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THE MORMON INVASION.

The vote of Union county can be controlled next year by the Mormon settlers that have come into Grand Ronde valley, since the advent of the sugar factory, three years ago.

The 1,000-acre tracts of wheat land of that county that were formerly half worked, have been cut into small farms, each one supporting a family. The slipshod methods of farming have been systematized until every foot of land produces something.

In a social way the Mormons have revolutionized Union county. Their church congregations are larger, their Sunday school classes are more vigorous, all the young people attending and taking part. Their sociability is proverbial. Sunday finds them at their neighbors' after church, keeping alive the olden custom of visiting and intermingling. Their Saturday night dances have become a fixture in La Grande. Everybody, from the oldest deacon to the youngest child attends these social events, and no happier, more entertaining functions were ever enjoyed by Union county people than these parties.

While Mormons are no able farmers or business men than Gentiles, the sentimental bonds that hold them together and causes them to work harmoniously as a body, enable them to accomplish more than the single-handed Gentile. Co-operation is the key to their success. The Mormon merchant will find a market for Mormon produce, and thus encourage the production of the farm. He will hunt out places in which to dispose of excess produce, and thus bind the farmer to him closer than ever by this effort. No Mormon who has anything to sell is sent home from the Mormon store with unsold produce. No matter what the produce may be, it is disposed of, and thus the effort of the farmer supports his family, in whatever line of industry it may be directed.

This method encourages the Mormon farmer to diversify his crop. It causes him to grow a little of everything that the market demands, in order to be ready for any unexpected turn of the market. This is what stimulates the culture of berries, vegetables, all kinds of grain, hay, fruit and farm products. Whatever the market demands, the Mormon merchant can supply on account of the diversity of the crops grown by his patrons.

This fellow-feeling which enters into the business life of the Mormon community is the basis of Mormon prosperity. There is a sentimental consideration beneath it, which no plain, cold-blooded business method can successfully combat. The Mormon farmer is entitled to the fullest protection of the Mormon in business. It is part of the creed to encourage industry, and therefore no man who works and produces something, is forced to take less than it is worth in the market. For this reason the Mormon is a cheerful, happy, buoyant worker. His heart is in his labor, for as long as there is any produce on his farm, there is a sure income. Among Mormons there is no overproduction.

This method in business binds the member still closer to his church. It becomes part of the everyday life of the Mormon to look up to his church as the one great source of his prosperity. It makes his market, furnishes means by which he becomes independent and he stands by its precepts under all circumstances. Every Mormon is a fighter, from a religious standpoint, and there are no paupers nor backsliders among them.

EVERY-DAY HEROES.

Great men figure in every publication, but is interesting to see a new line of greatness being exploited in Everybody's Magazine, which shows a pleasing tendency to celebrate "the man behind the gun" in place of the usual stale celebrities. An illustrated in the October issue, "Heroes of the Hour," tells the plain story of various plain men who have risen to heroic heights during the past year in the emergencies of flood, feud and riot.

It is good to see the keen face of Leslie Matlock, the man who raced an Oregon flood and saved 500 lives, as a change from the eternal steel magnate; Sheriff Whitlock, who put down a crazy mob with his shotgun; Lawyer Byrd, who plunged into a Kentucky feud; Governor Durbin, who played a governor's part to the shame of his weaker contemporaries—we welcome them all to such fame as printed recognition may give them. Let us have more of these every-day heroes.

RISE OF THE SUGAR BEET.

The "lumber jacks" have given way to sugar beet experts, coal miners, ship-builders, iron-workers and skilled labor of every variety. Along the six miles of Bay City's river front we now find four mammoth beet sugar factories, the Bay City, West Bay City and German-American, built in 1899, 1900 and 1901, and the Pioneer Michigan factory, built in 1898. These factories have a daily capacity of over 2,000 tons of beets. Their campaign of slicing beets begins early in October, continuing until the sup-

ply of beets furnished by the farmer is transformed into refined sugar, brown sugar and molasses. The latter product at first was treated as refuse and the factories had a tough problem how best to dispose of it.

