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Working on the walls of Time.  
Some with massive deeds and great,  
Some with ornaments of rhyme!  
Let us do our work as well,  
Both the unseen and the seen;  
Make the house where gods may dwell,  
Beautiful, entire and clean.  
—Henry W. Longfellow.

### PROTECT THE CROSSINGS.

Some Pendleton boys will be picked from one of the railroad crossings in not less than a dozen pieces, some day, if parents and officials do not stop the practice of catching onto moving trains and engines.

Not a day passes that some boy does not wilfully risk his life in the railroad yards. The only wonder is that the accident has been delayed so long.

Railroad men cannot be everywhere at once watching the idle little rascals that persist in riding on switch engines, box cars and freight engines that move about the yards. It is impossible to keep them away from places of danger. It is useless to tell them of the peril. They know more about such things than the old veterans.

Since school has opened again and the number of children crossing the tracks is increasing each year and since business in the yards is increasing also, it will be necessary to take some steps toward protecting the main railroad crossings by placing a watchman there during the school months, or by some other safe means.

It is absolutely unsafe for small children to go back and forth alone with the devilish example of the older children constantly before them. Where the smart boy finds a train across a street for a moment, he can't wait nor walk a car length around, but must crawl between the cars. Smaller children seeing the feat performed safely, will be tempted to try it, and some bad accident is certain to follow.

The railroad companies have shown a wonderful care in the past, to have prevented accident on the busy crossings, but traffic is becoming heavier, children more numerous and the dangers consequently greater.

By all means a watchman should be stationed at the Main street crossings. The expense for the company would be insignificant compared to one bad accident, and the safety of the public would be assured. The presence of a watchman at all times in the yards and a stiff fine or a few days jail sentence for some of the daredevil boys will have a wholesome effect. Parents probably do not know of the dangers wilfully faced by their young hopefuls every day. They would mercilessly prosecute the company and throw the burden of blame on employes if a boy should lose a leg, or worse, on the tracks. Yet the company and the employes cannot watch all boys at all times, nor can they prevent constant trespass by rascals bent on mischief. Parents can remove some of the danger of the situation by giving good advice at home, but this does not always stay with a boy after he gets outside the front gate.

A watchman on the Main street crossing would be a temporary relief, but the only true solution for the question is a viaduct over the tracks on Main street. Situated as Pendleton is, with a large residence district on the opposite side of the track from the business portion, and it being necessary for 75 per cent of the children to cross the tracks in going to school, this danger will only increase as the city grows. A high bridge or viaduct over the tracks and a rigid enforcement of the regula-

tions governing travel over it, will settle the crossing question definitely.

The article by Judge Lowell, in today's issue, on the subject of the state irrigation meeting in this city, should be heeded by all friends of irrigation. This city must prepare for this occasion. Suitable entertainment must be furnished for the occasion and as Judge Lowell very pertinently remarks, Umatilla county should take advantage of the opportunity to make an exhibit of her matchless resources. This city is situated in the heart of the arid district of Oregon, and will receive greater benefits from the reclamation of that arid district than any other place. Her efforts toward hurrying up this reclamation should be commensurate with the benefits she expects to derive. The city should furnish the association one night's literary and musical entertainment at one of the churches or the opera house and that program should be arranged in time to insure its success. Only four weeks remain in which to prepare.

The "wrought iron" kitchen range agents are in Union county, headed west, and will be in Umatilla county within a month. These people have no interest in the state. They are hired "rustlers" for a foreign business which takes money out of the county, but brings none in. They collect hard cash and notes which rightfully belong to home merchants. They do not help build up your cities nor your communities. They buy a month's board in the county and carry away thousands of dollars which should be paid to home institutions, that their business may be enlarged and their ability to serve you extended by your patronage. Don't buy of the peddler. Your home merchant will sell you better goods at better prices on better terms and your money will be kept at home to go into larger stocks.

Professor J. B. Horner, of the Oregon Agricultural College, is preparing a third edition of "Oregon Literature," a review of Oregon authors and their work. The two former editions of that work met with great success and this enlarged edition promises to be well received. The authors of Oregon form one of the brightest galaxy of pioneers in the literary history of the country, and this book should be in every public school library.

The increase in the value of improvements in Pendleton over last year amounts to \$82,151. This represents about 40 new homes built during the past year, and the assessment being made upon a basis of one-third the actual value, shows over a quarter of a million dollars added to the city in improvements during the year, to say nothing of the addition of over \$100,000 to stocks of merchandise.

### SCOPE OF THE CENSUS.

There is a wide difference between the scope of the word "census" in the United States and in other countries. The American census is an invaluable national "account of stock," costing the American people, in 1900, \$11,854,817.91, and embracing extended inquiries concerning population, mortality, agriculture and manufactures. Each of these topics is considered a legitimate part of census investigation and receives equal care and consideration. In most other census-taking countries the census is much less comprehensive, being generally confined to an enumeration of population by sex, age, nativity, conjugal condition, occupation, etc., together with, in some cases, details concerning number and kind of dwellings.

In Europe, up to 1901, only five countries — France, Hungary, Germany, Denmark, and Belgium — had

taken industrial censuses; and these, although including some valuable data not secured in the United States, were much less comprehensive than our census of manufactures. In France and Hungary nothing more was undertaken than the collection of information relating to the occupation and personal condition of employers and employes.

The German industrial census paid but little attention to the personal condition of employes, but called for a detailed statement of the kind of establishment, and the motive power and machinery used. The Danish census was, in the main, similar to the German, but omitted machinery, and asked for the wages paid to employes, classified by kind of work done. The most detailed and comprehensive of European industrial censuses is the one taken by Belgium in 1896. This, like the French and Hungarian censuses, comprised detailed information regarding the occupation and personal condition of employes, and in addition called for the hours of labor and periods of rest, the wages and method of payment, the kind of products, and the motive power.—From W. R. Merriam's article in October Century.

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