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\*\*\*\*\* I would not bend the fragrant lily stem. That rears aloft thy fragrant flower face. Off tempted by those unmet jewel eyes. Sparkling beneath their velvet lids. I would not mar their perfect light. Nor cause a cloud to float across their depths. I would renounce these for thy higher self. Renounce those rosy lips for sweeter truth. Nor cause thy crown of gold-tint hair. To ever lose its burnished lustrous youth. Thy silvery breast unrent by passion's storm. Remain serene as any morning flower. And love unfold in these its sweetest store—Worshiped by all—possessed by none.—E. Hofer. \*\*\*\*\*

PENDLETON'S REASONS.

There are 14 counties in the proposed eastern Oregon federal district and nine of them are directly tributary to Pendleton. Every avenue of travel into these nine counties leads directly to this city.

The O. R. & N. and its feeders running southward into the interior form the transportation facilities of nine counties west and south of Umatilla, and by means of the O. R. & N., litigants, attorneys and witnesses would be required to pass through Pendleton on their way to Baker City 127 miles farther eastward.

The state has recognized Pendleton as the geographical center of eastern Oregon by locating the branch supreme court here. The United States government has recognized the geographical and business importance of Pendleton in eastern Oregon by locating the headquarters for the bureau of animal industry here.

The bulk of the business originating in the Oregon federal court from eastern Oregon comes from Umatilla county. All of the nine counties west and south of Umatilla county prefer Pendleton because of its accessibility from all parts of the interior of the state. These counties feel that they would prefer to remain in the western Oregon district than to be placed in the eastern Oregon district with Baker City as headquarters as the cost of litigation would be more than doubled by the extra mileage made necessary.

Pendleton claims that it would be an act of injustice to nine of the largest and most prosperous counties of the district to place the federal court headquarters at Baker City, where but four counties of the district would be tributary to the court.

This is not a matter of a day nor of a year and the court should be located where it will best serve the interests of the eastern Oregon section, not only today, but in the future. Baker City can never be the center of this vast district. The map of Oregon will convince any far-minded congressional committee of this fact. These are a few of Pendleton's excellent reasons for wanting the district headquarters.

FRUITS OF FORESTRY.

The test of a thing is the result which it produces. The test of a tariff policy is the results of that tariff in the operation of the government. The test of a banking law is the operation of the law in actual business transactions. The worth of a road law, or a school law or a tax law must be determined upon the results which follow the execution.

This is also the supreme test of the forestry policy of the government. If the results which have followed the adoption of the forestry policy are

beneficial, in a general sense, is not that policy good? Should we look at a few petty abuses and in our antagonism to them, brand the entire system as a failure?

Let us see. Pasturage is increasing in every forest reserve in the United States. The range area in the reserves will support more stock today than ever before. Stockmen are turning this improved range condition into dollars and cents every day, in fatter stock. The same stockmen are sure of better grazing and longer grazing periods each year, under the guardianship of the government and if this is not a benefit, what is it?

Stream sources are being protected and the water supply of the mountain district increased by the protection of the forestry policy. Thus, farming in the irrigated districts will be made more profitable and secure. This is an incalculable benefit. The timber is being saved for the future, which is a boon upon which no price can be set.

So the policy is successful, profitable, beneficial. It should be every man's duty to help eliminate the aggravations, the annoyances in the administration of the policy, but let us support the policy.

HOME INDUSTRY CAMPAIGN.

There is an opportunity for Pendleton Commercial association to do some excellent work for the city in looking after the location of the various industries which are coming to the inland empire each year.

No enterprise should be too small to go after. Every drop constitutes a part of the sea. Every small enterprise added to the city adds to the business industry here.

There is a chance to bring a combined harvester factory here. A broom factory has recently been located at Gardena. There is no reason why Pendleton should not have such a future possibility.

Every inducement for these institutions to come here can be offered. Transportation facilities are unsurpassed. The location of Pendleton is central. Power and light and fuel can be had here as cheaply as at any other place in the inland empire.

So why not go out after these prospective enterprises? Why not have them "lined up" in advance? It is one of the chief aims of the association.

OUTSIDE VIEW OF GEER.