Two years ago the Michigan Chemical Company was formed by Eastern capitalists to manufacture alcohol from this refuse molasses, beside other chemicals, potash, vinegar, etc. These by-products of the beet sugar factories have added greatly to the value of the industry, and will aid much in making it possible for this product of American farms, American factories, with well-paid freedmen's labor, to compete with the cane sugar produced by coolie labor in Cuba and the West Indies.—From "Bay City, Michigan," by Captain A. H. Gansser, in National Magazine for October.

PROFITABLE GAS PLANT.

The city of Wheeling, W. Va., owns its water works, with a pumping capacity of 28,000,000 gallons in each 24 hours with all engines running. The municipality also owns and has successfully operated for more than a generation, an extensive plant for the production of illuminating gas, and the great public benefit of this venture on the part of the city can best be shown by these figures.

Under the old private corporation, the price of gas to the consumer was \$3.50 per 1,000 cubic feet. Now it is 75 cents per 1,000 feet and in addition, the revenues of the works pay for and maintain at a high degree of efficiency, a street-lighting system of about 575 are lamps, all without a cent of expense to the taxpayer. These two municipal plants—gas and electric—represent an investment of about \$1,000,000 and the properties could be easily sold for that amount.—From "Wheeling, West Virginia," in National Magazine for October.

It is reported that a New Jersey corporation has purchased the Cornucopia mines in Baker county, for the round sum of \$600,000.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "sleep sound because dey's got a clear conscience an' some because dey's got none at all."

OSTRICH LOGIC.

"When I can't see danger there is no danger." That's the logic of the ostrich which hides its head and exposes its body to the hunter. There are not a few people who seem to have gone to the ostrich to learn logic. The most dangerous enemies of humanity are the enemies which can't be seen, the disease breeding microbes which infect the blood. It is harder to get the microbe out of the blood than to keep it out, but Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery does both, by purifying the blood and then keeping it pure.

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—John T. Moore, in "Magazine of Mysteries."

The president has returned to Washington. Now let the trusts take care. He has gained 40 pounds in three months.

Six Portland ministers turned their wrath upon Mayor Williams last Sunday. The old veteran should turn the city over to these reformers for a week. On next Sunday they would retract their sermons, and relinquish their claims to any knowledge on the gambling issue.

In order to make the capital of Oregon appear on the map as a city of fair proportions, it is proposed to incorporate about half of Marion county as Salem. There are cities up in the sagebrush that can show census returns that would stagger the little village under the dome of the capitol!

Walla Walla people will petition the county court to appropriate \$10,000 to secure the Stubblefield orphan home in that city. This will be a great institution for the Garden City, and she is showing a commendable enterprise in taking this step. Pendleton would raise the required amount to bring the home here, if Walla Walla should fail.

Wood is selling from \$3.50 to \$5 per cord in Baker City. In Pendleton it is from \$6 up. This difference in price has led the Baker City paper to remark that this city is in the hands of the wood trust. It is quite often necessary to go away from home to get the news, and this suggestion from our neighbor will cause many to wonder at the great difference in price.

It is hoped that the appearance of the Chemawa band in this city during carnival week, will stimulate the Umatilla in a musical direction. However, even Chemawa cannot equal the Umatilla Indian school in efficiency. This institution has done more to civilize and improve the condition of this tribe, than all other agencies combined. The government cannot afford to overlook the needs of this school, and must give the teachers every aid and encouragement in their work.

Just what Echo can do with rabbits, Milton can do with fruit. The demand for canned stuff is so great in all the mining districts and non-fruit-producing regions of the Northwest, that this country cannot meet it. Enough money is paid out in freight each year to build a cannery, and much of the fruit that is now wasted by lack of care and facilities for handling it at the right time, would be saved to the producer by the presence of a cannery in the vicinity. This county depends too much upon outside manufactures. It depends too much upon foreign supply for the very things that enter into the daily necessities of the people. Pendleton uses about 250,000 pounds of butter each year, yet imports every pound of its supply. Milton keeps a stock of canned fruit on her shelves year in, year out, and yet buys this from districts producing an inferior grade of fruit and pays freight on it, commission and other unnecessary charges, which would be saved by the erection of a cannery.

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