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If the world is awry and you not guess why, And if worry, you cannot allay it; If you feel that your way runs somewhat astray, And the game is all wrong as you play it; If the care that you know forever doth grow, Or, at least, you are seeing it double, Why, then, is the hour, and may yours be the power To look in yourself for the trouble. For the world, as God made it, is golden and fair, A place to be happy and jolly; And most of our trouble and most of our care We make for ourselves in our folly. —A. J. Waterhouse.

THE PORTAGE DID IT.

The Portland dispatches announcing the reduction of 20 cents per ton on the wheat rate from the inland empire to Portland, say this reduction is made to offset the cheaper ocean rate from Puget Sound cities and to induce more growers to ship to Portland.

This is a plausible reason and will do for news purposes, but there is a deeper and more vital reason for this freight reduction than this published reason.

THE PRESENCE OF THE PORTAGE ROAD AND THE OPENING OF THE UPPER COLUMBIA RIVER TO TRAFFIC HAVE FORCED DOWN THE RATE ON WHEAT. THIS IS THE HIDDEN REASON FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE RATE AND IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE BUILDING OF THE PORTAGE.

Since the same ocean rates have been in effect for years, and since the conditions of shipping in and out of Portland and the Puget sound cities are now the same as they have been for years, why should the rate from the inland empire to Portland be reduced? Why has it not been reduced before? Why have the high rates been charged all these years, when the people had no means of relief?

It is significant that this reduction was not made until after the people's portage was built and in service. It is significant that as long as there was no competition there was no reduction of rates. These are plain business issues which any one can see plainly and denote the intrinsic value of the portage road to the people.

The reduction of 20 cents per ton, it is estimated, will transport, free of charge, under the old rate, 1,000,000 bushels of wheat from the inland empire to Portland. It will be an approximate saving in freight of \$8299 on every 1,000,000 bushels shipped from the inland empire to Portland, estimating the average rate from all

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inland empire points at 9 cents per bushel, which is a just average.

This result should stimulate the people of Oregon to maintain the portage. It should be nursed, helped, strengthened, encouraged and made a profitable asset of the state for it will stand as a perpetual menace to railroad combinations in future, for even though the north bank road may be built, mutual agreements may be made by it and competing lines, by which rates would be raised were it not for the river highway, which is the people's salvation and hope.

AN INVITATION.

To the Commercial associations and citizens of Umatilla county: You are invited to join with Pendleton and Pendleton Commercial association in promoting the interests of Umatilla county.

Hundreds of tourists are passing our doors every day. They are in search of homes, employment, land. They have money to invest. They will make good citizens in some part of Oregon.

So why not interest them in Umatilla county? Every city, town and village in the county has something to offer. But the tourists have not heard of it. They have heard of Portland, Spokane, Walla Walla; but of Athena, Weston, Milton, Helix or Pendleton scarcely ever at all.

Let us get together and co-operate in bringing some of this worthy immigration to Umatilla county. It is a false notion to say that we have nothing to offer the man of moderate means. It is a wrong idea to hold out that a man must have a fortune in order to become a citizen of Umatilla county.

We need the small farmer, the poultry raiser, the fruit grower, the dairyman, the gardener, the hog raiser. These industries can be established by men of small means and each of these industries will pay. The large farms in the irrigated district will be cut up into small tracts with a family on each tract. This transformation will come ere we are aware.

So let us co-operate to replenish the decreasing population of Umatilla county. Let us offset the outgo of excellent citizens to Alberta, by the introduction of some new blood from Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma and other overcrowded states.

For the next 50 days a flood of tourists and homeseekers will flow through Umatilla county, westward and northward. Let us put out a sign and buy a megaphone, and speak out as never before, to the stranger.

IS THE STANDARD DECLINING?

You have heard it cruelly remarked every day since the large reward was offered for the conviction of the murderer of Frank Steunenberg of Idaho, that "\$25,000 reward will convict anybody these days."

That is an awful thought, when you stop to consider it.

Will money thwart the decrees of justice today, any more readily than 10 or 100 years ago?

Are we slipping away from the old standard of manhood, of honesty, of righteousness? Are courts and individuals any more corrupt today than formerly? Can it be truthfully said that a sufficient sum of money as a reward, is able today to secure juries, judges and witnesses who will hang an innocent man or place the brand of crime upon the man who is guiltless?

This sharp remark on American morals contains a volume of food for reflection. Whether it is in Idaho or in New Jersey, such a remark should cause the thoughtful citizen to shudder for his country.

Is it possible that by the technicalities of law and the rascality of hired witnesses a man may be made a victim of such high-handed injustice? No matter what the enormity of the crime, this suggestion of the rottenness of the codes of justice overshadows the criminal and we involuntarily halt and wonder.

Where would such a condition end? Who would be secure in his life or liberty. What innocent man might not be made a victim of cowardly revenge through the payment of sufficient sums of money?

