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Man is his own star, and the soul that can. Render an honest and a perfect man. Commands all light, all influence, all fate; Nothing to him falls early or too late. Our acts our angels are, for good or ill. Our fated shadows that walk by us still. —John Fletcher.

LOCAL OPTION AND PROHIBITION

The Athena Press unjustly attacks Judge Lowell for saying publicly that while he believes in the principle of local option, as enacted into law by the people at the June election, he is now opposed to the principle of prohibition being enforced in the city of Pendleton.

Judge Lowell spoke thus after due reflection, spoke openly and honestly, and when he so spoke he voiced the sentiment of the majority of the voting community of Pendleton.

The Athena Press is confused on the terms "local option" and "prohibition," as are nine-tenths of the voters of Oregon who discuss these questions.

A man can consistently believe in local option, the principle of local self-government in the liquor traffic and yet not believe in enforcing prohibition. Thousands of progressive citizens of Oregon voted to put the local option law into force, who will vote against prohibition every time it is voted on.

Because Judge Lowell or any other thinking, progressive citizen believes in the thoroughly democratic principle of local option or local self-government, it does not follow that he or other such advocates must be prohibitionists. Such are not the principles of the advocates of better government. Judge Lowell believes as do thousands of other citizens that every community should be allowed to choose its surroundings; that those who make homes and pay taxes have a right, through local option, to vote on and select the surroundings of such homes.

But after the principle of local option is enacted into law, it does not follow that every local optionist is a prohibitionist. A man still retains his personal liberty and can express an adverse sentiment through a local option election, just as consistently as a sentiment favorable to prohibition.

If, for reasons of public good, a citizen opposes the sudden precipitation of prohibition upon a town which has been open for 40 years and in which thousands of dollars are invested in saloons, and thousands more in property relying largely on them for support, it is no breach of faith, no change of heart on his part, although he favored the enactment of the local option amendment.

In making the statement that he opposed sudden prohibition in Pendleton, Judge Lowell spoke for Pendleton only. He concedes to Adams, Athena, Weston, Milton and other towns the right and duty of local self government.

The Press does him an injustice when it says he favors prohibition for outside towns and "open town" for Pendleton. He believes other towns should choose their own surroundings and has never expressed any other sentiment.

The East Oregonian does not believe the discussion of the question of prohibition should be carried on in bated breath, for fear of offending some one. It is one of the public issues before the people, one in which everyone is concerned, and its discussion should not lead to bitterness nor acrimony.

There is a medium ground of sober reason on which the thinking business men of the community can get together and there should be no bitter

feeling in the progress of the campaign nor in the outcome. Pendleton is entitled to protect her best interests; other communities have the same sacred right under the local option amendment, and if the property owners unite here to oppose sudden prohibition, but with a view to making moral conditions better and of weeding out the objectionable saloons, it is their most sovereign right to do so, without fear of censure or condemnation.

Weyerhaeuser's land and timber syndicate has made \$20,000,000 in five years in the Northwest on a capital of \$6,000,000. They have probably kept 2000 families from getting homes on the government domain, also, in that time.

Providence is now causing 2000 Umatilla county work mules to stand unharnessed in the stable. There must be rain to soften the clods before another 5,000,000 bushel wheat crop can be seeded.

Where were all the lawyers when the Carey land act died on August 18? The general land office says it is not dead, but alive on the statutes, and still doing business. This was a premature burial.

It is said there is a woman at the beginning of every great event. It is barely possible that the female vote will carry Idaho for the democrats.

When the Phoenicians made the first alphabet, did they know how many campaign lies could be formed from this little group of letters?

The Oregonian has rendered a final decision against the direct primary law. The supreme court need not act in the matter.

ONE CROP PAYS FOR THE LAND.

Many instances of profitable wheat growing have been reported in these columns this harvest, but probably none quite so remarkable as that reported yesterday from Colfax, in Whitman county. Eighteen months ago Morris & King of Pendleton, Oregon, bought 500 acres of land south of Hay station, on what is known as the "rimrock" and in a section until recently considered worthless except for early pasture. Morris & King said \$12.50 per acre for the land and hired it broken at \$2.50 per acre. It was sown to wheat last fall, and in July they cut and threshed the crop and got an average of 20 bushels per acre from 600 acres. They sold the wheat for 70 cents per bushel, an average of \$27.50 per acre for the crop.

