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What's the good of bein' grouchy? When you're wearin' your worst frown? Does it start the sun a-shinin' Or the rain from comin' down? Scowlin' only makes you ugly; You'd be handsome if you'd smile; Why not start out lookin' pleasant, At least, once in a while. Do you find complainin' helps you Do you ever git much profit Out of merely feelin' blue? Grumblin', if it brought men dollars, Would at once be all the style; But the man that wins is cheer-ful— At least, once in a while. —Chicago Record-Herald.

PROMISE OF THE DESERT.

If the thornless cactus will do half as well as a forage plant as is claimed for it, it would revolutionize stock feeding and range conditions in eastern Oregon. If, instead of producing 30 tons per acre, it would produce 40 or even 50 tons per acre, it would work a radical change in stock raising in this and other eastern Oregon counties.

Alfalfa is not the only crop adapted to the arid and semi-arid lands of eastern Oregon. The homely sunflower will make any man rich who will grow it in large enough quantities, cultivate, harvest it and market it with proper care and diligence.

The rubber plant of New Mexico and Arizona will also grow in luxuriant abundance on the highest, driest knolls in the sand belt and will yield from \$30 to \$75 per acre, according to the cultivation and care bestowed upon it.

People get into a rut and come to think nothing but old varieties of crops can be produced at a profit, while all about them lie new promises and new opportunities of which they do not dream.

ROOSEVELT'S GOOD NAME.

Of all the enemies which President Roosevelt has made during his remarkable administration as chief executive of the nation, no man can say that he has stooped to listen to the boodlers, grafters or parasites of politics which have swarmed about the national capital.

Orison Swett Marden in a recent number of Success Magazine, pays the president a deserved compliment and renews the high ideals of character which have always marked his public and private life. Marden says: Compare the pitiable human beings who have collapsed from exposure during the last two years with the superb figure in the White House. But yesterday those men stood on a level with Mr. Roosevelt in popular esteem; today they are despised of all men.

No power can ever restore them to their former influence. They have discredited themselves, and are dead to the American people.

The trouble with these men who went down so quickly in the public esteem was that they were not men before they were congressmen, senators, insurance officials, railroad men, bankers, financiers. They were playing a false part.

Mr. Roosevelt early resolved that, let what would come, whether he succeeded in what he undertook or failed, whether he made friends or enemies, he would not take chances with good name; that he would part with everything else first, that he would never gamble with his reputation, that he would keep his record clean. His first ambition was to stand for something, to be a man. Before he was a politician or anything else the man must come first. In his early career he had many

opportunities to make a great deal of money by allying himself with crooked, sneaking, unscrupulous politicians. He had all sorts of opportunities for political graft.

But crookedness never had any attraction for him. He refused to be a party to any political jobbery, any underhand business. He preferred to lose any position he was seeking, to let somebody else have it, if he must get smirched in getting it. He would not touch a dollar, place of preferment unless it came to him clean, with no trace of jobbery on it.

Politicians who had "an axe to grind" knew it was no use to try to bribe or to influence him with promises of patronage, money, position or power. Mr. Roosevelt knew perfectly well he would make many mistakes and many enemies, but he resolved to carry himself in such a way that even his enemies should at least respect him for his honesty of purpose, and for his straightforward, "square deal" methods. He resolved to keep his record clean, his name white, at all hazards. Everything else seemed unimportant in comparison.

RECONSTRUCT U. OF O.

That a complete reconstruction and rearrangement of the educational system, and especially of the university and agricultural college systems of Oregon, is at hand, is shown by the frequent earnest demands for it from educators and those in authority in the state.

The people of Oregon have sustained the state university and are proud of it, but there are a number of radical changes which should be made in its work. Editor E. Hofer of the Salem Journal, and a member of the state normal board, says of the demand for a reconstruction of the University of Oregon:

Now that the election is over, and the state university has got its permanent support of \$125,000 a year something should be done for the reconstruction of the institution.

But in all the jubilation and in all this week of graduating exercises it is not likely that any earnest effort will be made to correct any of the defects in that institution.

The Linn county grange has started a movement to have both the state university and the agricultural college put under one board of regents, as the four normals have been.

There is room to doubt if that alone would accomplish the real ends to be sought. It might result in getting greater economy and in cutting out the duplication of courses.

What excuse is there for carrying on the same courses of study at two institutions maintained by the state? It will be said there must of necessity be some duplication of courses.

There will have to be some duplication in sciences and in English, but what excuse is there to carry on a department in civil engineering, mining engineering, hydraulic engineering and electrical engineering?

