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This life is like the summer rose That opens to the morning sky. But ere the shades of evening close, Is scattered on the ground — to die! Yet on the rose's humble bed The sweetest dews of night are shed. As if she wept the waste to see, — But none shall weep a tear for thee! This life is like the prints which feet Have left on Tampa's desert strand: Soon as the rising tide shall beat, All trace will vanish from the sand: Yet, as if grieving to efface All vestige of the human race, On that lone shore loud moans the sea. — But none, alas, shall mourn for thee! —Richard Henry Wilde.

OREGON INSTITUTIONS.

Oregon maintains an agricultural college at Corvallis, owns a magnificent farm there and is turning out graduates every year, fitted for intelligent management of farms and industrial trades.

This institution belongs to the people. The state bears the expense of its maintenance and the information gained by the experts in charge is free for all the people.

Willamette valley farmers enjoy a close acquaintance with this institution and its teachers. They come in contact with the able men in charge of that school and farm. They study the progress of the various experiments and get the genuine school spirit with the scholars.

To Eastern Oregon these institutions and these experts are strangers. There is little in common between them. There is absolutely no commingling of ideas and projected plans except that gained from printed bulletins.

Eastern Oregon farmers look upon this state school as something intended for the especial benefit of Willamette valley. They regard the theories of the agricultural teachers as so many dreams intended for favored spots and selected surroundings.

Such is not the case. Oregon maintains the school for the benefit of the people. Eastern Oregon is a stranger to the teachers because the farmers do not demand visits and lectures from them.

The teachers and professors in charge of the various departments and the state board also, are only too willing to bring this agricultural college closer to the people. Eastern Oregon needs the advice and counsel of these experts. Their theories apply to every kind of soil and climate.

Their knowledge has been gained at the expense of long years of study. The schooling and training furnished young men and women are unequalled.

The value of the education received there may be somewhat judged by the fact that a Southern Pacific attorney of San Francisco now drawing a salary of \$70,000 per year, received his education at the Corvallis Agricultural College.

Eastern Oregon should become better acquainted with the state institutions. Isolated as she is from the schools, colleges and farms intended for the benefit of the people, a special effort should be made to bring these experts among us more often to lecture upon and discuss practical questions. Invitations should be extended more often to the state boards

and state institutions to give this section the benefit of their experience. Institutes, farmers' clubs, livestock associations should be maintained in every Eastern Oregon county, and at regular meetings at different seasons, the experts in the service of the state should be brought here and a closer relationship between the remote and older settled districts should in this way be formed and cultivated.

Eastern Oregon is a part of Oregon. Two-thirds of the area of the state lies east of the Cascades. A large proportion of the state tax is levied on the "short grass counties."

But it seems that about the only way in which an Eastern Oregon man can get real well acquainted in Willamette valley is by being sent to the asylum or the penitentiary at Salem.

CUBA A FINE INFANT.

The second anniversary of Cuba's establishment as a self-governing nation marks an admirable record for an infant. A people who have successfully passed through the first two years are well on the way to assured progress.

Cuba's first two years have been as free from political complications as could have been expected of any republic, while the period has been characterized by law and order, public improvement and industrial development to a degree almost unprecedented in the early history of nations.

The financial record is strikingly good. Although General Leonard Wood, then military governor of the island, overspent his revenues by about \$1,500,000, leaving only \$540,000 in the treasury, a cash reserve fund has already been accumulated to the amount of more than \$5,000,000.

This is a fine showing, considering the fact that the expenses of government may be expected to be inordinately heavy during the first years and lessening as system takes the place of organizing and experiment.

This saving of \$5,000,000 has been effected with no sacrifice of the institutions established under American authority, and schools and sanitation have been maintained according to the original design. Roads have been built in the country districts and the rural police increased in number and efficiency.

While these improvements have been going on and this cash reserve has been accumulating, Cuban credit has also been maintained. Her bonds are more than holding their own.

Altogether, on her second birthday anniversary Cuba has much to be proud of. The little nation is a most healthy and promising infant.