C. E. Scriber, cashier of the Colfax National bank gave the Spokesman-Review correspondent the following figures on the cost of the crop and land. The figures given are for each acre: Land, \$12.50; breaking the sod, \$2.50; harrowing, 30 cents; seeding, 55 cents; seed, 65 cents; blue vitriol and squirrel poison, 5 cents; heading, \$1.75; threshing, \$2.35; sacks, \$1.17; hauling to warehouse, 98 cents. Total cost of crop including the land on which it was grown, \$22.69 per acre. Deducting this from the cash value of the crop (leaves) \$4.79 per acre, in addition to the land, as clear profit. Considering that the past season was the driest in the country's history, there is a record that will amaze eastern people and even surprise our own people.—Spokesman-Review.

GREATEST DEPARTMENT.

The United States has the greatest department of agriculture of any nation in the world. The following is a brief review of its work:

"The act of February 2, 1903, enables the secretary of agriculture to prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases of livestock. Rigid inspection has protected our cattle against infection from abroad, and has established the highest credit for our meat products in the markets of the world.

The earth has been searched for weapons with which to fight the enemies that destroy the growing crops. An insect brought from near the great wall of China has checked the San Jose scale, which was destroying our orchards; a parasite fly brought from South Africa is exterminating the black scale in the lemon and orange groves of California, and an ant from Guatemala is about offering battle to the boll weevil.

Broad science has been brought to the aid of limited experience. Study of the relations between plant life and climate and soil has been followed by the introduction of special crops suited to our varied conditions.

The introduction of just the right kind of seed has enabled the gulf states to increase our rice crop from 115,000,000 pounds in 1898 to 400,000,000 pounds in 1903, and to supply the entire American demand, with a surplus for export.

The right kind of sugar beet has increased our annual production of beet sugar by over 200,000 tons. Seed brought from countries of little rainfall is producing millions of bushels of grain on lands which a few years ago were deemed a hopeless part of the arid belt.

CAMERA FIEND.

He took the house, he took the barn. The children at their play; He took the dog, he took the cat. And Dobbin, Nell and Gray; He took the pretty parlor maid A-swinging on the gate, And posed me with a ruke and vowed 'The picture simply great.

He took Priscilla fifty ways— In doors and out-of-doors (I've loved Priscilla ever since She romped in pinafores); He took himself away by stealth. One night without adieu. But, oh—the hardened miscreant! He took Priscilla, too. —Lippincott's.

GETTING EVEN.

A young man who lives in Minneapolis has beaten the girls of the Northwest at their own game. He has taken the first prize at the fair for "fancy work," a term which includes all kinds of ties and doilies and centerpieces and pin-cushions and embroidery and every other kind of dainty work with the needle. There is an element of retribution in this. The girls have been beating the boys in school and in the university and taking their jobs away from them in all kinds of business. It serves them right to have a boy get even with them on their own ground and beat them all hollow at their own game.—Minneapolis Journal.

The Rock Island machine shops and locomotive factory at Chicago, have been closed down and 200 skilled mechanics are out of work.

Some mens can varbie "I want to be a Angel," but you can bet their health vas pretty goot ven dey sing it.

Advertisement for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Includes an illustration of a man at a desk and text: 'DYSPEPSIA IS CURED BY DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY. IT MAKES WEAK STOMACHS STRONG.'

Advertisement for Devers Golden West. Includes text: 'DEVERS GOLDEN WEST. SPICES, COFFEE, TEA, BAKING POWDER, FLAVORING EXTRACTS. Absolute Purity, Finest Flavor, Greatest Strength, Reasonable Prices. CLOSSET & DEVERS PORTLAND, OREGON.'

Advertisement for Frederick Nolf & Co. books. Includes text: 'All the latest books of the day. Frederick Nolf & Co. "In the Bishop's Carriage." "When Wilderness Was King." "The Corner in Coffee." "The Woman Wins." "Order No. 11." "The Gratters." "The Gordon Elopement." "Old George Graham." "Four Roads to Paradise." And 50 others.'

Prize Contest For School Children. Includes text: 'Prize Contest For School Children. The contest consists of constructing the most names of presidents from letters contained in this advertisement on Prescriptions, using the letters which it contains not oftener than they appear in the advertisement. PRESCRIPTIONS AS SCHMIDT FILLS THEM. Every prescription that comes here is filled from the purest drugs obtainable and carefully and skillfully compounded just as your doctor ordered it. "Schmidt" on a prescription is like "Sterling" on a piece of silver. F. W. SCHMIDT LEADING DRUGGIST. Pendleton, Oregon. PRIZES: First prize—\$5.00; second prize—\$2.00; third prize—\$1.00; fourth prize—1-lb box candy; fifth prize, 1/2-lb box candy. Come here and ask for contest blank, telling all about it—it's free.'

