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He was a hero, fighting all alone, A lonesome warrior, never one more brave, Discreet, considerate and grave, He fought some noble battles, but he gave No voice to fame and passed away unknown. So grandly to occasions did he rise, So splendid were the victories he planned, That all the world had asked him to command, Could it his native valor understand— He fought himself, and winning, gained the prize. —Ironquill.

DEFECTIVE SCHOOL TEACHING.

School laws and school officials by whose unwise direction the number of studies in the public schools of Oregon has been increased beyond all reason, are doing an irreparable injury to the school children of the state.

The number of studies and classes is so great that the teacher has no time in which to teach, to give instruction, to elucidate, to explain, to enlarge upon the meaning and scope of the lessons in the recitation.

The recitation is a mechanical process. A certain number of minutes are devoted to each class and, hit or miss, each class must get out of the way of the one closely following it.

The result is that scholars are not being taught properly. No matter how well equipped the teacher may be, the law which has fixed the course of study, has handicapped all efforts at thorough teaching.

Students are given a lesson for the next day and are told to learn it or be punished. But there is no time for the teacher to explain, to direct, to bring out the meaning and application of the lesson. The child must worry through it at home, and next day give some sort of recital or solution, no matter how or by whose aid the solution is reached.

The recitation is practically all there is to the school work, and that is a mechanical process, in which individual scholars may or may not have an understanding of the subject. When the bell rings the class is dismissed and the lesson forgotten, imperfectly though it may have been learned by a majority of the classes.

The public fund is devoted to education of the children of the land. If it is not used properly the school children are defrauded. If it is devoted to cramming processes which leave children with incomplete education in the common branches, or if the entire school life of the child is filled with smatterings of studies imperfectly understood, the whole purpose of the public school system is defeated.

Teachers are hired to teach. The school rooms of the land are the places where lessons of the school course should be learned by the students and explained by the teacher. If the law is wrong it should be modified.

TO BEAUTIFY WASHINGTON.

Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, has introduced a bill in the senate, that if it becomes a law, as it will, sooner or later, will make Washington in very fact the most beautiful and attractive city in the world.

It has long been a recognized fact

that all the departments of the government have been hampered in transacting the business of the public on account of the inadequate room provided in the buildings erected for the use of the departments.

For instance, the treasury department has about one-half its force in rented quarters, scattered over the city; the same is true of the state, war and navy departments. The three are crowded into one building not large enough to accommodate either of them, except, possibly, the department of state.

The postoffice department is jammed into a building with the city postoffice. The department of justice and department of commerce and labor have no permanent abiding place, but are quartered in rented buildings.

The bill of Senator Heyburn proposed to remedy all these defects, and at the same time render the capital of the great republic the most attractive city in the world. The National museum, the Smithsonian institute and the agricultural department are located in beautiful grounds as is the bureau of printing and engraving, all south of Pennsylvania avenue, between that great thoroughfare and the Potomac river.

Senator Heyburn proposes that the government purchase all the ground south of the avenue, throw it into one great park that can be beautified without limit, and then, in appropriate parts, erect all public buildings the government will need.

It certainly is a grand plan, and will some time, perhaps, be carried out. It is argued that to purchase the ground now will be a matter of great economy, as the property is constantly increasing in value, and as it is imperative to erect some of the buildings in the very near future, it is urged that the government should secure the ground for all that will be needed at any time in the future.

NOT TOO MUCH PROSPERITY.

Secretary Leslie B. Shaw, of the United States treasury, at a banquet in New York Friday night, said that the present prosperity of the nation is actually alarming and that the logical result of it must be disaster and financial distress.

He says the nation should pray for slower speed. He sounds a warning against the headlong career of today's business prosperity.

Rather, let us pray for a wider distribution of the prosperity. Let us distribute the fruits of industry more equitably among men. Let those who toil have their just share. Let capital loosen its grasp on legislatures, congresses and government departments. Let us have a fair shake and a square deal.

Let us turn the tides of prosperity toward the idle deserts, that the congested cities may be relieved of their sickly, idle and discontented hordes. There is not too much prosperity, but it is confined to a favored few. Let us spread it out over the entire country.

The income of John D. Rockefeller will be over \$60,000,000 this year. There are several fellows, and hard workers, too, in Pendleton, whose income will not reach that princely sum in 1906.

VALUE OF UMATILLA LAND.

The report of Indian Commissioner Francis E. Leupp, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906, shows that 643 tracts of inherited Indian lands were sold in that year, on 31 reservations in 11 states and territories.

The total number of acres included in these tracts was 64,447 and the total proceeds of the sales amounted to \$981,420.87, or an average of \$15.23 per acre for the total acreage.

The best part of this report is that a tract of 31 acres on the Umatilla Indian reservation in this county brought \$74.92 per acre, or more than twice as much as any other tract sold in the entire year.

The next highest price per acre was realized on 557 acres on the Kickapoo reservation in Kansas. This tract brought but \$33.14 per acre, although in the heart of the best part of the southwest.

The other tracts range in price from \$3.85 on the Crow creek reservation in Wisconsin, \$7.53 on the Siletz reservation in western Oregon, \$8.72 on the Devil's Lake reservation in North Dakota, \$5.66 on the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota, to \$74.92 on the Umatilla reservation in this county.

