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The wild beasts have their lairs, dens and caves where they may retreat, whereas the men who fought and died for the land have nothing in it save air and light, but are forced to wander to and fro without a resting place or house wherein they may lodge. The poor folk go forth to war, to fight and die for the delights, riches and superfluities of others, and they are falsely called lords and rulers of the habitable world in that land where they have not so much as a single inch that they may call their own.—Terentius Gracchus.

Union county is now enjoying a profitable farmers' institute, in which some of the best speakers in the state are taking part. Umatilla county could imitate this example to her advantage. There is work ahead for somebody, whether it will be done by farmers or not. Instead of going to Walla Walla to enjoy an agricultural fair, or patronizing a frosty street carnival, the citizens of Umatilla county should have a county fair association. A farmers' institute will lay the foundation for such an organization.

The best victory of the Japanese in the present war is in the successful suppression of the news. They have made one of the hits of the century in censoring the reports from the field of conflict, and if they are now whipped by Russia, their triumph over the correspondent will have been one of the greatest victories of the age. Although the field is covered with energetic correspondents, and the movements of the armies are watched with the utmost diligence, no satisfactory reports are now reaching the outside world.

The boast of the Associated Press that the war news from the Orient will be sent to the great morning papers of that association first, hereafter, by way of San Francisco, falls flat when it is found that the evening papers will publish the news 12 hours ahead of them, in their own cities. By sending the reports eastward, by way of the United States, to London, instead of westward from Port Arthur by way of Suez, the afternoon papers in the United States are securing the cream of war news 12 hours ahead of the morning papers.

A new phase of the Mormon question has arisen in Southeastern Idaho. In some of the counties in that portion of the state bordering on Utah, the settlement is made up almost exclusively of Mormons. The public schools are offered and taught by Mormons and all the social and religious functions of the localities are strictly Mormon. It is now charged that Mormon doctrine is openly taught in the public schools there and that a movement is on foot

as the constitution provides that no public money shall be expended on a sectarian school.

The decision against the Northern Securities merger will create but little enthusiasm. The anti-trust crusade of the Roosevelt administration began with a flourish of trumpets and ends in a dull thud. The trusts are now so firmly entrenched, and the laws against them, seemingly so weak and unmeaning, that the people have decided that it will be just as well to permit the trusts and combine to continue to organize and make them ready for the people to take charge of them, when the time is ripe. John Pierpont Morgan says that the trusts are the foundation of government ownership. The trust crusade might as well cease. They are only preparing the way for the people to take control of their own.

The depravity of Peter Niedermeier, one of the car barn murderers of Chicago, is startling. After his conviction of murder yesterday, he made a confession, in which he says he has committed 23 murders—one for every year of his life. Some of these murders are the most cold-blooded in the history of Chicago criminal courts—all of them were committed for money. In point of age, this places Niedermeier at the head of the list of 20th century murderers. For five years this gang of car barn murderers has terrorized the city of Chicago. Innocent lives have been snuffed out without a second's warning, by these midnight murderers and highwaymen. To hang such a man seems a trifling punishment for such a life of wanton crime. Yet revolting as are his crimes, this arch-fiend of modern civilization must consider himself fortunate that he lives in an enlightened age, which allows him to pass out of existence without torture, commensurate with his record. In China Niedermeier would suffer ten thousand deaths, by vivisection and piecemeal execution. Hanging is immeasurably less than he could expect.

Pendleton taxpayers marked an epoch in the mass meeting on the school question last night. Instead of giving the school board \$30,000, as asked, they gave \$62,000, instead of promising one eight-room building, they promised two such buildings. If those who so heartily doubled the bond issue asked by the school board, will now work as unselfishly and nobly as they talked last night, the school room situation in this city is settled for the next 10 years. The board did not hope to secure such an amount as was recommended. It knows full well that the city indebtedness is heavy, and felt that a large bond issue would be a menace to school improvement this year, but the citizens who came to the relief of the board in this desperate situation, were so enthusiastic and so unanimous in the proffered aid, that the board will put the \$62,000 bond issue to a vote, with the understanding that if it fails, a \$30,000 issue will be immediately voted upon, as the situation cannot be tolerated another year. All the work is yet ahead. Every lover of the public schools must now labor day and night, to accomplish what has been started by this public spirited community. The enthusiasm and generosity of the mass meeting must now be supplemented by vigorous, hearty, earnest and untiring work among the taxpayers, to secure the passage of the bond issue.

COMING EVENTS.

- April 19—Democratic state convention, Portland.
April 14—Republican state convention, Portland.
April 16—Meeting of Oregon Cattle-growers' Association, Portland.
May 2—Oregon Federation of Labor, Oregon City.
May 4—General M. E. conference, Los Angeles.
June 6—General election in Oregon.
June 15, 16, 17—Oregon encampment G. A. R., Hood River.
Italian republicans of Portland are

A DRIFTING SPAR.

My ship went out across the bar, Day's golden car Sank in the West, the light passed lingeringly. The night-fogs flung The cliffs among A veil; the buoy-bells chimed a dreary glee. The snaky breakers writhed and hissed Below the mist And eerie noises issued from the sea.

My ship went out across the bar, Near and afar I heard her sailors voicing full and free A stormy stave Of stormy wave And winds that heave the rolling surge alee. A rich, hoarse-noted psalm to the main That Viking strain That echoed from the tempest-shadowed sea.

My ship went out across the bar, No peering star Through wreaths of whirling fog-bank saw her flee Away, away Beyond the gray Five-shrouded west, beyond mortality. Out from the lighthouse-guiding glow I saw her go Behind the vapor curtains of the sea.

My ship went out across the bar, I felt the jar Of ocean's mighty thunder symphony. A monotone Rang through the stone Foundations of the hills; eternity Was in the hollow basses of the swell That darkling fell Along the trembling margin of the sea.

My ship went out across the bar— A drifting spar Was all the waves at morn returned to me. The fog that hung The cliffs among Spread over all their pallid drapery. And a gray gull poised on level wing Looked wondering Down on the waif tossed by the grasping sea. —TOM GREGORY. Pendleton, March 9, 1904.

S. Davidson and Frank Davidson were arrested and are in jail at New Orleans, charged with hawking "obscene" pictures. The pictures were quite well executed and entirely conventional imitation photos showing Hooker T. Washington and President Roosevelt sitting at a dinner table together.

JUST IN TIME.

A motorman in Chicago ran his car onto the approach of an open bridge and stopped it with the fender actually overhanging the gulf below. He wouldn't want to repeat the experiment because the chances are that he'd never again have the same good fortune.

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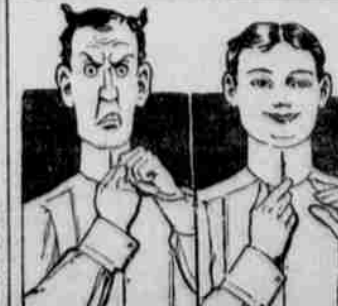
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