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It is not necessary to be able to paint, carve, sing, build a winding stair, write an opera or play Beethoven's best on the piano, to be classed as an artist. An artist is a person whose soul is in his work, who does well the meanest task, who finishes everything attempted, and who takes a pride in being perfect, no matter how insignificant the work. A man who can dig a posthole perfectly square and exactly straight down, or saw a board square by his practised eye, is an artist. An artist is a man who does his work well.—Bert Huffman.

Pendleton will receive a Christmas present eight miles long in her new sewer system. But Santa Claus didn't dig up the \$50,000 to pay for it.

The absence of severe forest fires in Oregon during the year just past, proves that a law well enforced will save Oregon's forests. It shouldn't require a law to compel people to protect their own interests, but it seems that such a law is quite effective.

The Eastern women's clubs have formed a union for the purposes of ousting Senator Smoot. Senator Smoot isn't afraid of a woman's union. He has one at home, composed of five women. It will be necessary to organize something with more terrors for a Mormon than that, to scare him.

There will be something for the city council to do, after election, beside appoint a city recorder and city marshal. Pendleton is now conducting her city government on a script basis, and the council will be busy remedying this condition. The people are more interested in seeing taxes and interest payments reduced than in wondering who will be marshal.

A canvass among leaders of the local butchers discloses the fact that no reduction on meats on the block has been made in this city. Although beef on foot is selling for but little over one-half what it was worth a year ago, beef on the block remains the same old price. The farmer and cattle raiser receive but about 60 per cent of the usual price for their stock, yet the consumer gets no benefit from this reduction in the price of cattle.

The threatened resignation of the volunteer fire department of La Grande, because the city council refuses to add improvements to make their hard labor effective, is a grim reminder of the slender thread upon which cities depend for protection from fire. Where the boys give their labor and imperil their lives freely, in the public service, the public should willingly and cheerfully supply them with every possible convenience for their hazardous work. If a paid department were to be maintained, the taxpayers would soon appreciate the self sacrifice of the volunteers.

The "wild cat" mining corporations showed their utter weakness last spring in attempting to secure a referendum vote on the portage road. Their influence will reach just about as far in the special session, as it did among the people last spring. There is only a handful of them, but they make an awful fuss. They are willing to be called citizens of Oregon, peddle hot air about million-dollar schemes, sell stock to unsuspecting investors in property that consists in a prospect hole, and a flaring pamphlet covered with columns of figures, yet when it comes to the duties of citizenship these corporations want to sneak from under the burden. They not only object to the corporation tax, but they object to every tax. They elude the poll tax, road tax, county state and municipal tax in the same un-American manner. If the special session knows what is best for Oregon it will not touch this corporation

tax law, except to increase the penalty for its violation. Every transient concern that comes into the state tries to escape taxation. No wonder counties are in debt, farms mortgaged and tax levies high. The farming community and the business man whose holdings cannot be hidden, bear all the burden. Tax the corporations. Force the water out of them. Make them help bear the burden in the state which permits them to enjoy such golden opportunities.

Before the East Oregonian is issued on Monday evening, Pendleton will have held a city election. In a city of 1,250 voters, 216 registered to vote at this election, although a radical change in the policy of the city government, on the gambling question, is at issue. Over one-half the city poll tax remains uncollected, the street committee is out of funds and a portion of the city council would discharge the street commissioner. A revival of interest in municipal affairs is in order. Pendleton is no longer a village. She is out of the barefoot age, into the age of stern realities, when business management and keen interest in public affairs from taxpayers and officials is needed. The next election in Pendleton should find less voters unwilling to pay their poll tax for the privilege of exercising the rights of citizenship.

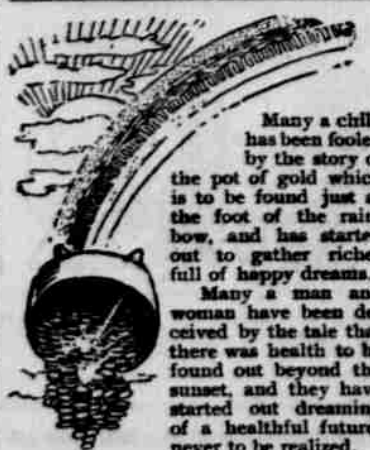
Judge James A. Fee's arraignment of the special land agent service in the interior department meets with the hearty approval of the people. In his argument before the jury in the Thompson case, Judge Fee said that no other government department was as rotten as this special land agent service. It has long been evident to the people that too much responsibility has been placed on this service, with too little restraint and too little rigid regulation. Beginning at the homesteader on the desert, and extending through the entire system to the secretary of the interior, the administration of the land laws needs renovating and changing. The opportunity to use land rights and official positions for purposes of fraud, is too much abused, and the "special" investigations are usually accompanied by just about as much shadowy procedure as was the original crooked transaction.

