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If I can live
 To make some pale face bright
 and to give
 A second luster to some tear-
 dimmed eye,
 Or e'en impart
 One thro' of comfort to an ach-
 ing heart,
 Or cheer some wayworn soul
 in passing by.

If I can lend
 A strong hand to the fallen or
 defend
 The right against a single en-
 vious strain
 My life, though bare,
 Perhaps of much that seemeth
 dear and fair
 To us on earth, will not have
 been in vain.

—Helen Hunt Jackson.

It might be interesting to know that the plans for the new club building, which was to have been erected in this city, were drawn just a year ago. They are still on the blue-print. The plans would ornament the city much more if they were transferred to a lot, La Grande, a village, compared to Pendleton, owns the finest small club building in Eastern Oregon. It just requires a little push. That's all. Push is money and energy combined.

The people of Pendleton should not be too slow in furnishing a list of the rooms they will be able to let during the coming meeting of the irrigation association in this city, to the accommodations committee. This meeting will be attended by people from every part of the state. Pendleton must not underestimate the importance of the meeting nor the crowd that will attend it. Ample provision must be made in advance for the accommodation of the guests and the open-handed hospitality of the citizens of Pendleton should shine from every feature of the meeting. It is one opportunity in a lifetime to make a record as an entertainer, and it should not be slighted nor chirked. The homes of Pendleton should be placed at the disposal of the guests, and the way to do this is to report to this committee, consisting of Messrs. Cohen, Tallman and Roosevelt, all the available rooms in the city, so they can list them and be prepared to locate the guests as they arrive, without unnecessary delay or friction. The matter should be completed now so there will be no hint in any of the arrangements that the city is unprepared. Act now.

The agitation in Spokane against the common use of text-books, in the public schools, on account of the danger of transmitting contagious diseases through this agency, is one worthy of any community. No two children from different families should be allowed to use the same books in school. In cities where the possibilities of contracting disease are so apparent, every child should have a set of text-books and should be compelled to use those books. This brings to mind the old and artistic idea of public drinking fountains, and the germs that are distributed broadcast, in that manner. The public health cannot be safeguarded too closely, and in this age of new and strange diseases. No practice should be allowed which would jeopardize the individual or the community. This school book question lies near the homes of the cities, and parents should be careful to furnish all the books needed in school, and insist that none but the owners use them. Old school books are armadillo hunters out of closets, shelves and other harbors of disease germs, and if the house has sheltered a case of contagious disease, in any number of years, these books are liable to carry the infection into the school room, and in just this manner many of the inexplicable outbreaks of contagious diseases are started in the public schools.

ORGANIZE A FAIR.

The success of the Walla Walla County Fair Association this year should be an additional incentive to Pendleton farmers, business men and stockmen to organize an association of this kind.

In a period of six months the promoters of that association have built a track, arranged the grounds and held a rousing county fair, clearing above the actual expenses of the meeting something like \$5,000.

This amount will put the association on its feet, pay up the old bills that may have been contracted, and start out on a new year with a paying proposition.

Pendleton people have visited the Walla Walla fair, and were impressed with the magnitude of it, and with the general good accomplished by it, in many ways.

In the first place, the money raised for premiums and purses, remains in the country, and is not carried away by some grafting gang that conducts a few side shows for a street carnival. The interest is great, because the farmers, stockmen and orchardists are all parties to its success, and take a pride in making a showing of their products.

It stimulates trade, if that is an argument, by inviting people from a distance and it shows an enterprising, progressive spirit which impresses the stranger, on his arrival in a city, having such an organization.

Instead of presenting a handsome purse to some foreign circus, next year, Pendleton should organize and equip a fair association and grounds, that would keep her people at home, and invite others from the interior of the state, by the wide-awake interest taken in the welfare of the farmer and stockraising classes, through the maintenance of a first-class agricultural association.

The state would be only too glad to assist such an organization, as it does the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Association, by a biennial appropriation for premiums. The county court should be willing to assist in various ways, the organization and equipment of such a society, and there is no reason, other than indifference, why Umatilla county should not have one of the best organizations of this kind in the state.

It seems idle to boast of the 3,000, 000 bushel wheat crop, the 6,000,000 pounds of wool handled through Pendleton warehouses and mills, the blooded sheep that are the pride of the inland Empire, and of the Pacific Coast, the unbelievable fruit crop shipped from the irrigated lands of this county, and yet know that the interest in these great industries is so diminutive that these princes of the range, the farm and the orchard, do not maintain an agricultural and livestock fair association in Umatilla county.

It may be a startling bit of news to some to know that the city council of Chicago, at a meeting last Friday, unanimously voted to submit the question of public ownership of the street railways to a popular vote, next April. It is evident that there are some things that seem worse than public ownership, in the eyes of the Chicago aldermen, and that one of them is the present rotten management of the street railway service of that city. The gradual

THE FARMER FAILS

In health just as does the city-man, and he fails commonly from the same cause, "stomach trouble." The farm is a wholesome place to live; the farmer's life is a healthy life; but no external advantages can overcome the effects of a diseased stomach. When the stomach and its allied organs of digestion and nutrition are diseased, the food eaten is imperfectly digested and assimilated, and the consequent loss of nutrition results in physical debility.

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growth of the municipal ownership of water systems and lighting and power systems in the smaller cities, and the municipal control of street car and other public utilities in the larger cities of the country, proves that the people are thinking. Municipal ownership is at least a change from the grafting methods employed in many of these industries at this time, and is worthy of serious consideration, and a fair trial. The high degree of success attained by the city of Pendleton in the management of the water system, proves that the plan might be applied to other industries with a like degree of success.

TOM JOHNSON'S CAMPAIGN.

If Tom Johnson were a poor man, there would be nothing very remarkable about his cashless campaign. But he is a rich man. If he were a close-fisted man, his cashless campaign might be attributed to penuriousness. But he is notoriously a free spender and generous to a fault. So there is no way of accounting for his cashless campaign except as a new dodge in politics. And that is what it is.

Johnson is making no fight for a season and then to retire. He is making no fight for the governorship nor for the presidency. His fight is for a principle—the equal rights of men; and he is in the fight for life. What may happen this fall, or next, these are only incidents. The important thing is to arouse the people themselves to a realization of their condition and an understanding of what they must do; and that cannot be accomplished with campaign funds.

So Johnson leaves campaign-fund politics to his adversaries. His appeals are to the conscience of the voters. Until he gets at that, the campaign fund will beat him, if it is big enough and judiciously distributed. But when he gets at that, campaign funds will be so much money wasted. This new kind of politics has won in Cleveland. It has yet to win in Ohio. Perhaps it will win in Ohio this year. If not, may be next year. If not then, there are other years to follow.

Meanwhile Johnson has the satisfaction of knowing that his adversaries must keep their campaign funds up to the standard at every election, or be routed by their own indignant heeler at the first sign of shrinkage. The Ohio campaign is a contest between clean politics under Johnson's leadership, and hoodie politics under Hanna, Foraker, Cox and McLean—Louis Post's "Public."

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