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None but the broadest brotherhood will live. And selfishness, triumphant though it seems, falls in the last, whatever be its scheme. They who would get must also learn to give. Not any class, however great or small. What says themselves except by saving all.

—Robert Wallaker.

Umatilla county must have the president of the State Irrigation Association next year. This is the irrigated country. Portland's 24 inches of rainfall disqualifies her for leadership.

Conditions in Porto Rico are said by tourists to be deplorable. Many people in the interior never taste bread and live entirely on fruits. It will take many years for the natives to shake off the habits and traits bred into the bone through centuries of Spanish oppression. If the United States redeems one per cent of these people from indolence each year, the mission of civilization will have been well performed. It is impossible to legislate energy into a race.

The addition of dining cars to the two local passenger trains of the O. R. & N. between Portland and Huntington is in keeping with the constant progress of this system. This change will shorten the time a few minutes, where stops were made for meals, under the old plan, and every minute clipped from the time of a train today means a step toward greater patronage and greater dividends. People travel over roads that prepare conveniences and make good time. No road on the continent runs more elegantly equipped local trains than the O. R. & N.

The Portland plumbers have spent \$5,000 during the past seven weeks fighting for a raise in wages, from \$4.50 to \$5 per day. In this time they have lost \$3,000 in wages through idleness, while the strike has been in progress, and now at the beginning of winter go back to work for their old employers at \$4.50 per day, the same wages they were receiving before. The moral is plain. Their demand for \$5 per day of eight hours work was unreasonable, and their defeat is not unexpected. The business of the country will not justify any such wages, and the quicker the working people learn this, the better it will be for them. They have sunk \$6,000 in cash and go back under very unpleasant conditions. It costs money to learn.

The city council must make preparations to meet the growth of Pendleton next year, in more than one way. This year a deficiency in the street sprinkling service has been noticed in many portions of the outside districts, while the wagons covered territory every day which was but little used by the public. The extension of good sidewalks to every portion of the city should be insisted upon, in order that the free delivery force of the postoffice may be of service to the people living off the two or three main residence streets. With the completion of the sewer system, the sanitary conditions will be much more easily controlled. The present city administration has reduced the number of toughs, until the present police force will be adequate for several years yet, if conditions remain as they are, and this expense which is saved to the people, should be applied to civic improvements.

The Doukhobors, who created a sensation last winter by running naked through the Canadian blizzards in search of an imaginary messiah, have decided to become useful to the country, and have accepted the offer of a Philadelphia man to establish schools and begin life in a civilized way. Aside from their religious freakishness, these people are

worthy of citizenship in any country. A few years contact with the commercial races of the western hemisphere will make good traders of them. Ideals are all right, but industry is better. If the Doukhobors will settle on Canadian wheat land, buy American horses, eat American beef, discard the wooden shoe and use some kind conducive to high kicking and swift moving, the outlandish bundle of eccentricities which they brought from Russia will soon disappear. There is room for more of them in the West. Any man who will leave a country like Russia for his conscience sake, will make a good citizen here.

The manager of the Marquam theater of Portland has withdrawn his patronage from the Oregon Daily Journal because that paper told the plain truth in a very gentle manner about a play which the manager did not represent correctly in his advertisements. The Journal in defense of the public told just exactly what the play was like, after it had been presented at the Marquam, and the story was not creditable to the association which booked the attraction, nor the manager who promised his patrons a good thing at a high price, and deceived them. The Journal takes the ground that the public should be kept posted, and to this end employs competent critics to write up the attractions furnished by the Portland theaters. If a play is not good the public should know it, so the company presenting it may improve or put on a new number. If the manager of the Marquam should buy a suit of broadcloth from a dealer at a fancy price, wouldn't he kick if the stuff proved shoddy on delivery? The people want the goods advertised.

