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It is not difficult to conceive that, for many reasons, a man writes better than he lives. For, without entering into refined speculations, it may be shown much easier to design than to perform. A man proposes his schemes of life in a state of abstraction and disengagement, exempt from the enticements of hope, the solicitations of affection, the importunities of appetite, or the depressions of fear, and is in the same state with him that teaches upon land the art of navigation, to whom the sea is always smooth and the wind always prosperous.—Dr. Johnson.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The first public criticism made by the party of German agriculturists, which recently passed through Oregon was upon the lack of improvements and farm conveniences in the West.

The second criticism upon American farming was to the effect that American farmers work too hard—that they numb the enjoyment of farm life by a pitiless haste during long and incessant hours of labor.

These are the views of expert farmers from one of the leading agricultural nations of Europe. If their opinions are sound and their judgment just, the American can improve his condition by being introduced to his own fallings.

In the first place, a comparison of methods and conveniences should not be drawn between Germany and Oregon. Germany has been farmed for 1500 years. Oregon 50. Germany is striving to recuperate a soil worn out by constant use, for centuries. Oregon is trying to produce the largest possible crop from virgin soil, with no thought of saving its strength.

Germany is farmed in small tracts by people who are rooted to the land by tradition and occupancy, and who expect to remain in the same home for life. Oregon and the West is farmed largely by men who are trying to make a stake out of farming, with which to retire or enter other business.

The German wants to grow the greatest variety on the smallest space; the Oregonian wants to grow the greatest yield and clean up the largest possible profit in the shortest space of time.

The German farmer is fixed in his sphere and conserves his strength and substance with that view; the Western farmer of this year may be the president of the bank next year, and so his labor and aim are tinged with ambition.

Many of the largest and most productive farms of the West are not occupied by their owners. Improvements are made to meet the bare needs of the laborers upon the farm during seeding and harvest time.

In Germany the farmer lives upon his little tract of land and improves it in the highest manner possible, for the farm is the home for all the generations of farmers. In Oregon and the great wheat belts of the West, the farmer in a majority of cases constantly looks forward to the time when he will be able to move to the city, where educational facilities and social advantages are more satisfactory. This causes a constant upbuilding of fine homes in cities and a constant deterioration of farm improvements.

The rule does not apply to all farms in all farming communities, for there

are thousands of farms in the West just as highly improved, just as closely managed and just as zealously beautified as any in Europe. But the possibility of the farmer becoming something else in the freedom of this government, and in the promising opportunities of a new country, makes the farm, in many cases, a stepping stone, a stopping place, on the way to higher ambitions.

That American farmers work too hard, there is no doubt. The very possibility of the farmer becoming the capitalist, causes him to put every nerve under the highest tension, in hopes of getting rich and afterward taking it easy. The result is that the real enjoyment, the slow and staid appreciation of country life is more or less benumbed by the hurry.

An American will plow three furrows around the field while an old country German is hitching up his team and lighting his pipe. The American is working for a stake and wants it to come just as quickly as possible so he can quit work. The dream of a fortune is constantly before him. He can't take it easy.

The old German, rooted to his ancient holdings, thinks of the quiet enjoyment as he goes along. Saves his strength. Eats four meals a day in harvest.

Conscious that he is only a farmer and must so remain, he makes the most out of the life. He don't hurry, for he would only grow old more quickly by it. The farm is his only hope, so he puts all the enjoyment possible into it and lives as he goes along.

For these reasons, the German experts saw the vast difference between the German and the Oregon farmer.

It is a matter for regret that the landmarks of early Oregon history have not been better preserved, says the Southern Oregonian. Features whose interest would increase with the years have been suffered to be destroyed through ignorance or indifference. In 1853 there was some trouble with the Rogue River Indians, though the war did not occur until two years later. In 1853 General "Joe" Lane, whose name is inseparably connected with the history of Oregon, made a treaty with the Rogue River Indians on a spot which is now included within the present city limits of Grant's Pass. He met the Indians under a black oak tree on Rogue River, just above the "White Rocks." Old-timers are still able to point out the stump of this tree, but the tree itself has been cut down and sawed into stove wood in these latter years, probably by some man who never heard of Joe Lane.