Boise City spent \$12,000 in entertaining the last meeting of the International Miners' Congress and as a result of the meeting over \$1,000,000 was invested in Idaho mines tributary to that city. It pays to be a good convention city. It pays and is the best possible advertisement for a city to get the convention spirit, which makes the stranger feel at home. Pendleton should make a specialty of this spirit. She should have better accommodations for conventions in the way of assembly halls fitted with committee rooms and conveniences for large meetings. And then the commercial Association should maintain a permanent convention committee, whose duty shall be to invite Inland Empire meetings to this city; its duties should not stop at invitation, but this committee should be empowered to go after every meeting in sight. The city is centrally located, has superb railroad and mail facilities and can command the attention of enough people in the Northwest to bring a dozen good conventions and meetings here each year. The state Irrigation Association and the Christian Endeavor Society met here last winter and the Northwest Sportsmen are coming here in June. These meetings came without effort on the part of Pendleton. A little effort, a little aggressiveness, a little push and a little pull all together, will bring some important event to Pendleton almost every month in the year.

Because a certain class of moral citizens of Portland demand less corruption in that city, the Oregonian says they are "hysterical." "flighty." If progress comes only through moral hysterics, a few convulsions would clear up Portland's blood to a satisfactory degree.

Guessing contest: Who is running for congress in the second Oregon district? The first correct guess will entitle the sender to a free trip to Pilot Rock.

EXCESS OF DOCTORS.

The overcrowded condition of the medical profession in Germany grows yearly worse, but in spite of the gloomy outlook the number of medical students entering upon medical work constantly increases, according to United States Consul Monaghan at Chemnitz.

There are now 29,200 doctors in Germany. This is twice the number found in 1876. Hence the increase

is out of all proportion to the increase in the population. In larger cities statistics show that there is one doctor for every 800 inhabitants. This fact explains why in Berlin 46 per cent of all doctors have a taxable income below \$714. Of these 27 per cent have an income between \$214 and \$714, 13 per cent have an uncertain income, and 5 per cent have no taxable income at all.

In the German legal profession, on the other hand, 80 per cent have an income over \$2380. It is estimated that the total expense of study for the medical profession in Germany, plus the outlays in the establishment of a doctor's office and the development of a fair practice, is from \$5,950 to \$7,140.

For the relief of these conditions the German Association of Physicians has established a bureau of information at Hamburg to find remunerative places for German doctors abroad. German consuls have been requested to aid in this exportation by reporting on good opportunities for medical men to locate in other lands.—New York World.

THE FARMER'S FAITH.

A farmer sat on his porch one morn And anxiously wished for rain To water the thirsty rows of corn, And the fields of growing grain. "Ah, me!" said he, "how can it be, That farmers must toil in vain? I know 'tis so, that weeds will grow, And choke out the precious grain." With sleeves rolled up and armed with a hoe, And with it a sickle keen, He went to war on the noxious foe That lurks in the garden green.

In a joyless mood he toiled along, And thought on his hapless fate; But as he reasoned his faith grew strong, And he mused thus on his state: "We plow, we sow, and we hope to reap, We cling to our faith sublime; We labor and rest, we wake and sleep, And wait for the harvest time.

"The mind is bent On discontent And harbors a cheerless thought: We borrow pain, Too oft complain, And worry ourselves for naught: Thus speeds the day Of care away, And with it the joys I've sought." And as he turned to lay his hoe aside He saw, to his great surprise, The form of a cloud that rose on high And darkened the azure skies.

The thunder rolled in the distance afar, Then nearer it came with a crashing jar; The wind in merry glee played with the grain, That waved in welcome to the drops of rain. The farmer found him a shelter near by, And watched the rain fall with a joyful eye; And when the cool showers had passed away, His musings ran thus in a cheerful lay: "Oh, a farmer's life has its joys untold, It has no feverish care; We do not thirst for the power of gold, Nor envy the millionaire.

"Contented are we in our simple life, And humble our constant aim; No tempting ambition, no eager strife, No longing for halls of fame.

"O many a joy and many a charm A life of the soil imparts; Let me live and die on the dear old farm, Surrounded by loving hearts." —Frank J. Van Winkle. Portland, Or., May 24, 1904.

[Mr. Van Winkle is a Umatilla county boy now residing in Portland, and has written several very creditable poems, the above being a fair specimen of his literary art.—Ed.]

How Health is Gained. The story of a great deal of the unhappiness of women is a story of lost health. Women wonder how it is that little by little the form loses plumpness, the cheeks grow hollow and sallow, and they feel tired and worn-out all the time. In a large proportion of cases when women are weak, run-down and falling off in flesh and looks, the root of the trouble can be traced to womanly diseases which undermine the general health. The proof of this is that women who have been cured of painful womanly diseases by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription have recovered their general health, gained in flesh and in appearance.

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