From all over Eastern Oregon comes the call for cheaper building material and fuel. Within 30 miles of Pendleton are immense bodies of excellent timber, suitable for both these purposes. The only barrier between the consumer and the raw supply in the mountains is the lack of transportation facilities. The price of lumber and fuel would be cheapened at least 20 per cent by construction of branch lines of road leading from Hunon and Meacham into the great timber belt of the Blue mountains. These spurs could be filled with empty cars twice a week and the loads picked up when ready, and the company and the consumer would profit by the plan. Cheaper material would permit many improvements which cannot now be made. It would stimulate building among the working people, who cannot now undertake it, on account of the great cost. It would invite industries which are barred out by the building material and fuel questions today. These are legitimate commercial issues before the city and must be met sooner or later.

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By some sudden sound she drops the vase upon the floor. She is nervous and may be told that nervousness is a luxury which only a rich woman can afford to indulge in. Nervousness has cost many a woman her position. Sometimes when women run machinery the price of nervousness is mutilation,—a finger lost or perhaps the whole hand crushed. Nervousness in women is commonly but a symptom of womanly disease. It is useless in such cases to "doctor" for the nerves alone. Cure the diseases which attack the delicate womanly organism and nervousness will be cured also.

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They sent their cards to Senator Everts, hoping that he might arrange a place for them, and when he met them in the Marble room he explained the difficulty: "The galleries are crowded, as you know," he said, "and the rules of the senate admit to the floor of the chamber only members of the two houses of congress, members of the cabinet, justices of the supreme court, ex-senators, persons who have received the thanks of congress and private secretaries to senators. I cannot get you admission in any other capacity but if you will accept highly respectable and remunerative employment as my private secretaries I will hold you seats on the floor."

Both the poet and the statesman accepted, and Mr. Everts took them to the door, where he addressed the doorman as follows: "My dear sir, these two young men are my private secretaries. You will observe that they are both very green and ignorant, but I am trying to have patience with them and overlook their deficiencies. I wish you would take a good look at them so that when they come here again to see me you will know them," and with that he pushed open the swinging doors and motioned to Dr. Holmes and Mr. Winthrop to pass in, while the doorman, in a bewildered sort of way, remarked in an undertone: "Well, I'll be blanked."

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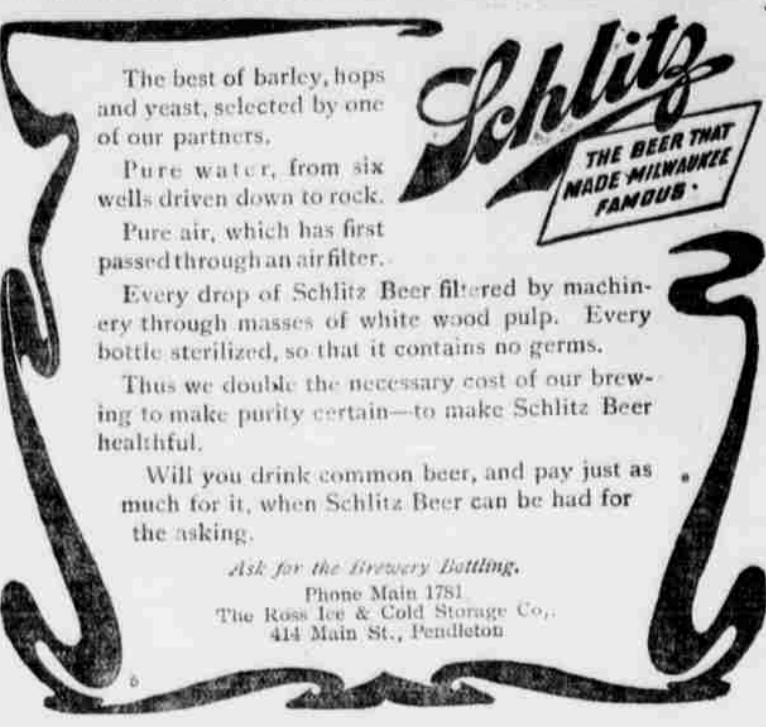
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