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Men seldom mount at a single bound To the ladder's very top; They must slowly climb it, round by round, With many a start and stop. And the winner is sure to be the man Who labors day by day; For the world has found that the safest plan Is to keep on pegging away. You have read, of course, about the hare And the tortoise—the tale is old— How they ran the race—it counts not where— And the tortoise won we're told. The hare was sure he had time to pause And to browse about and play; So the tortoise won the race because He just kept pegging away. —F. H. Sweet.

ON TO PENDLETON.

The news story in the East Oregonian today announcing that the Walla Walla Traction company now has a crew of surveyors at work on the extension of that line from Freewater toward Weston, confirms the predictions of this paper that the traction company will build into this city within a reasonably short time.

There is everything for the company to build here for. Traffic would overwhelm the line within a few months all the way through Umatilla county. Pendleton is the logical center of the inland empire and the company must come to Pendleton to get in position to command the business of this growing territory.

The values of land will greatly increase all the way through Umatilla county by the coming of this line. New settlements will spring up, families will move out to the abandoned ranches, schools will be maintained at unexpected places and Umatilla county will awaken to the true life which awaits her.

And the line will not stop at Pendleton. Hermiston or Umatilla is the ultimate goal. After leaving Pendleton the line would enter the rich irrigated section which is just coming into usefulness. From Pendleton westward, as well as eastward, would come a most thrilling activity and new settlements would mark the now forbidding sagebrush wastes.

And the industrial developments which would follow the coming of the traction line to this city and on to Umatilla would be but insignificant compared to the social benefits to be enjoyed. It would stimulate social intercourse; it would induce people to travel and see and become acquainted; it would awaken the excursion spirit; it would bring neighbors together, towns together and counties together and would be a social and educational uplift for this entire section of country.

PLANT TREES, BUILD ROADS.

While the people in the irrigated sections of Umatilla county are making money at a rapid rate through the increase of land values, they can also follow their sentimental ideals in beautifying the country. No other country on earth offers greater inducements to tree growing and road-making than Umatilla county. The soil produces abundantly and all the semi-tropical varieties of trees will grow rapidly under irrigation.

In the Hermiston district the road-making and tree planting spirit has taken hold and it is hoped that it will be developed and encouraged. Nothing will add more to the genuine value of that country than hedges, parks, shrubbery, shaded lanes, wide boulevards and drives. It is an ideal country for such and Hermiston and

all of the west and of the county will make a mistake if they do not begin early to cultivate this side of industrial life.

Orchard and Farm says of a movement for the beautification of the waste places in southern California:

To beautify the bare, brown hills of southern California with trees and, in fact, to turn the fringe of the desert into a paradise, is the worthy aim of the Monterey Tree-Growing club. Not only for southern California alone is the good work being urged, but also for all other parts of the state in need of trees for shade and ornament.

The club contemplates building a log clubhouse on its beautiful tract within the town limits of Monterey, and the members will engage in an active propaganda for the beautifying of the barren portions of the state.

H. A. Green has been elected temporary president, and he has issued a little pamphlet giving details of the work to be done by the club. He has on hand several hundred Monterey pine and redwood trees, growing in tin cans, which will be in good condition for transplanting during the coming season. These trees will be offered in exchange for other desirable kinds held by other tree-growing clubs. The Monterey club will receive orders for Monterey pines, to be delivered next winter in any quantity, for \$5 per 100, the money to go to the school children who are growing them.

President Greene says that possibly the best native California tree for street and road planting is the chestnut oak, our best tanbark tree (quercus densifolia.)

ONE MODEL COUNTY.

There may be model counties in more ways than one. There may be models in financial condition, in public morals, in progressive methods, in educational progress and otherwise, but according to the Oregon Daily Journal, Benton county combines all these virtues into one and may be taken as the multiple model of Oregon, a combination of all the virtues, a composite of everything good and wholesome and sensible.

The Journal says: Benton county is out of debt. Aside from some violations of the local option law, now suppressed, it is a county practically without crime. There is but little litigation there. A term of circuit court sometimes lasts but a day or two.

The people, however, are not asleep, but are industrially active and are becoming more and more enterprising. There is richer farming land to be had at a moderate price, much unimproved land, timber land and many streams. The climate is almost perfection and there is "no booze in Benton." It is a dry county.

Where is there a better residence county, a better one for American homes, in the country? If there is a better one it must be some other Oregon county—and we doubt if any of these is more than "just as good."

MR. GEER'S CASE.

Mr. Geer and his faction are making a lot of fuss about the East Oregonian attempting to open political sores in this campaign for the purpose of dividing the republican vote. The East Oregonian is simply opposing Mr. Geer because he came over into the eastern Oregon district, after trying for every other available office, and within less than a year and a half, became a candidate for congress.

Mr. Geer himself opened the factional sores when he did this thing. He is attempting to oust a pioneer resident of this district from the office which justly belongs to him for another term, at least, according to all political usages.

In view of the fact that Mr. Geer's faction in state politics defeated the eastern Oregon candidate for governor, in 1902, what greater affront could Mr. Geer offer to the opposing faction, if there is one, than to come to eastern Oregon and set himself up as leader within a few months after his arrival, and begin a fight to oust a veteran of the district from the best office in the district?