Pendleton is now plentifully supplied with idle men of all descriptions. Harvest hands are coming in in great numbers; professional hoboes and hard characters of different kinds are sprinkled in the collection and the police court is collecting fines and dealing out good advice at all hours of the day. The petty pilfering from box cars is the only crime so far reported, but it will lead to worse, when closer vigilance puts a stop to this. Every city in the Northwest complains of the same surplus of idle men who are willing to remain idle. The only remedy for this is a general determination on the part of cities to harbor nothing but bona fide workmen, who can give evidence of their good intentions. The idle class spends no money in the community and is a constant menace to those who work.

The Telegram pertinently says: "If a reward has to be offered for persons who commit crimes, what is the use of maintaining a sheriff's office and a police force, with all their facilities for catching criminals? Multnomah county pays out something like \$100,000 a year for a police department, and a lot more to feed idle deputy sheriffs, and yet the cry is made that rewards should be offered for criminals."

It would be pleasing to Oregon if she could believe the paper railroad stories now afloat. One of the most gigantic propositions yet sprung in the West, is the announced new road to be built by Harriman, from Red Rock, Montana, through Boise City,

and Canyon City, and down the Des Chutes river to a junction with the O. R. & N. at The Dalles. It would be a happy day for Oregon, if she could believe this story. It would mean the opening of an empire almost as great as the settled portion of the state today. It would open to settlement one-third of the area of Idaho, and fully one-fifth of this state. It is scarcely more than a dream, however. Oregon is accustomed to these optates, which are intended to cause her to forget her painful freight rates.

The settlement and reclamation from idleness of the great Canadian wheat belt, by Americans, reads like a fairy tale. Thriving cities, busy and prosperous communities and hamlets are thickly studded all over that vast northern territory. Nothing that is valuable remains idle here if in reach of an American.

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The human being who helps others to help themselves is a benefactor. Monuments have been reared to those who did far less for humanity than Eliza B. Burnz.—Spokane Press.

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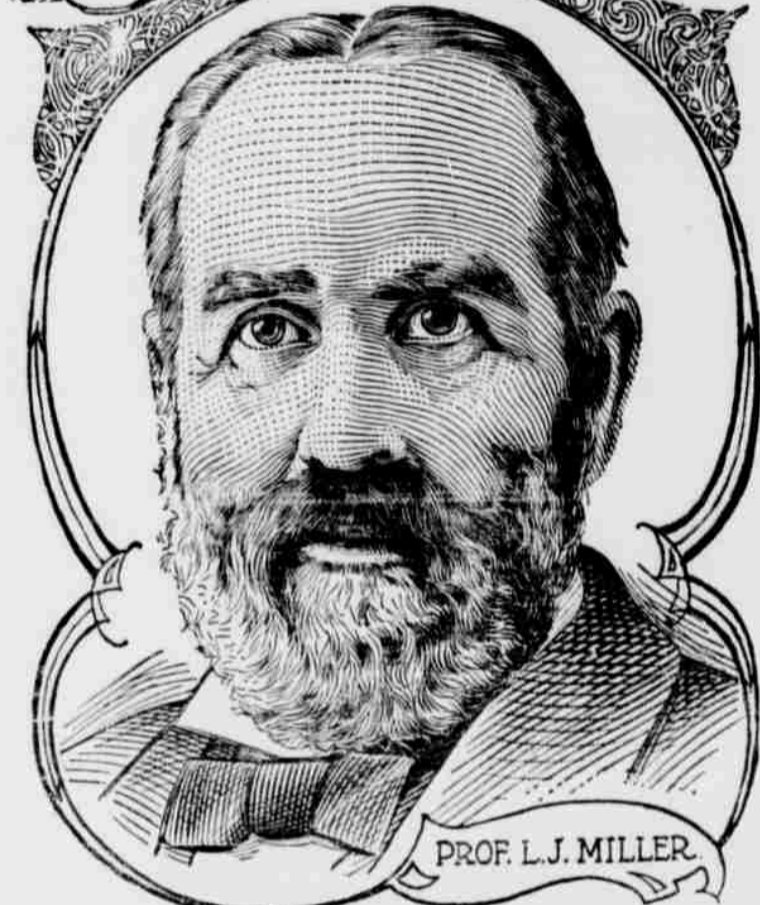
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