There is too much engineering at the agricultural college, according to the list of graduates published, where eight took a course in agriculture, 11 in domestic science, and about sixty-odd in engineering.

But the industrial and domestic science departments of the agricultural college have been strengthened and enlarged, and a lot of the literary and cultural courses have been cut out.

The agricultural college is putting in wood and metal-working shops, cookery and dressmaking departments, and enlarging the field and getting out of competition with the state university.

But more of this will have to be done, and there is room for improvement in both institutions in getting out of each other's fields. The people will not stand to be taxed to maintain duplicate courses.

In closing the critical discussion, The Capital Journal wishes to suggest in the interest of the university that it meet the demands of the people better now that it has more money to carry out its plans with.

The law and medical departments should be taken out of the purview of Portland, the standards of admission raised to that of other first-class universities, and maintained at Eugene.

The department of education should be built up and made to serve the rapidly growing demand for special teachers for the high schools. All the students taking professional courses should be required to pay tuition.

VALUE OF A "PUFF."

A correspondent wishes to know if The American Press considers expressions of satisfaction with a newspaper by its readers or advertisers of no value. By no means. Every paper has a case in the court of public opinion. Witnesses help to establish its claims, says the Press. Perhaps a reader's commendation

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This is entirely different from the mere compliment to individuals, which is accepted good naturedly by the disinterested reader and passed over as a "newspaper puff." Testimonials have their weight even when they refer to patent medicines, and the wide awake publisher will not overlook their value.

The dissatisfied state of human nature is plainly shown in the conferring of the degrees of bachelor of law on J. Pierpont Morgan by Yale university. Morgan has craved this title and despite his millions he thought it would add to the sum of his happiness. On the other hand if the poverty stricken professors who conferred the empty degrees upon the magnate had but one-tenth of his wealth they would perhaps surrender all of the 23 initials and titles attached to their names.

Pendleton uses about 5000 brooms per year and every one of them is manufactured either in Kansas, Missouri or Nebraska and shipped half way across the continent. Umatilla county alone could produce enough broom corn and Pendleton could manufacture enough brooms to supply half of Oregon. It is simply a matter of getting started into a new business. It is a matter of getting out of a rut.

Successful Woman Orchardist. Miss Estelle More, of Niagara county, N. Y., owns and manages a 200-acre fruit farm on which there are 20,000 peach trees, 2000 apple trees, 1700 pear trees, 500 quince, 1000 plums, and another 1000 cherries, apricots and other fruit, says Pacific Homestead. There is a large woods and some land is devoted to small fruit and vegetables; but no hay or grain is raised on the place. The farm was left to her by a deceased relative and at that time she was a "green" city girl unacquainted with agriculture, but now she is well up in the work and is making a success of her property, attending to every business detail herself.

A strange story comes from one of the Balkan states, where commercial morality is still in its infancy. At a recent banquet given at the house of a prime minister a distinguished diplomat complained to his host that the minister of justice, next to whom he was sitting, had taken his watch. The prime minister said: "Ah, he shouldn't have done that. I will get it back for you." Sure enough, toward the end of the evening the watch was returned to its owner. "And what did he say?" asked the guest. "Sh-h!" He does not know I have got it back," said the prime minister.

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TONS OF CHINESE HAIR. A ton of Chinese hair for the "rats" of American women, formed part of the cargo of the big freighter Wray Castle, which has just arrived from the Orient, says a New York dispatch. The hair came from the heads of Chinese bandits, who had been beheaded, and is valued at more than \$5000. Enough of this hair is on board the Wray Castle to provide thousands of American girls with the necessary "filling" and great care was taken on the freighter to keep it from exposure of any sort that might spoil it for the market in the United States. Hardly had the consignment of Chinese hair been brought to the American docks on Staten Island before the British steamship Seneca arrived in quarantine with 22 cases of Chinese

pigtails, which, according to Captain Grimes, were collected in Chinese cemeteries by a crafty American who collected the gruesome souvenirs for profit, in three months' plunder of Chinese burial grounds. "The gathering of hair in China," said Captain Grimes, "is quite an industry, as when a Chinaman is buried he is placed in a hole in the ground in an upright position, with the head sticking out of the ground. The head is closely shaved except for the pigtail. The Chinese believe that their big boss comes around in the night and takes the soul of the buried one to heaven in the pigtail. "After the first visitation of the American brothers and sisters of the buried Chinaman reported that the boss had been busy with their relatives and were contented in the belief that the boss had lifted the souls to heaven by the missing pigtails."

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