The Umatilla land is so far above the other tracts in price that there is really no comparison. It is an advertisement for the county which must be highly appreciated by farmers in all parts of the Union who will read this report. It will introduce this county to the homeseekers of the United States in a most favorable manner.

In looking over this report the people of the country must be deeply impressed by the price of the land sold in this county. It will cause the Oregon fever to burn a few degrees more fiercely in the breasts of homeseekers and investors.

And the best part of it is, the Umatilla tract will yield returns which fully justify the price paid for it.

TWO BOOKS.

If all the kind words you ever have said Were printed and bound in a book, With every laugh and every smile And every affectionate look,

And all your unselfish and generous deeds And all your duties well done, And all disappointments you've cheerfully borne— Yes, every single one—

And then if another book were to be made, Containing your frowns and your scowls, Containing your cross words and angry retorts, Your fretful and querulous growls,

Each duty neglected or carelessly done, Each pettish and petulant tear— Then if these two books were stood up side by side, Which one would be larger, my dear? —Edith Hall.

WORLD'S GREATEST CROW ROOST

What is said to be the greatest crow roost in the world is being demolished in Barton county. It is Haines grove, eight miles northwest of Lamar. The countless thousands of crows that spend the fall and winter at this place are making their last stand in great numbers. One tree where heretofore but a dozen birds would have roosted, is now black with them as night approaches. The birds have difficulty in obtaining roosting places. As a result, the timber is the scene of innumerable battles at night. The crows keep up incessant calls and almost human screeches as fights for favorite limbs become desperate. The continual fighting causes flying from one part of the timber to another, and throughout the night one approaching the woods at a distance hears the thousands of wings beating the air like the far away muffled roar of a whirlwind. As flocks pass overhead there is a noise as of a thousand switches cutting the air. When daylight breaks over the woods the birds awaken simultaneously. A mile away one can hear the united cries of the thousands of crows. The grove is being cut for telephone poles and the farmers are pleased.—Kansas City Star.

THREE CENTURIES ON A THRONE

There has been only one monarch who for 350 years sat on his throne, crown upon his head, scepter in his hand, and dressed in the royal robes, keeping solemn dominion over the dead.

Charlemagne, the great Frankish ruler, during his life built for himself at Aix-la-Chapelle in Prussia, a chapel and beneath the chapel a tomb. When the monarch died in 814 his body was placed, fully dressed, with scepter and crown, in a sitting position, upon a marble throne in this tomb.

Nearly 200 years afterward the Emperor Otto III had the vault opened, and it is said that the body was found in a state of wonderful preservation, still seated upon his throne, with his sword by his side and the Gospels open on his lap. Again in 1165 the Emperor Barbarossa (Frederick I.) had the vault opened and in 1215 Frederick II, took the remains from the silent chamber over which for so many years they had kept guard and them put into a casket of gold and silver, in which they are still kept.

REAPPOINTED POSTMASTERS.

Of the 1929 presidential postmasters whose terms came to an end during the year, 1474 received reappointments. In other words, about 75 per cent of the presidential postmasters whose terms expired were continued in office because of excellent services rendered. During the year no postmasters were reappointed whose records showed them to have been unfaithful or inefficient in the performance of their duties. A considerable number of postmasters failed of reappointment because the records showed that they had not given sufficient personal attention to their offices.

The department's policy of recommending the reappointment of efficient postmasters has unquestionably brought about a considerable improvement in the service. It is a further incentive for postmasters to become proficient in the management of their offices and to see that the mail service for which they are responsible is conducted in the best possible manner.

The man who simply does nothing in order to rest, usually goes back to work feeling worse than ever.

Spokane has raised the entire sum of \$165,000 necessary to erect a Y. M. C. A. building.

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Bargains in Real Estate

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- 3-room house, 601 Franklin street, corner Webb \$650, All modern 5-room house, 601 Post street, corner Webb \$1600, 4-room house, 605 Post street \$1000, All modern 5-room house, 906 East Webb street \$1400, All modern 6-room house, 520 Market street \$1400, lot \$780, Another in same locality, new 6-rooms and 3 good lots \$375

This property must be sold in the next 30 days, as the owners are leaving the city and if they do not sell will rent and take them off the market. All of these can be had by a small cash payment, balance monthly payments. Why pay rent. Own your own home in a choice location.

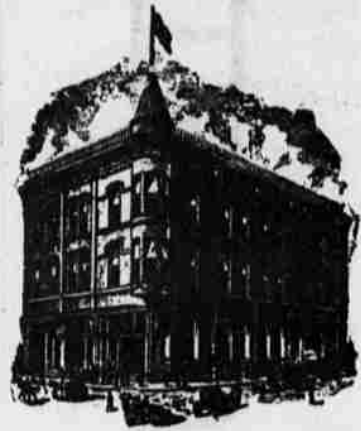
ANOTHER SNAP.—7 fine large rooms, city water, bath, all modern, barn, two full lots, No. 715 Ann street, \$2500. The improvements could not be duplicated for the price, to say nothing about the lots.

Large and small wheat and alfalfa ranches for sale. Call and see use before buying.

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