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This is the state of man: Today he puts forth the tender leaves of hope; tomorrow blossoms, and bears his blushing honors thick upon him; The third day comes a frost, a killing frost, and when he thinks, good easy man, full surely his greatness is a-ripening—rips his root, and then he falls. —Shakespeare.

HOW TO GET LOW RATES.

There is one way in which Pendleton can get lower fire insurance rates, and that is by installing a chemical engine and other improved fire fighting apparatus. When the new city hall is completed and the home for the fire department is equipped, the city should install some new apparatus. The volunteer fire department deserves some new fire fighting equipment and the city needs it.

It has been said repeatedly that better fire fighting equipment would reduce fire insurance rates and if this is so, the property owners and business men should find it out. Every dollar invested in good fire fighting apparatus is an asset to the city and this should receive the earnest consideration of the council. The fire boys deserve whatever the city is able to furnish them in the way of equipment.

IF WE HAD THE ELECTRIC LINE.

A woman from the east end of the county, with her arms full of bundles of merchandise, while trying to board the O. R. & N. train leaving Pendleton for Walla Walla at 5 o'clock last evening, gave Pendleton a red hot tip which is worth remembering.

"If you fellows would get a move on you and get them electric cars down here a person could go home with her shopping with some comfort," she said as she climbed into the coach.

Yes; if we would only get that "move" on us.

If the council would get a "move" on it and grant a franchise to the company which promises to make Pendleton the center of a system of electric lines.

If capitalists would only get a "move" on them and assure the council that they mean business.

Several "moves" are needed to hurry up, the day when a "person can come to Pendleton and do their shopping and get home with some comfort."

If we had the electric line we could send home scores of women every day with their arms filled with Pendleton bundles. It is worth thinking about, even in this hot weather.

HENRY WATTERSON.

It is a pleasure to hear a deserving man praised while alive and in possession of his faculties that he may enjoy it. The world too often reserves its praise until the man or woman is dead. It is characteristic of humanity to underestimate a man's work while he is alive, and overestimate it when he is dead.

The East Oregonian takes pleasure in printing the following excellent estimate of Henry Watterson, the veteran editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, from the Baltimore Sun: Colonel Watterson, we believe, is the greatest living literary man. His vocabulary is illimitable; his style is electric; his figures of speech are overpowering. He is a mighty phrase-maker; an author, inventor and originator of epigrams that will never die—no, never. His compositions bristle and glitter with all sorts of novel and amazing personages, metaphors, tropes and images. "The star-eyed goddess of reform," "the hegoats of high finance," "patriotism and a pension,"

"the lean wolves of plutocracy," "the hills of Yubadam," "from hell to breakfast," "the glascutis whangdoodle and oodgof, the gin ricky and the bedilla," "the nigger, the trigger and the Ku-Klux-Klan."

He slings rhymes and philosophy with magnificent lavishness; he is never at a loss for a word, clause, sentence, paragraph, chapter, book, tome, treatise or library. He has written more than 10,000 articles on the Hayes-Tilden controversy and is still going at full speed.

He has supported Bryan, denounced Bryan, annihilated Bryan, resurrected Bryan. His arguments against the Nebraska were final and unanswerable; his arguments in the Nebraska's favor will be impeachable and overwhelming.

His mind is divided into two halves, one being an immovable body and the other an irresistible force. He is the champion Greco-Roman and catch-as-catch-can author of the universe.

Plain prose can never hope to do justice to the colonel's powerful pen. It is a thunderbolt, a 12-inch rifled cannon, a runaway locomotive, an earthquake, a cataclysm. When he dips into the ink it throws off a rippling which invades the farthest limbo of lost words. When it scratches the paper the sound deafens the inhabitants of the faraway Malay Archipelago.

THE DESERT UNDER SCIENCE.

Through the munificent philanthropy of Andrew Carnegie, the searching eye of science has been turned upon the secrets of the American desert and the scientific history of the wilderness will be written.

Through the Carnegie Institute of Washington, D. C., an institution founded and endowed by Mr. Carnegie for scientific research, the first station of its kind in the world, a station for the scientific study of plant life in the heart of the desert, has been established at Tumamoc Hill, near Tucson, Arizona.

This is called the Desert Botanical station of the Carnegie Institute and is engaged in a detailed scientific study of the flora of the Great American desert. The information gained through this station will be given to the farmers of the west through bulletins and press reports and it is believed that the results of the study will help the dry land farmers in their struggles with the desert.

So while people are cursing Andrew Carnegie for having accumulated his multi-millions, he is devoting his wealth and energies to the advancement of knowledge, the distribution of scientific facts and the investigation of the mysteries which surround us, in every walk in life.

This desert botanical garden and experimental station is but one of the numberless arms of the Carnegie Institute. It reaches into every unexplored field and is using the millions of the steel king to bring the hidden secrets of nature from their hiding places to be used for the edification of humanity.

THE WORLD'S WORK.

In every community in the world, something of the world's great forward movement is carried on. Here in Umatilla county the Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, Christians are invading the farthest corners of the county with church organizations and Sunday Schools. On the Umatilla reservation among the Indians, the Catholics and Presbyterians are diligently striving to improve conditions.

These tasks seem commonplace and monotonous to the pessimist. But they are parts of the great movement. They are intimately connected with missionary efforts in India, Africa, Alaska. Like rivulets joined to form the great rivers, these struggling efforts combine to make up the work of the world.

So every effort should be encouraged. No matter how insignificant it may seem it is a part of the plan. It requires all the united efforts of all the moral forces of the world to keep the world moving ahead. So every citizen should help wherever he can. No one knows how far reaching and vital a small service may be in the reckoning day of human civilization.

Advertisement for 'BABY'S VOICE' and 'MOTHER'S FRIEND' medicine, featuring a baby and a woman.

