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Not to the swift, the race:
 Not to the strong, the flight:
 Not to the righteous, perfect grace:
 Not to the wise, the light:
 But often faltering feet
 Come surest to the goal.
 And they who walk in darkness meet
 The sunrise of the soul.
 —Selected.

No matter how much the politicians groom Grover Cleveland, they cannot make him look to the people like a winner.

The first actual Hearst gun has been fired. The 19th district congressional convention of Ohio, has endorsed his candidacy and recommended his nomination.

Umatilla county stands third in wealth in the state of Oregon. It should stand second in point of energetic advertising at St. Louis, Multnomah alone, being able to surpass her in that.

There are dozens of prosperous, enterprising business men in Pendleton who do not belong to the Commercial Association. Alone you can accomplish nothing, gentlemen. United and organized there is no reasonable task for the improvement of Pendleton that you cannot accomplish. Get inside.

State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, on his last visit here, recommended that the public school follow the course of study prescribed by the state, especially as to the musical and literary programs and President Campbell, of the state university, laid particular stress on debating and oratory as helps and necessary adjuncts to a high school education. Professor Conklin has high authority for following his popular methods of teaching.

Paul Krueger, president of the Boer republic, a broken-hearted, broken-spirited exile from his native land, is now dying at Mentone, France. This old patriot was born on the outposts of African civilization, spent his life in redeeming a wilderness to usefulness and in old age is stripped of home, possessions, honor, friends and neighbors. He is banished from the land he rescued from barbarism. He is driven into exile among strangers. His countrymen fill early graves on a hundred battlefields. The civilization they wrought has been taken over and is now being enjoyed by others. The Boer race is dispersed and its fragments are seeking new homes among strangers in every quarter of the globe. The thinking man must ask himself why this calamity visited upon the Boers? Why was this peaceful people not permitted to en-

joy a land they redeemed from barbarism in their own peculiar way? There is but one answer to these questions. The Boers stood in the pathway of British greed. That's the only answer.

La Grande is going to vote to build a city hall for the use of the people in conducting the city government. She evidently believes that it is poor judgment to rent a public utility from a private owner. Yet if some one would suggest that La Grande buy and operate an electric light and power plant, for the use of the people, several hundred hands would be held up in horror at such a near approach to socialistic principles. Yet renting a building from a private owner for the use of the city is no more injudicious than for the people to rent electric light from a private owner, who is doing business on a franchise owned solely and exclusively by the public. Where is the difference?

President Roosevelt yesterday made one of the most dangerous orders effecting the forest reserve policy of the government that he has issued since he became president. This order requires the secretary of the interior to consult with members of congress as to the location of forest reservations, before ordering a withdrawal of timber land in any state. Heretofore the interior department has made these withdrawals independent of any congressman or senator and has kept the location a secret from the officials to prevent the location of lieu lands in the intended reservations. This order of the president opens the door to the most gigantic lieu land steals imaginable. By giving members of congress information as to the location of the forest withdrawals, the interior department would invite land frauds. Dishonest members of congress can give their friends and agents the tip and entire areas intended for forest reserves would be immediately plastered over with lieu land scrip and the whole scheme of forest preservation destroyed. It is a dangerous and unwise plan. The agents of the interior department are capable of locating forest reserves and no congressman or senator should be consulted any more than any other private citizen. It gives the tip to a select few and defeats the purpose of the government. The president should reconsider the order and place more secret restrictions on the formation of the reserves.

HOW DO YOU FIGHT?
 Did you tackle that trouble that came your way
 With a resolute heart and cheerful?
 Or hide your face from the light of day
 With a craven soul and fearful?
 Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce.
 Or a trouble is what you make it.
 And it isn't the fact that your hurt that counts,
 But only how did you take it?
 You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?
 Come up with a smiling face—
 It's nothing against you to fall down flat.
 But to lie there, that's disgrace.
 The harder you're thrown, why the higher you bounce.
 Be proud of your blackened eye!
 It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts,
 It's how did you fight, and why?
 And though you be done to the death, what then?
 If you battled the best you could,
 If you played your part in the world of men,
 Why, the critic will call it good.
 Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,
 And whether he's slow or spry,
 It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,
 But only how did you die?
 —Exchange.

UMATILLA IS THIRD.
 According to the last assessment returns, Umatilla county has moved forward into third place in the list of counties as to taxable wealth, Multnomah being first and Marion next. The advance of Umatilla coun-

ty has been steady in the direction of material development for the last 10 years and it is in many respects one of the best counties in the state. Lying just south of the Columbia river and adjoining the Walla Walla valley, it comprises a vast tract of the best wheat land in the United States, and one of the most valuable features of this wheat belt is that it produces well without irrigation. Although its topography is rolling and the character of its soil is inclined to be sandy, it is as free from suffering the need of water in the growing season as is the same character of land in the Willamette valley.