INSANITY IN CITIES.

The fact that cities are the chief breeders of insanity has long been known to alienists. Dr. Hammond wrote in 1883 that "large collections of people in one place certainly tend to increase the number of the insane. The larger the city and the more the inhabitants are crowded together the greater, other things being equal, will be the number of the insane." It is also known that it is the poor who are most prone to insanity. Overcrowding, underfeeding, bad air in foul tenements, alcoholic excesses and other vices undermine the vitality of thousands and lead to mental as well as physical breakdown. Add to these, for all classes, the epidemic get-rich-quick fever, the growing bitterness of competition, the anxieties and uncertainties of professional life, the general forcing of the pace with the resulting nervous strain, the economic discontent seemingly growing even with increase of wages, the unrest among women, and we appear to have causes enough for the belief that the progress of civilization increases brain disease.—New York Evening Post.

THE SHRINKING CONTINENT.

The remarkable cut-off by which the Central Pacific railroad is carried



Many a child has been fooled by the story of the pot of gold which is to be found just at the foot of the rainbow, and has started out to gather riches full of happy dreams. Many a man and woman have been deceived by the tale that there was wealth to be found out beyond the sunset, and they have started out dreaming of a beautiful future, never to be realized.

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across Great Salt Lake is finished and trains have rolled safely over what seemed a few months ago to be a bottomless pit. Invariably swelling shiploads of rock. Two more hours have been bitten off from the steadily shortening time of travel from coast to coast. It used to take a full week to make that journey by rail; now it is a shade over four days, and better connections at Chicago would reduce it still further.

As the double tracks push westward and as curves are straightened and grades reduced the time will keep on shrinking. Allowing nothing for new means of locomotion, there is no reason why it should not be cut down within a few years to two days and a half. The Empire State Express, keeping on to San Francisco at its present speed, could do it in considerably less.

The Great Salt Lake cut-off will be an important factor in this progressive contraction of the continent. But if the lake dries up before long, as we have been told it will, may not Mr. Harriman think that he has been spending money a little prematurely? —New York World.

FROM PENDLETON HEIGHTS.

It is lovely to live on the Pendleton heights. And gaze o'er the housetops, afar; It is grander to watch every twinkling light. Each one like a dazzling star. You can dream in delight 'till your spirit is lost In a realm of unknowable bliss— But your dream is dispelled, when you strike the white frost, On a walk pointing downward, like this.

When the cares of the day in the city are done, And you sigh for a breath from yon hill— To sit in a window where lingers the sun, And drink of its raptures a fill. 'Tis sweet to look up to those health-giving heights, Where nothing in life seems amiss— But you pay for the glory by climbing steep flights skyward reaching hill On a Pendleton, Oregon.

It may be safer to steal a railroad than a loaf of bread, but the railroads are nailed down. Episcopal Bishop Messmer will be made archbishop of Milwaukee.

A PROMINENT MEMBER OF I. O. O. F. Threatened With Bright's Disease--Pe-ru-na Restored Him to Health.



O. FRED LINDSTROM, PAST GRAND MASTER I. O. O. F.

O. Fred Lindstrom, Past Grand Master Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Past Chancellor Twin City Lodge, No. 66, Knights of Pythias, also Past Chief Patriarch, Ridged Encampment, No. 22, writes from 1223 University Ave., St. Paul, Minn. "Peruna has my hearty endorsement. There is no medicine I know of which can compare with it. I contracted a severe cold several years ago, which from neglect developed into urinary trouble, and threatened Bright's disease. As one of my friends was cured of Bright's disease through the use of Peruna I thought I would try it also, and used it faithfully for three and one-half months, when my health was perfect once more. I have never had any trouble since, and therefore think it is but just to give it unlimited praise."—O. Fred Lindstrom. Catarrhal inflammation of the mucous lining of the kidneys, also called "Bright's disease," may be either acute or chronic. The acute form produces symptoms of such prominence that the serious nature of the disease is at once suspected, but the chronic variety may come on so gradually and insidiously that its presence is not suspected until after it has fastened itself thoroughly upon its victim. At the appearance of the first symptom Peruna should be taken. This remedy strikes at once at the very root of the disease. A book on catarrh sent free by The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O. Ask your Druggist for a free Peruna Almanac for 1904.

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