So fittingly does the following editorial from the Pilot Rock Record state the situation in this city and county with regard to the congressional nomination, that practically all of the papers of eastern Oregon are publishing the expression of Umatilla county sentiment in the matter.

The La Grande Observer is the last paper to use it and it is having much to do with shaping the sentiment in the congressional contest. The editorial is as follows:

Laying all prejudice and politics aside, the great bulk of the people can not see wherein there is anything to be gained in exchanging a man of experience, ability and thorough knowledge of the wants of the people for a man whose sole stock in trade appears to be the fact that he is an ex-governor of the state.

While he may not have come here for the sole purpose of running for office, and being encouraged to do so by those who wanted to get rid of him on the other side of the mountains, the fact remains that he did come here, traded for a newspaper and immediately commenced looking about for an office.

His conferences seem to have been held in Portland, not in Pendleton, and that Portland politicians were taken into his confidence. He made up his mind while in Portland, not while in Pendleton, that he would try for congress and first announced his declaration in a Portland paper.

Is he the tool of a small and unimportant gang of Portland plug-uglies who aspire to be the state-makers of the republican party of the state? Is there any evidence that he was urged or even encouraged in his ambition by the people of Pendleton or those of any other part of eastern Oregon?

The fact is, there is not a republican of prominence in Pendleton who favors his nomination.

Mr. Geer claims credit for a special message recommending the adoption of the primary law, but does not say his reason for doing so was because the state convention turned him down.

Geer is a man of no great force of character. So far as can be learned, he has never made a success of anything he has ever turned his mind and attention to. As an editor of a country paper he is above the average, and if he confined himself strictly to his newspaper the people of this county would have no regrets that he came among them.

a newspaper and run for office at the same time. The fact is, no newspaper man should engage in politics, and when he does he drags his paper down to the level of a market day poster.

THE LEAP YEAR MYTH.

The privileges of leap year are slipping by rapidly and unimproved, says the Salem Journal.

We hear of no woman proposing this year.

While there is talk of giving woman the ballot they will not use the rights they are supposed to have.

If leap year means anything it means marriage.

Proposing is nothing but the conclusion of a long or short courtship.

Men will still have to do the love-making.

It seems the leap year myth has lost its charm, and is a dead letter if it ever was alive.

It's a good thing because a great many foolish proposals are made by the men and women would do worse.

There would not be many marriages if women had to do the proposing.

With the first rejection most women would quit.

They would find carrying on a courtship a delicate and often embarrassing task.

There might not be so many deceptions practiced if women made love.

It is probably a good thing to have it the way it is and no one will initiate a change.

SOUTH AMERICAN HOTELS.

A traveler who recently returned to Philadelphia was narrating some of his experiences in South America at a banquet of globe-trotters at the other evening. He had skirted the entire coast of South America and had found the inns or hotels in most sections very poor.

So bad were they in Peru, he said that one American who had been thrown into jail pending some dispute over his papers, and after his release had sought the hotel of the town returned the next day to the jail and begged that he might be taken in. Over the doorway of a lonely rancher's cottage near the border of Argentina and Patagonia the following curious motto was observed:

Forty miles from hay. Twenty miles from water. Two inches from hades; God bless our home.

But perhaps the most curious sign he had seen was in the window of a restaurant in Buenos Ayres, which read: "American cafe—champagne and fried potatoes."

SWORE AT TELEPHONE GIRL.

Because he swore at a telephone girl for switching him on the wrong line, a Sacramento man has been fined \$20 in the police court. He called for a number and the "central" office put him on a line and a woman's voice told him to come home at once and bring a quart of milk and a dozen eggs. The Sacramento man, who is a crusty old bachelor, at once became wrathful and vented his spite on the poor telephone girl, with the above result. And it served him right. No man is justified in using ungentlemanly language to the young ladies in charge of the telephone exchange. They have their troubles as well as we rest of us and generally do the best they can for the many patrons of the company. They make many mistakes, it is true, but their duties are very difficult and cannot always be performed without error creeping in occasionally.—Eugene Guard.

