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THE GODS OF OLD. Gods ancient and forgotten. At whose shrines no prayers are said. By the faith and fear begotten Of the peoples who are dead. You, that stirred their souls with longing. You, that freed their hearts from care. You that gave the peace belonging To the holy power of prayer. Have you now no place in heaven. As you have no place on earth? And was all that finer leaven Dross, devoid of truth and worth? —Irene Dickson Schuller.

UP TO PENDLETON. Now that the Bishop brothers have accepted the proposition submitted to them by the local business men it is up to the latter to meet the conditions under which the Bishops have agreed to take the woolen mill. That these conditions will be met and the mill soon revived the East Oregonian earnestly hopes. Such is the hope of every man and every woman in Pendleton. All want the mill retained and built up into a greater industry. Seemingly it should not be hard to meet the conditions imposed by the intending purchasers. They need \$30,000 in local money, a certain rate for electric power and a few other concessions. The needed money to float the bonds should be easily secured. The Pendleton banks have over \$2,000,000 or deposit. Surely the electric company will grant a suitable rate upon power. It is to the Northwestern Gas and Electric company's interest to assist in the upbuilding of Pendleton. The city council can also well afford to exempt the mill company's property from taxation. Everything is now favorable for the complete success of the move in behalf of the mill. The Bishop brothers are thorough woolen mill men and they have ample backing. They want the mill and want it upon conditions that seem reasonable. It is now up to the business men and local financiers to save the mill. Upon T. C. Taylor and the group of men working with him in the matter there is a heavy responsibility. The welfare of Pendleton hangs upon the success which attends their efforts. May they win out or die in the attempt.

MODERN INSTRUCTION. Day by day more insistent becomes the demand that schools give more instruction in subjects that will be of direct value to students in later life. Almost every educator of prominence now holds that agriculture and other practical subjects be taught in the public schools along with reading, writing and arithmetic. In many states such instruction is now being given. Other states are preparing to follow suit. In the agricultural colleges and in various universities of the East thorough courses in such subjects as agriculture, horticulture, veterinary science, mechanical engineering and household science have been given for many years. The great popularity of these schools shows that the work they offer meets a much felt need. Years ago the idea prevailed that an education consisted chiefly of a knowledge of Greek and Latin. But nowadays modern languages are preferred to the dead tongues and students are instructed in science and in the application of the sciences to practical affairs. Not only are students instructed in chemistry but they are taught the relation of chemistry to plant life, to

scils and to fertilizers. They are taught entomology and this knowledge is applied in a practical way in fighting the aphids and other fruit tree pests. They are taught trigonometry and calculus and then to make practical use of those subjects in surveying and in mechanical engineering. It is now generally conceded that the study of practical subjects develops the mind of the student as well as does the study of the dead languages. Then a practical education has the advantage in that it fits students for immediate participation in the work of the world.

ON THE WANE.

From appearances President Roosevelt will go out of office with less prestige than he had when he was re-elected four years ago. There are many who predicted he would do so. A few days ago the president brought upon himself much criticism when he vehemently denounced a newspaper because it published a story regarding the purchase of the Panama canal. The denunciation was exactly what Joseph Pulitzer desired and he is now following up his advantage by making a trip to Panama in his yacht, accompanied by a staff of writers. Just recently the president antagonized congress in the secret service controversy, though this may be to his credit. Then during the presidential campaign President Roosevelt acted as a bitter partisan, thereby incurring the disrespect of many people of both big political parties. All of these things occurring within the past few months have had an effect. The zeal of many Roosevelt admirers has been seriously dampened and people everywhere are wondering if they had not overestimated the president's calibre. Then this is a particularly inopportune time for the president to arouse enemies. As a president's term draws to a close interest becomes centered in the succeeding rather than the retiring executive. The influence of the latter begins to wane. Already the glamour which has surrounded President Roosevelt is disappearing. The horde of sycophants who always surround the occupant of the white house are now looking forward to the coming of the new inmate. But if he has made some mistakes, President Roosevelt has also done some great work. He has been an unusual president. He will probably go down in history as the most aggressive and most fearless man who ever sat in the presidential chair. If when he leaves the white house, some boots mingle with the cheers he will not be the first good president to meet such a fate. Nor will the good work he has done be overlooked because he has made some blunders.

From reading some of the Portland papers one would believe that the metropolis of Oregon is dominated by gangs of red-handed criminals and that life and property are both unsafe within the city's limits. Yet the average man who drops into Portland is neither robbed nor murdered. The police seem to do as well as they ever did. What is all the trouble about?

In Portland they have already convicted several men of murder in the first degree and Finch, the slayer of Ralph Fisher, is being given a speedy trial. Such action on the part of the courts will put an end to miscellaneous murders and it will overcome the growing popular impression that the present legal machinery is too cumbersome for proper work.

