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Were half the power that fills the world with terror
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts
Given to redeem the human mind from error
There were no need of arsenals or forts.

The warrior's name would be a name abhorred!
And every nation, that should lift again
Its hand against a brother, on its forehead
Would wear forevermore the curse of Cain!
—H. W. Longfellow.

If there is a hoodoo in Oregon politics it is the La Grande land office. Bartlett is back at the old stand again, as one risen from the dead. Davis found a hitch in his bonds, and cannot yet take the office. Knowles is the only undisturbed man connected with the affair. He lost the office and he knows it definitely. There is no guesswork about his position, while his rivals are kept busy guessing what will happen next.

Colonization is the latest fad of the millionaires. The latest venture is the colonization of a thousand people from Syracuse, N. Y., in Montana, by a local capitalist. It is a safe and profitable means of settling a country, if the method of colonization does not amount to slavery. It means homes on easy plans, for the poor, and it means, in the end, great returns on the investment. If idealism is barred, and industry is made the foundation of the settlement any colony of frugal, enterprising people will succeed.

Train robbery has received a decided setback on the O. R. & N. A few such examples of nerve and tact as that exhibited by the express messenger and the train crew on the train held up last night, will put brigandage below par as an occupation, in Oregon. The public owes these employees a debt of gratitude, which cannot be measured in words. Their actions have discouraged robbery in the future. Even a desperate thief will hesitate to face the sure aim and faithful performance of duty displayed by those in charge of the train last night.

Mr. Strain feels that the railroad property in Umatilla county is now beyond the age of infancy, and is able to pay its proportion of the burden of government. If the O. R. & N. wishes to build a branch to Camas Prairie, or to any other point in this county, Mr. Strain would be the first man to reduce the tax upon that new road, until it became a profit-earning property to its owners. After it had reached the age of maturity, he would insist on fixing its value on an equal basis with other surrounding property. Taxation, rightly administered, is no barrier to capital.

A story of unusual interest is coupled with the arrest of a young girl in Baker City, this week. The girl was but 14 years of age, and was in charge of an aunt, en route to Sumpter. On information from Portland, the child was arrested and it now transpires that human vampires, from the mining camps, are making a business of importing young and unsuspecting girls into the mountain towns, for dance halls, and houses of ill-fame, and that this was such a case. Headquarters for this nefarious business are located in Portland, where agents of the dance hall man-

agers are quietly working. Several young girls, without proper parental care, have been induced to go to different places in the mining country recently, and the police department of Portland is now taking steps to stop the business. It is to be hoped that the Oregon mining camps hurriedly rid themselves of this class of fiends.

Wanted—By the city of Pendleton, a mile of macadam sidewalks, two thousand feet of street paving, forty more arc lights, three miles of board sidewalks, forty more dwellings to induce more farmers to come to town for school, more free mail delivery, a county fair association, a new commercial club building, a federal building for a postoffice, and a few miles of crushed rock road into the country, to make farm life more pleasant, more congenial and more conducive to homeseekers. Things we have to give away—Energy, snap, stinger, activity, push, good will to all, fraternal loyalty to the state, county and city institutions, and more business than we know what to do with in the present quarter. Welcome is written in big letters everywhere in Pendleton, and we capture everyone who comes inside the gates with the promising opportunities before them. Pendletonians die, but they never move away.

Responding to an increasing patronage, both in circulation and advertising, the East Oregonian will be enlarged in size, beginning with next Monday. To say that this encouraging increase is appreciated by the publishers would be idle. Actions alone can convey this appreciation to the patrons of the paper, and in this manner, through constantly improving service, and constantly improving features, will this appreciation be shown. To the patrons of the paper on the Walla Walla branch, it is a pleasure to say that arrangements have been made to deliver the Daily East Oregonian at Athena, by the evening mixed train, arriving there about 6:40, and other points along the line will be given the same service as soon as possible. A representative of the East Oregonian is now in those towns, making final arrangements for this service, which we hope will be appreciated by the many patrons of the paper.

J. W. Bailey, pure food commissioner of Oregon, is now in La Grande inspecting a shipment of groceries made by traveling salesman in-

to Grand Ronde valley recently. Many farmers and even business men in the cities think because an article of food can be purchased cheap from some distant point, through an agent, that it is preferable to the product handled by home merchants. This class of agents has infested Umatilla county, more or less, recently, and this investigation of the stuff handled by them, is a sequel to the visit. The home merchant pays his tax in the community, helps support the institutions of the state, and is located permanently among the people. He is part of the community. These traveling fakirs are no part of any country. They move from one field to another and impose their worthless wares upon unsuspecting purchasers. It will be a lesson to those patrolling these traveling grafters if the food commissioner confiscates the entire shipment, and the purchasers lose what they have paid. Home institutions are here to stay. The grafters are here to graft. Take your choice.

Of the 42,800 newspapers published in the world, 19,760 are published in North America and 6,950 in the United Kingdom. Russia has only 742 newspapers, or one to every 170,000 persons.

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