Who has opened the political sores in eastern Oregon, then?

BETTER FIRE PROTECTION.

As long as there are no fires and danger seems distant, it is well enough to laugh at the demand for better fire protection in the city.

Pendleton is not what she was a few years ago. All the central part of the city has been built up and is now metropolitan in every respect except, perhaps, in the matter of fire protection.

No disastrous fires have occurred, and those small blazes which have been experienced have been handled well by the excellent local fire depart-

ment, thanks to the efficiency and readiness of the boys.

But let a real fire visit the city and put the fire apparatus to the extreme test and Pendleton will be brought to realize her true condition.

So when we look at the matter at close range and try to imagine what would happen in a real, disastrous fire in the city, the demand for better protection seems anything but idle talk. The recommendations of Fire Chief Vaughan are worthy of the most careful consideration of the council and property owners.

THE MAKER OF DREAMS.

He also tells who only dreams. He also serves who builds the beams of hope and fancy and far quest. Who sings the songs that fill his breast.

Who paints the picture, carves the stone, Touches the harp of divers tone With mastering fever, magic skill, Who climbs the peak and on the hill Of dreaming sees with mystic ken The far results of time for men! He also tells who only blows The bubble where the blooms repose; For, lo, the darkling ages see At last the light that sets them free— The light, the glow, the glare, the gleam.

The watchfires on the hills of dream He lights who sings the golden lay, Who lifts the lute and dares to play, Who piles the brush and on his heart Carves radiant messages of art, Blows golden bubbles, starves and bleeds— That men may turn his dreams to deeds! —Baltimore Sun.

THE CAT IN THE MEAL TUB.

Richard Parson Hobson, congressman from Alabama, as the result of the notoriety he received by sinking an old hulk in Santiago harbor, is going over the country delivering lectures in which he declares that war between the United States and Japan is inevitable and the bounded duty of this country, if she would save herself from destruction, is to appropriate \$50,000,000 a year building more battleships. That's the cat in the meal tub. Get up a war scare to frighten the people and through them induce congress to make big appropriations. It is an old trick and generally works well. As a matter of fact there is not the slightest probability of a war with Japan. That country has no desire or intention to attack us. Mr. Hobson could be in much better business. Our navy is large enough at present for all purposes. Instead of more money to meet wars that will never materialize, it would be much better to devote this \$50,000,000 a year to the purpose of peace. Let it be devoted to improving our waterways and benefiting agriculture.—American Farmer.

MARCH.

Hoarse the horns of the wind are braying Over the field of the rifted sky; Ghostly gray in their ruff dismayed, Wrecks of the cloud-rack hurry by.

Sudden the sun through the press is breaking, Borne aloft in his burnished car, Ruthless, unerring, his foes o'er taking, Golden arrows he drives afar.

Swift are his shafts, and his wrath is burning, Snowdrifts shrink that are white with fear; Now is her lord to the earth returning Now is the month of the war-god here. —John Curtis Underwood.

STATISTICS OF TURKEY.

Fra Eibertus Hubbard has a new reform scheme. He is showing up the Turkish system of reporting mortality statistics. Thus:

The French governor, wishing to obtain definite statistics on points relating to certain Turkish provinces, recently sent some blanks, with questions to be answered. The replies received from the pasha of Damascus are worth quoting:

Question—What is the death rate in your province?

Answer—In Damascus, it is the will of Allah that all should die. Some die young and some die old.

Question—What is the annual number of births?

Answer—God alone can say. I do not know, and hesitate to inquire.

Question—Are the supplies of water sufficient and of good quality?

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Answer—From the remotest period, no one has died in Damascus of thirst. General remarks as to local sanitation—Man should not bother himself or his brother with questions that concern only God. ORIGIN OF PEANUTS. The peanut, which, strictly speaking, is not a nut at all, but a ground pea, has not been found in a truly wild state, and hence its historians have found it difficult to fix upon its habitat. In Africa during the 17th century, it was extensively cultivated and formed such an important article of native food that the slave dealers loaded their vessels with it, using it as food for their cargoes of captives. While some botanists have attempted to trace its spread from China to Japan, the weight of authority seems to be in favor of accepting it as a native of Brazil. It was largely cultivated in the warmer portions of the Old World long before its merits were recognized in the land of its origin, assuming it to be a native of the Western Continent. The yearly production of peanuts in this country is 4,000,000 bushels, which just about supplies the present demand in the United States. Three-fourths of the American crop is sold through street vendors.

that a steam-heating plant was installed for use on this special occasion. Dozens of autos belonging to the farmers and others were lined up outside of the barn. No other country could show such a sight as this, but here there are many farmers who could give the same kind of a party. Made Him Tired. The automobile struck the man, Its wheel rolled up his chest. And then, with chug and odor vile, The auto came to rest. "And are you hurt?" they asked him then. "Too late with pity fired, "No, not much hurt," he made reply, "But just pneumatic tired." —Philadelphia Ledger.

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