At the school directors' convention Saturday Superintendent Ackerman explained to the assembled directors the proposition of having a county school board instead of a board for each district. However he refused to commit himself as favorable or opposed to the idea. If he favors the plan why does he not say so? It seems a good plan. How many of those school directors have ever bucked the line or ran with the ball across a goal line? Unless they have done this they don't understand the meaning of football. Pendleton wants the woolen mill as it never wanted anything else in its life. It is going to have the mill or know the reason why. But it would prefer the mill. We told you to shop early. Seeking Spring. "Dey say de world's a stage." "A what?" "A stage." Nuttin' to it. If it wuz, instead of havin' to hoof it south we could camp on a paper snowbank an' wait fer somebody to shift de scenes."—Kansas City Journal. The carefree are never free from care for others.

THE NEARBY PRESS.

AN INTOLERABLE NUISANCE.

(Weston Leader.) An unfortunate disturbance occurred Sunday evening, during the progress of an especially interesting service at the Baptist church. The church holds 250 people or more, and practically every seat was filled with an attentive congregation, anxious to enjoy the sermon and special music, when a series of catcalls and other annoying sounds issued from the crowded gallery. Throughout the entire service the disturbance was persisted in, much to the disgust of every one present, except the roysterers themselves, who were evidently half-baked youths whose natural boorishness had been stimulated by drink until they had no ambition but to make themselves offensive. Weston must be delivered from this bunch of Apaches, this wretched gang of Hooligans, whose mouths seem only fit for oaths, whose necks for hemp, and whose legs for shackles. They may be capable of moral regeneration, but the first step toward that end should be an effective squelching.

THE SELLING SIDE.

(The Pilot Rock Record.) It is a fact that is worthy of notice that ever since so-called good farming began to attract serious notice, the efforts of the agricultural press, speakers upon agricultural topics representatives of the department of agriculture, and even our agricultural colleges seem to have concentrated upon a single phase of agriculture, namely, the producing side. The selling side of agriculture has been almost wholly neglected. Witness the woolgrowers' organization of this state, which isn't concerning itself so much as to how its members shall grow wool, but is working hard to see that its members get a fair price for what they do grow. The government, the agricultural colleges and the learned speakers on agricultural topics are not joining hands as they should with the woolgrower, the wheat raiser and others in getting the price the market justifies for their products.

EASTERN OREGON FRUIT.

(Athena Press.) California was once known in the eastern market as the only apple-state west of the Rocky mountains, but it enjoys this distinction no longer. Eastern Oregon and eastern Washington are in the market now with apples that get the trade and the price not only in our eastern cities, but now the crowned heads of Europe are feasting on them. According to all reports, about a million fruit trees have been planted in eastern Oregon and eastern Washington the last year. New orchards can be found in every locality.

IRRIGON'S TROPHIES.

(Irrigon Irrigator.) Mr. Walpole is mounting the ribbons received by our prize winners at the Pendleton fair, and when done our citizens will have a permanent record of the great success we made there. The affair will show the ribbons, give the names of the exhibitors with their exhibits, and all will be mounted in a handsome case, about four feet square. Mr. Walpole has made it a work of art, and it will stand for many a year to show what "little" Irrigon did in 1908.

A GOOD INDUSTRY.

(Echo Register.) The alfalfa mill is kept running day and night, the output being 25 tons per day. The nutritious value of the meal is much greater than was considered at first. The sheep of Swagpart & Currans are fattening rapidly on it. Among others who use it are Fish & Toft, who by steaming it and mixing it with mill feed, find it an excellent food for fattening hogs.

A JOHN DAY PROJECT.

(Monument Enterprise.) A few of the farmers west of town have formed a company and intend to build a dam across the river about two miles west of Monument for the purpose of irrigating the bottom land on each side of the river. A survey has been made and they find by making a 12-foot dam that the water can be raised to a height that will pay them to build this said dam. We have been informed that Mr. Hux is

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cutting logs to build this dam and they will start to work as soon as the material can be laid on the ground. This certainly is a great step toward prosperity in this country and should be encored by all.

HERMISTON SCHOOLS. (Hermiston Herald.) The number of pupils attending the public school continues to increase. The enrollment the first of September was 94 pupils, while it has now reached the 149 mark, with prospects of several more entering within a few days. However, the increase in numbers is less flattering than the progress which a very large per cent of the pupils is making through their excellent work.

THE FARMERS' RAILROAD. (Milton Eagle.) Mayor and Mrs. Dan Kirk of Vin-

cent, were visitors to Walla Walla Monday. Mr. Kirk is an enthusiastic booster for the proposed Farmers' road and has attended the meetings of the farmers and business men held in Walla Walla for the purpose of organizing the company. He believes the people of this part of the valley should get busy and use every effort to get the road to come this way.

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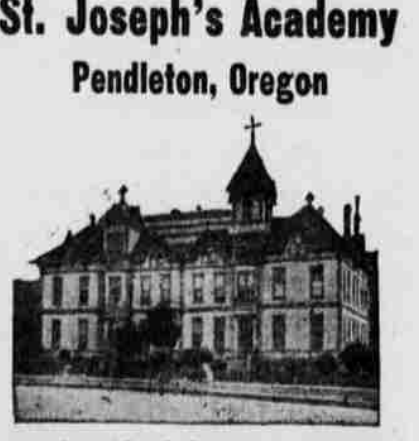
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