Sixteenth Illinois infantry and to do guard duty along the road. The strategic point

for Northern Missouri was a position between the forks of the Salt river. Here Colonel Tom Harris camped with 600 rebels, who were spoiling for a fight. General Lyon ordered Colonel Smith to break up Harris' camp. Smith started, but his movements were impeded by protracted soaking rains. As his soldiers were going through a narrow defile in the Swinkey hills they were fired on from ambush. Fifty guerrillas then scampered away. Smith was convinced by this move that an attempt was being made to trap him, and he decided to back out. Soon a cloud of smoke that rose from the direction of Monroe told him something was doing there. The "Johnnies" were burning the \$40,000 worth of federal stores and munitions Colonel Smith had left there without a guard.

The federal force hurried back to Monroe, where it was followed by Harris and his force and confederate sympathizers, who hurried to the scene of the promised fight from every direction. By noon Wednesday, July 9, 1861, 1000 rebels were about Monroe, all eager to help "poke the game out of the hole." They had a nine-pound cannon and a six-pound cannon, and Thursday they began the bombardment.

"Never," says the Missouri writer, "had there been such a jubilee in that section. Ladies and children drove up in their carriages. Rustle lovers held parasols over their sweet hearts, while they watched a sure enough battle. But at about 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, when Colonel Smith was considering the advisability of a surrender, a Hannibal & St. Joseph engine came puffing down the track, pulling the union soldiers who had been left at Hannibal, and as it approached a cannon on board opened wide its mouth and spoke ominously to the piketers. That ended the fun. In an instant the prairie was a chaos of flying horses and flying men. Soldiers threw away their guns and took refuge in the carriages with the ladies." That night word reached Washington of the fight and next day 2000 men, including such soldiers as Colonel John M. Palmer and Colonel Ulysses S. Grant, were on the way to the scene of hostilities.

This fight occurred 11 days before Bull Run. It seems, therefore, Missouri is justified in putting in a claim that the first real battle of the war was fought on her soil.—Kansas City Journal.

Mrs. Martha Blanchard, who disappeared from Oregon City, two weeks ago, has not been located yet. Foul play is suspected.



The man on the stage who does the trick of escaping from firmly tied ropes, submits to the bonds with a smile. He knows he can get out of the ropes that are being knotted. Put the same man in the woods and let Indian captors bind him to a tree for torture and he would struggle to the last against the bonds.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
R	A	D	E	R	A	D	E	R
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
A	D	E	R	A	D	E	R	A
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
D	E	R	A	D	E	R	A	D
28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
E	R	A	D	E	R	A	D	E
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
R	A	D	E	R	A	D	E	R
46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
A	D	E	R	A	D	E	R	A
55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
D	E	R	A	D	E	R	A	D
64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
E	R	A	D	E	R	A	D	E
73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81
R	A	D	E	R	A	D	E	R

11, 12, 21, or 13, 22, 23, 24, 33 etc. The solution to be handed in sealed, giving only the number of combinations that can be made of each word, with no name attached, in order that the committee awarding the prizes will not

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