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Be strong!
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift.
We have hard work to do and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle; face it.
'Tis God's gift.
Be strong!
Say not the days are evil—
who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce—oh, shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.
Be strong!
It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong.
How hard the battle goes, the day how long.
Faint not, fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.
—Anonymous.

TO PROPERTY OWNERS!

On next Monday evening Pendleton Commercial association will hold a monster mass meeting to see what can be done to inject new life into the city. At present things are dragging along in a rut. The woolen mill is idle where it should be running, and employing 40 people. A number of vacant houses and store buildings are found in the town and few new people are coming in.

Something is the matter, notwithstanding Pendleton's excellent record and excellent location and far-reaching reputation as a business, banking and trading center.

Here is what is the matter: The leading property owners, the men who own the principal buildings in the city take but slight interest in the affairs of Pendleton Commercial association and depend upon their tenants to do the boosting for the town and keep things moving.

If the town goes down who will suffer? The landlord, of course, and not the renter. Then is not the landlord, the property owner, the man to see that Pendleton does not go down? The tenant can go elsewhere and rent another building and engage in business, but the Pendleton property owner is the man who must stay here and suffer any deterioration or dullness or stagnation.

So here is what must be done: The large property owners of Pendleton, the men who are drawing the rents and paying the taxes, must wake up. They must realize that they are to be the heaviest losers if Pendleton goes down. Their entire property is at stake. They must suffer whatever loss comes.

The East Oregonian is not going to speak disparagingly of anybody, but in order to set the facts emphatically before the city, it is necessary to speak plainly. There is a large number of the largest property owners in the city who scarcely ever go near the Commercial association and who take no active part in its affairs, whatever.

Among these men are W. F. Matlock, Charles Brownfield, J. R. Dickson, B. F. Remm, Joe Basler, Joe Ell, James Crawford, John Schmidt, the Odd Fellows' lodge, the O. R. & N., J. M. Ferguson, C. F. Colesworthy, the Eagles' building, the Bowman hotel, the Golden Rule hotel building, Hotel St. George, Gus La Fontaine, C. C. Hendricks, John Temple, the DeSpain building and many others who own large interests in the city.

Any two or three of these men could start Pendleton woolen mills within a few hours by putting their shoulder to the wheel and loading somebody with experience sufficient funds to start with. This would employ 40 people, would fill up 15 or 20 vacant dwellings, circulate several thousand dollars per month and would stimulate business in every way.

The property owner and not the tenant is the man who is interested. He must suffer. His property depreciates in value if the town stops growing and it is up to him to get into

the harness and help get new settlers and start new enterprises.

Everybody admits that Pendleton is in the heart of the best country in the west and is most favorably located. If she does not grow and prosper it will be the fault of a few men who own large property interests, but who refuse to take an active part in keeping the town alive.

So when the mass meeting for boosting Pendleton is held on Monday night, and on every other meeting of Pendleton Commercial association, these heavy property owners should be present to take part. They are the interested parties. They have their investments at stake and they must do something to keep Pendleton going ahead.

This editorial is not intended to hurt anybody's feelings in this matter and it is not a "foam," but it is a plain business talk with business men who are equally interested with the East Oregonian in the growth of this beautiful city. There must be renewed interest, a co-operation in Pendleton. The landlords must come and take part. They will suffer if the town stops growing or deteriorates.

REMEDY FOR BIG FARMS.

Everybody knows that the big farms of Umatilla county are a positive drawback to the county, while they may be highly profitable to their owners. As the land is accumulated into a few hands homes are abandoned, school houses locked up and districts allowed to lapse.

The farms are handled by a few hired men, but these are no addition to the country settlements. The families that once occupied the big farms before they became the property of one man, have either moved to the towns or out of the county and state entirely. The country settlements are running down every year.

But what is the remedy? How are you going to prevent men from investing in wheat land? Who shall deny any citizen the right to buy out his neighbor if he can?

Although this program may kill the county as a home district and may stop the growth of the towns, who will dare to lift a hand against the program? These farmers own their land legitimately. They earned their money honestly and have a right to spend it for more land, automobiles or in any other investment which pleases them.

There is but one remedy which may be applied by legislation and that is the graduated land tax—a tax which will make it unprofitable to own more than a certain amount of productive land. This will stop land monopoly quicker and more surely than any other remedy.

But how many of the people of Umatilla county, or Oregon will vote to enact a graduated land tax? With the remedy within their grasp how many have the courage to put the remedy into effect? It is a big question. But it is a question which every old settled section must meet some time. As the land is needed by homeless people, society will simply be forced to adopt some protective and remedial measure which will stop monopoly.

With a system of electric lines covering Umatilla county and the county cut up into small tracts the population would be quadrupled. With the present big farms the wheat belt will stand where it is today. Progress is impossible.

But who will have the courage to apply the remedy for the big farm?

HELP PENDLETON SCHOOLS.

There are scores of wealthy farmers in Umatilla county who are willing to give large sums of money for the advancement of education. These men have made their money in Umatilla county and have their homes in this county and the East Oregonian appeals to them to make Umatilla county schools the objects of their beneficent charity.

No need to go outside of the state or even outside of the county to find worthy educational institutions which need endowments, and which can be built up to become monuments to Umatilla county's enterprise and enlightenment.