F. Him, of Phoenix, broke the world's sheep-shearing record yesterday, shearing 325 sheep in nine hours by machinery.

Habitual Constipation

May be permanently overcome by proper personal efforts with the assistance of the one truly beneficial laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna which enables one to form regular habits daily so that assistance to nature may be gradually dispensed with when no longer needed as the best of remedies, when required, are to assist nature and not to supplant the natural functions, which must depend ultimately upon proper nourishment, proper efforts, and right living generally. To get its beneficial effects, always buy the genuine Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. ONLY SOLD BY ALL LEADING DRUGGISTS one size only, regular price 50¢ per Bottle.

Confidence advertisement for Royal Baking Powder. Text includes: 'when eating, that your food is of highest wholesomeness—that it has nothing in it that can injure or distress you', 'ROYAL Baking Powder Absolutely Pure', 'The only baking powder made with Royal Grape Cream of Tartar', 'There can be no comforting confidence when eating alum baking powder food.'

THE OLD MACHINE AT WORK. Quietly and without any eagerly sought press notices Multnomah county's budding republican machine is preparing for its initial tryout on Wednesday, February 26, say the Oregon Daily Journal. On that day, under the direction of the county central committee, of which C. M. Idleman is the engineer in chief, the "precinct elections" will be held, at which three delegates will be elected from each precinct to attend the "mass meeting" which has been called for Saturday, February 29. The "mass meeting" is to draft a platform of principles upon which the machine desires its candidates to stand. That platform will denounce the principle of statement No. 1 and concurrently any candidate who dares to aspire to the legislature from this county who does not concur with the platform of the "mass meeting."

OREGON'S OPPORTUNITY advertisement. Text includes: 'Colonist Rates from all parts of the United States and Canada to all parts of Oregon and the Northwest will be again put into effect by THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY and the SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY. (Lines in Oregon.) March 1, 1908'.

Bank advertisement. Text includes: 'If every person who ought to keep a Bank Account had one now, there would be a decided change in the conditions of the country.', 'Every person who keeps a Bank Account raises his standing among his fellows and with the Banker. He also helps to make conditions better in his country.', 'Ninety per cent of the commercial business is done by the means of paper. Money represents property. A check means that there is money in the Bank to the credit of the one who writes the check.', 'THE PENDLETON SAVINGS BANK offers every facility to all seeking a safe, conservative institution, capable of caring for it's customers in all legitimate undertakings. 4 per cent interest on Savings Deposits. Safe Deposits boxes for rent.', 'CAPITAL & SURPLUS 1-4 OF A MILLION DOLLARS'

Rexall Cold Breaker and Grippe Cure advertisement. Text includes: 'Rexall Cold Breaker and Grippe Cure. Do it in four hours. Guaranteed by The Pendleton Drug Co. REXALL STORE'

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY advertisement. Text includes: 'ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY. PENDLETON, OREGON. Under the direction of the Sisters of St. Francis, of Philadelphia. Resident and day pupils. Special attention given to music and elocution. Students prepared for teachers' examinations for county and state certificates. For particulars address SISTER SUPERIOR.'

REAL ESTATE advertisement. Text includes: 'REAL ESTATE LOTS FOR SALE. The Soto Shimbun, the Japanese daily newspaper published at San Francisco and which kept the trouble in the school matters stirred up, has been attached for debts. The Japanese youth gives his sweetheart, instead of an engagement ring, a piece of silk for her sash.'

INSURANCE advertisement. Text includes: 'INSURANCE. Livermore & Bickers. Room 12, Judd Bldg. Pendleton - - - Oregon. Large Quantity of the Famous Rock Spring Coal. Now on Hand. The coal that produces heat and not dirt. Also fine lot of good dry wood. Dutch Henry Office, Pendleton Ice & Cold Storage Company. Phone Main 178.'

Columbia Bar advertisement. Text includes: 'Columbia Bar and Rooming House. F. X. Schempp (Estate). Fine Wines, Liquors, and Cigars. Newly furnished and up-to-date. Rooming House in Connection. 326 MAIN STREET.'

Our Specialty's advertisement. Text includes: 'Our Specialty's the Family Trade. We are fully prepared to furnish you the best of lard, sausages and fresh, smoked or cured meats each day. Central Meat Market. Carney & Tweedy. Telephone Main 33. All the news all the time in the East Oregonian.'