Advertisement for Diamond W Peaches. Includes an illustration of a baby and text: 'Gee! But it's Good. THE VERDICT OF EVERY ONE WHO USES DIAMOND "W". Wadham's & Co. Wholesale Distributors Portland, Ore. Ask Your Grocer.'

Advertisement for Sewing Machines Must Go. Includes text: 'Sewing Machines Must Go. Closing out sale of all machines on hand. 50 NEW AND SECOND-HAND MACHINES. Of all makes and descriptions. Having decided to discontinue handling sewing machines, I will close out all machines at less than factory price. Drop Head Singer machines, (as good as new) \$25.00. Drop Head New Home, new \$33.00. Other machines warranted to sew properly and give satisfaction, for \$5.00 and up. JOE BASLER CARPETS—FURNITURE—STOVES.'

Advertisement for Goodman-Thompson Co. plumbing. Includes text: 'PLUMBING. Good plumbing is always the cheapest. It has the lasting qualities. It saves you repair bills. Always entrust your work to thorough, reliable and competent plumbers. Our force is made up of the best experienced workmen. Strict attention paid to sanitary features of work. LET US GIVE YOU FIGURES. On your work. We quote right prices and do only the best work. Goodman-Thompson Co. HARDWARE AND PLUMBING. Telephone 811. 643 Main Street.'

Advertisement for Flynn's Knives. Includes an illustration of a knife and text: 'GAINING FAME EVERYDAY. 6 SIZES AND STYLES. UNION MADE. HAND MADE. CLEAR HAVANA. A STANDARD FOR QUALITY. CLEANLINESS AND WORKMANSHIP. When you call for a TRIUMPH, GET IT. Don't accept a substitute. FLYNN & CO., MAKERS.'

Advertisement for Mrs. Rose Campbell millinery. Includes text: 'EXQUISITE MILLINERY. The most complete and up-to-date line of fashionable millinery at popular prices ever shown in Pendleton, is now on display at my store. I have the largest stock this season I have ever carried. Mrs. Rose Campbell. ELATERITE IS MINERAL RUBBER. We properly temper it for each particular climate. Then, upon a jute canvass we build up a fire, water and acid proof roofing material, with a ground mica surface and a wool felt paper dry sheet or backing. We'll lay the goods, or you can. If you have to use a roof, we can tell you some mighty interesting things. They will prevent your pocket book from shriveling up. Write us. The Elaterite Roofing Co., 10 Worcester Block, Portland, Oregon.'

Advertisement for B. F. Beck Sanitary Plumber. Includes text: 'B. F. BECK Sanitary Plumber 807 Cottonwood Street'

Advertisement for Building Material. Includes text: 'LET US SUPPLY YOU WITH Building Material. Dimension lumber of all descriptions, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Moulding, Building and Tar Paper. BRING YOUR BILL TO US AND GET OUR FIGURES. Grays Harbor Commercial Co. Opposite W. & C. R. Depot.'

Advertisement for Brock & McComas Company. Includes text: 'A Thing of Beauty Is a Joy Forever. WE HAVE IT. In one window you will see displayed the most elegant line of Statuary ever shown in this city, in pure white, marble white and Florentine effects. The beauty of it all is, our prices are right and within reach of all, ranging from 75c to \$6.00. An ornament to any home. Brock & McComas Company'

Advertisement for White Bros. Dentists. Includes text: 'TEETH. Per set, \$5.00; gold crowns, \$1.00; silver filling, 50c; extracting, 50c. We are thoroughly equipped with all modern methods and appliances, and guarantee our work to be of the highest standard, and our prices the lowest consistent with first-class work. White Bros. Dentists. Association Block. Telephone Main 1061.'

Advertisement for St. Helen's Hall. Includes text: 'St. Helen's Hall. A GIRLS SCHOOL OF THE HIGHEST CLASS corps of teachers, location, building, equipment—the best. Send for catalogue. Opens September 15, 1904.'

Advertisement for Water Tanks. Includes text: 'WATER TANKS. We make a specialty of building round or square. WATER TANKS. Also header beds, all sizes and kinds. We make them right and they always give satisfaction. Our work is never slighted or botched. Pendleton Planing Mill and Lumber Yard. ROBERT FORSTER, Proprietor. Corner Webb and College.'

Advertisement for The French Restaurant. Includes text: 'The French Restaurant. Best 25 Cent Meal in the City. Private Dining Parlors. Elegant Furnished Rooms in Connection. GUS LaFONTAINE, Prop. 633 Main Street.'