Pendleton academy and St. Joseph's academy of this city are worthy of your support. They are both educating large numbers of young people free, while the cost to those who pay is but small.

If you have money to give to education, give it to Umatilla county schools. Let us build them up and make them permanent. Let us place them in an independent position where they can be self-supporting and on a permanent basis.

W. T. Shaw, the pioneer irrigator of Hudson bay, is out for the legislature on a statement No. 1 platform and will make an active canvass of the county during the coming month. Mr. Shaw is a pioneer and substantial

citizen of the east end of the county and is out on one of the most popular platforms that ever engaged the attention of the American people, and it is predicted by many that he will be elected on the first day of June. Other counties in the state are putting out independent statement No. 1 candidates and the movement is general all over the state to secure a large majority for the popular election of senators in the next legislature.

Since the editorial page of the East Oregonian is today devoted principally to the discussion of the growth of Pendleton and Umatilla county, it may be called a booster's edition. Boosting is always a timely topic and if a town does not boost it will die. So Pendleton property owners may take their choice.

THE IDEAL LEADER.

He is one who counts no public toll so hard
As idly glittering pleasures. One controlled
By no mob's haste nor swayed by gods of gold,
Prizing, not courting, all just men's regard,
With none but man hood's ancient order starred
Nor crowned with titles less august and old
Than human greatness. Large brained, limpid souled,
Whom dreams can hurry not nor doubts retard.
Born, nurtured of the people, living still
The people's life and though their noblest flower,
In naught removed above them, save alone
In loftier virtue, wisdom, courage, power,
The ampler vision, the serene will,
And the fixed mind, to no light day lying prone.
—William Watson.

THE FLUTES OF SPRING.

The flutes of spring are all in tune
And playing everywhere.
Oh, crystal-clear and ripple-toned
They sound along the air.

The long arpeggios of the sun
Sweep over hill and plain.
And in the misty valleys sound
The runs and trills of rain.

Wild melodies of strolling winds
Go swift across the sky.
The young-leaved wood is loud with calls,
Where nesting robins fly.

Some spirit roams upon the earth,
New-born, wing-sandalled, free,
And for him, where he strays, the flutes
Pour out their melody.

Then listen to the tune of them
That play at April's birth,
Whose call is to the waking heart
From the deep soul of earth.
—Ethel B. Howard, in the May Scribner.

TWILIGHT.

The moon's white hull near the shore
Of the sky,
And one large star, clear-shining
high;
All earth's outlines softer growing,
The night's deep tide to the west is flowing.
Now the shore is drowned, but still
afloat
Is the shining keel of the white moon-boat,
And the one great star has grown
more bright,
A flaming beacon, piercing the night.
—Selected.

Barney Garity, employed on J. E. Walton's farm, a mile west of Green River Hot Springs, was blown to pieces by the explosion of 53 sticks of dynamite a few days ago. Parts of his body were thrown more than 100 feet.

Women Who Wear Well.

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life often make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliance vanish like the bloom from a peach which is rudely handled. The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden. There are two reasons for this change, ignorance and neglect. Few young women appreciate the shock to the system through the change which comes with marriage and motherhood. Many neglect to deal with the unpleasant pelvic drains and weaknesses which too often come with marriage and motherhood, not understanding that this secret drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its fairness.

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PLANT TREES!

The suggestion is frequently made that out-of-the-way places should be utilized by planting fruit trees, thereby securing a return from lands now unproductive, says the Pocatello Tribune.

This plan contemplates that fence rows and fence corners shall be planted to fruit trees, and that where brush now holds possession trees full of apples, cherries or plums shall be seen. At first thought the idea seems a good one, for undoubtedly there are many small strips and corners on Idaho farms where fruit trees could be planted.

But modern conditions of fruit-growing make the plan impracticable. A fruit tree planted in a corner or close to a fence must be a neglected tree. The farmer cannot plow around it or cultivate it to maintain thrifty growth. Brush grows up around it and since the tree does not present a thrifty appearance, pruning is neglected. Because it is close to a fence in the brush, he cannot get around it conveniently to spray it.

As a consequence it soon becomes a breeding place for fruit pests and a producer of unmarketable fruit. Instead of planting close to a fence, the first row of trees in an orchard should be at such a distance as to permit thorough cultivation on all

sides. An "out-of-the-way" place may be utilized by planting trees that are not subject to pests and that do not require cultivation, but should never be filled with fruit trees.

EASY TO DRIFT.

Easy to drift to the open sea—
The tides are eager and swift and strong,
And whistling and free are the rushing winds.
But, oh, to get back is hard and long!

Easy as told in Arabian tale,
To free from his jar the evil sprite,
Till he rises like smoke to stupendous size,
But, oh, nevermore can we prison him tight!

Easy as told in an English tale,
To fashion a Frankenstein, body and soul,
And breathe in his bosom a breath of life,
But, oh, we create what we cannot control!

Easy to drift to the sea of doubt,
Easy to hurt what we cannot heal,
Easy to rouse what we cannot soothe,
Easy to speak what we do not feel,
Easy to show what we ought to conceal—
Easy to think that fancy is fate,
And, oh, the wisdom that comes too late!
—Oliver Hackel.

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