If anybody believes that city property has declined in value since prohibition was voted, they should read the prices submitted on different sites for a federal building in Pendleton. In the East Oregonian today is a list of prices submitted by 14 property owners and there is no startling decline in values, according to these figures. And some of the men who submitted the prices are the men who have made much of the fuss about prohibition and business ruin. It's really funny. It should tickle even Assessor C. P. Strain, who hasn't smiled for six months because of the kicks about high assessments.

NEWSPAPERS AND THE POLICE

The position taken by Lincoln Steffens in a recent magazine that the best way to catch criminals is to notify the newspapers first and then call the police is attracting the attention of newspaper men in different parts of the country.

It would seem there is hardly any room for difference of opinion on this subject, notwithstanding the position of Police Commissioner Bingham of New York, who is reported as saying police news should be kept from the newspapers until the criminal has been arrested.

If by "police news" the commissioner means news of what the police are doing to catch the criminal we agree with him. But this is quite a different matter from news of a crime. If a man's house has been robbed, to publish the fact with a description of the stolen articles would certainly make it far more difficult to dispose of them without detection than if the matter had been kept a secret.

When the perpetrator of a crime is known, it is usually possible to secure a photograph, which if published in the newspapers puts the "brand of Cain" on him and makes it difficult to escape. The police, of course, would not get so much credit for catching the criminal but that is not a matter in which the public is greatly interested.

This suggests that newspapers in many cities might adopt a different course toward the police to the advantage of the public. The attitude of the press is usually one of friendliness and extreme leniency. It should be friendly, but if the police had greater reason to fear exposure in the public prints there would be less of the insolent swagger we too often see in officers of the law who are supposed to be servants of the public.—American Press.

Farmers Suffer from Storm.

During the recent storm, five of the largest grain fields in the vicinity of Tygh Ridge were damaged by a hail storm of unusual violence, says The Dalles Chronicle. These were those of Messrs. L. Rondeau, William Hunter, Owen Jones, Trudell & Dennis and E. Anderson, and situated on the summit of Tygh Ridge. The storm swept across the Des Chutes divide, it is said, by those in the city yesterday from that district, leaving hail stones an inch in diameter, and that many drifts of hailstones were a foot deep in gulleys. The grain was crushed to the ground, and it is feared that the crops so injured will be a full loss. North and west of the hail belt the only damage done was from the rush of water down the canyons, where, in some instances, small buildings were swept away, and whatever could be moved and in the path of the storm was carried down with the waters. Aside from this the crops were uninjured by the rain and there was no large loss of stock.

Install New Dredge.

M. H. Hare, one of the owners of the dredge at Pierce City, was an arrival last night from Spokane and left this morning for a business visit to the Pierce section, says the Lewiston Teller. It is understood the visit of Mr. Hare at this time is in connection with plans for the installation of a second dredge in the Pierce placer fields.

The pierce dredge has been in operation for the past two years, and the results have been most satisfactory. While the company has declined to divulge any information as to the actual amount of gold secured, it is claimed the machine has yielded an average of \$100 a day above expenses. The company owns a large tract of the high placers in the Pierce section, and by the installation of more dredges would increase their earnings accordingly.

Mrs. Archibald May Sue.

The state supreme court yesterday instructed the Lincoln county Washington, superior court to try the case of Mrs. Ella Archibald against the county. Mr. Archibald was killed some time ago by the overturning of his wagon on a bad country road and Mrs. Archibald brought suit against the county. The court refused to try the case until she had paid the costs in a former action. Now the supreme court says the case must be tried.

Advertisement for Cottole Soda Ice Cream, featuring a tin of Cottole and text: 'The way of the transgressor is Lard. The wise housewife specifies Cottole every time in place of lard. Anyone with a particle of respect for his stomach would prefer a pure vegetable product to one made from the fat of the hog.'

Advertisement for The Pendleton Savings Bank, including a table of resources and liabilities, and a report of condition for June 30, 1908.

Advertisement for Northern Pacific Railway, featuring the logo and text: 'FOUR TRAINS TO THE EAST. NORTH COAST LIMITED, TWIN CITY EXPRESS, EASTERN EXPRESS, NORTHERN PACIFIC-BURLINGTON EXPRESS. Northern Pacific Railway Visit Yellowstone National Park. Stopovers allowed on all tickets to enable trip being taken through Park.'

Advertisement for Garden Hose and Refrigerators, featuring the name V. Stroble and contact information: '210 E. Court Street. Phone Black 3171.'

Advertisement for Persian Cleaning and Dye Works, featuring the name F. M. Lorimer and contact information: 'Phone Main 194. Main Street, Near Bridge.'

Advertisement for The Best Soda Ice Cream and all Fountain Drinks, featuring The Pendleton Drug Company.

Advertisement for Large Quantity of the Famous Rock Spring Coal, featuring Dutch Henry and contact information: 'Office, Pendleton Ice & Cold Storage Company. Phone Main 178.'

Advertisement for Safes and Vaults, featuring Pacific Safe Company and Herring-Hall-Marvin Safe Company, with contact information: '909 Riverside Avenue, Empire State Building, SPOKANE, WASH.'

Advertisement for New Hotel Sagamore, featuring Toy L. Young, Prop., and contact information: 'RATES, \$1.50 AND \$2 PER DAY AMERICAN PLAN.'

Advertisement for Ground Bone for Chickens, featuring Empire Meat Co. and contact information: 'Phone Main 18.'

Advertisement for Balanced Rations, featuring Coleworthy's Feed Store and contact information: '127--129 E. Alta.'

Advertisement for Every Woman, featuring Marvel Whirling Spray Douche and contact information: 'Daily East Oregonian by carrier, only 15 cents per week.'