And it is equally as unjust to say that \$25,000 will prevent the punish-

ment of a guilty man. There is a sickening horror in the thought that justice has a price, that courts of law, juries, witnesses, oaths are purchasable things. And yet twentieth century development is all toward the uplifting of the dollar and the subordination of the soul.

These cruel remarks are largely justified by the every day record of the age.

A SILVER DOLLAR WILL COME NEARER CAUSING A TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SOUL TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

FAREWELL TO ARCADY.

With sombre mien, the Evening gray Comes nagging at the heels of Day, And driven faster and still faster Before the dusky-mantled Master. The light fades from her fearful eyes, She hastens, stumbles, falls, and dies.

Beside me Amaryllis weeps; The swelling tears obscure the deeps Of her dark eyes, as, mistily, The rushing rain conceals the sea. Here, lay my tuneless reed away,— I have no heart to tempt a lay.

I scent the perfume of the rose Which by my crystal fountain grows. In this sad time, are roses blowing? And thou, my fountain, art thou flowing.

While I who watched thy waters spring Am all too sad to smile or sing? Nay, give me back my pipe again, It yet shall breathe this single strain: Farewell to Arcady! —Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

LONG, PAINFUL SOBER SPELL.

Mark Twain told this story not long ago: "In the village which is a suburb of New Bedford, a friend of mine took me to the dedication of a town hall, and pointed out to me a bronzed, weather-beaten old man over 90 years old.

"Do you see any passion in that old man?" said he to me. "You don't; well, but I can make him a perfect volcano to you. I'll just mention to him something very casual." And he did. Well, that old man suddenly gave vent to an outburst of profanity, such as I never heard in my life before. I listened to him with that delight with which one listens to an artist. The cause of it was this: When that old man was a young sailor, he came back from a three-year cruise and found the whole town had taken the pledge. He hadn't, so he was ostracized.

"Finally, he made up his mind he couldn't stand ostracism any longer, and he went to the secretary, and said: 'Put my name down for that temperance society of yours.'" Next day he left on another three-year cruise. It was torture to him to watch his men drinking and pledged not to. Finally he got home. He got a jug of good stuff, ran to the society, and said: 'Take my name right off. It isn't necessary,' said the secretary, 'you were blackballed.'"—Argonaut.

BURBANK TREE FELLER.

A few days ago one of the great walnut trees in front of the residence of Luther Burbank, in Santa Rosa, was cut down in order to make room for the others to grow.

The tree was one of Mr. Burbank's own creations—a hybrid, and a remarkable grower and producer of wood as well as nuts. The Examiner mentioned that this walnut wood would be invaluable to replace mahogany, and this has been demonstrated. Some of the pieces of wood from the tree have been polished and take on a mahogany hue and of almost perfect color.

Mr. Burbank has been asked by a local firm to allow them to cut up the tree into pieces suitable for souvenirs and to handle the same. This will be the first wood of the Burbank walnut of this variety to be distributed.

Mr. Burbank has not decided whether he will accept the proposition. He is too busy to take up the matter now. Pieces of the polished wood have attracted considerable attention. The main feature of the tree from a financial and business standpoint, is its remarkable growing qualities. In other words, trees of this variety will become giants in a comparatively short period.—San Francisco Examiner.

A BADLY ABUSED CEREAL.

The rice that comes on the American table looks mushy; the grains seem all mashed together, instead of being distinct and large. The trouble, (sometimes due to the cooking) is usually explained by the statement that our rice is of inferior quality, though there is no better rice in the world than our Louisiana and Texas article; the grains are large, firm and nutty.

The fact is, our public won't buy any rice unless the grains shine and glisten. Consequently the first thing the miller does is to put his rice through a course of polishing, by which the covering of the kernel is rubbed off, and at the same time the most nutritive part. The result is, that he gets a beautiful, almost sparkling, grain, which sells well, but inasmuch as the covering has been removed, the grains, when cooked, lose their identity, and become mush. "Polished rice" is a peculiarity of America. The public can procure the unpolished rice if they will insist on the grocer getting it for them, for "polishing" is an extra process which the miller will be glad to abandon.—Country Life in America.

In one day recently 54 cars loaded with local freight arrived in Lewiston. Nearly all the contents consisted of coal, wood, machinery, clothing and groceries.

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IN EVERY Receipt that calls for cream of tartar, soda, or baking powder, use the Royal Baking Powder. Better results will be obtained because of the absolute purity and great leavening strength of the Royal. It will make the food lighter, sweeter, of finer flavor, more digestible and wholesome. It is always reliable and uniform in its work.

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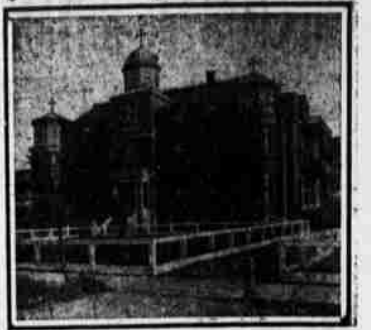


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