Besides this, there is a large belt of arid land, covered with sagebrush, which with water provided for irrigating purposes, will be as productive as any now in cultivation in the section further east and north.

Umatilla county has always been proud, as well it might, of the fact that in 1897, it produced over 5,000,000 bushels of wheat, which was one per cent of the yield of the entire United States for that year. And wheat was but one of its staple products, for it had, besides, an enormous crop of wool, with its horse, cattle and sheep interests to speak of incidentally.

Eastern Oregon has other immense and productive counties which are growing rapidly. Their development

is yet to come and surprises are in store for those who have supposed that that portion of the state is inhabited principally by non-progressive cowboys and the untutored siwash. Not counting Portland, Eastern Oregon will some day, and not very far distant, contain the larger population of the two sections of the state. The "bunchgrassers" are a great people, progressive, independent, intelligent and are at all times worthy of consideration. They are homebuilders in the best sense of the word.—Salem Statesman.

COMING EVENTS.

March 3.—Socialist state convention, Portland.
 April 19.—Democratic state convention, Portland.
 April 14.—Republican state convention, Portland.
 April 16.—Meeting of Oregon Cattle-growers' Association, Portland.
 June 15, 16, 17.—Oregon encampment G. A. R., Hood River.

The 2,000 lithographers in New York City have rejected their employers' ultimatum and will undoubtedly go on a strike March 15, or face a lockout of union men.

Right though is the motive power that controls and propels right action.

BECOMING A MOTHER

Is an ordeal which all women approach with indescribable fear, for nothing compares with the pain and horror of child-birth. The thought of the suffering and danger in store for her, robs the expectant mother of all pleasant anticipations of the coming event, and casts over her a shadow of gloom which cannot be shaken off. Thousands of women have found that the use of **Mother's Friend** during pregnancy robs confinement of all pain and danger, and insures safety to life of mother and child. This scientific liniment is a god-send to all women at the time of their most critical trial. Not only does **Mother's Friend** carry women safely through the perils of child-birth, but its use gently prepares the system for the coming event, prevents "morning sickness," and other discomforts of this period.

MOTHER'S FRIEND
 Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Book containing valuable information free.
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 Takes the place of shingles, tin, iron, tar and gravel, and all prepared roofings. For flat and steep surfaces, gutters, valleys, etc. Easy to lay. Temper for all climates. Reasonable in cost. Sold on merit. Guaranteed. It will pay to ask for prices and information.
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 Worcester Building, Portland

THE ST. JOE STORE Changes Hands....

We have bought the Lyons Mercantile Company stock and located in Pendleton. It is our purpose to identify ourselves with the interests of the people of Pendleton and Oregon and serve their interests to the utmost limit consistent with our own. In the merchandise business we promise you courteous and honest treatment in all matters of business and respectfully solicit a share of your patronage in our line. It will not be permitted of any one in our employment to misrepresent or deceive the public in the conduct of our business. All goods will be marked in plain figures, but a short time will be required to make the change from the old system of marking.

We are overstocked in several lines and for the next week and as long as they last we will make the following very low prices to close lots:

SILKS
 One lot Cord Hab Wash Silk, Taffetines, figured Taffetas, Waisting Silks and Linen Back Satins, in many good desirable colors, former price 60c to \$1, to close... **39c**
 One lot Brocade Waistings, Pongees and Lining Silks, exceptional values, former price 30c to 50c, to close... **19c**

SHOES
 One lot Misses' and Women's Shoes and Oxfords, black and tans, out-of-date styles, to close... **69c**
 One lot of Children's and Misses' Shoes and Oxfords, out-of-date styles, to close... **29c**
 One lot of Men's Shoes in pointed and coin toes, in black and tan, former price \$3 to \$5, to close... **98c**

SUITS, CLOAKS and SKIRTS
 One lot Ladies' Eton Tailored Suits, in black, castor, navy and red Venetian cloth, and one lot Louis XIV Tailored Suits in brown, black and navy suitings, sizes 32 to 42, also one lot of Ladies' Walking Skirts, Coats and Jackets, to close... **ONE-THIRD OFF**
 One lot Ladies' Eton Suits, in brown, black, navy, tan, and grey-mixed suitings, silk and satin lined, sizes 32 to 42, to close... **AT ONE-HALF PRICE**

GROCERIES
 We will offer our entire stock of Groceries at laid down cost, as we do not expect to continue this line.

Our Spring line is now arriving and our stock is well supplied with the latest and most desirable productions of European and American looms. We cordially invite the public to call and inspect stock and prices. Our terms will be cash and one price to all. During March we will allow you 5 per cent. discount on purchase on presentment of this poster at time of purchase, except in the grocery department.

Whittinghill Mercantile Co.
 Successor to LYONS MERCANTILE CO.
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