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A POOR MAN.

I am a poor man; I must plan with care. So that my earnings may suffice to keep. Want from my door; no watchful servants wear. My livery, nor guard me while I sleep; I am a poor man, but no children weep. In cheerless places or go hungry to their beds. Because of greed that I have ever shown; No hopeless men are sitting with bowed heads. Because of hopes I have overthrown. By claiming earnings which were not my own. I am a poor man; I must long in vain. For luxuries my purse will not supply; But I have never shamed myself to gain. Their favor who are powerful or high; I am a poor man, but I have not cared to try. To profit by debauching or by tempting those. To whom the public's trusts have been consigned; I have not looked upon men as my foes. Because they have with splendid zeal declined. To herd with those that were to honor blind. —S. E. Kiser.

HOPE FOR THE NORMAL.

Last evening the annual commencement exercises were held at the Eastern Oregon normal school and 11 graduates were given diplomas. Some 200 other students who entered this school in hopes of finishing the course will have to give up their work. This is unjust to the students and the closing of the normal schools is to the shame of the people of Oregon.

Primarily the closing down of the normal schools was due to the fact that they were libelled, flagrantly and persistently. The lies that were circulated regarding the schools caused some good men to become disposed against them; other men in the state senate, turned against them for political reasons.

But all this is of the past. It is not of so much importance now how the schools came to be left without funds. The fact stands out that the schools are without money and must remain closed for at least two years. The question now is what shall be done with them in the future. There is yet hope for the normals and it lies in an appeal to the people of the state under the initiative.

With respect to the Eastern Oregon normal, at least, this paper is firmly in favor of asking for support under the initiative. The East Oregonian believes that at the coming state election the friends of the Weston school should present a bill providing for the maintenance of that institution. Should they choose to do so the friends of the Monmouth and Astland schools may do the same for those schools. But each school should stand entirely alone and live or die upon its own merits.

If the claims of the Eastern Oregon normal school are properly presented to the people of the state at the next election the school will be sustained. The rank and file of the people of this state are favorable to education and they know that normal schools are an indispensable part of the educational structure. Furthermore they know that Eastern Oregon, with its 15 counties, embracing two thirds the area of the state, is justly entitled to a school. The theory that the state should have but one normal, located in or near Portland, is rankly absurd and this can be shown very clearly.

Just now the fortunes of the Eastern Oregon normal are at low ebb. The school has been betrayed and mistreated and along with the other

two state normals must remain closed for two years. But the school is still a legal state institution and its colors have not been lowered. The friends of the school should stand by until the fight is finished.

SENATOR CUMMINS LAMPOST.

Throughout the country much interest has been taken in Senator Cummins' controversy with the "stand-patters" in the upper house of congress. Commenting upon one of the senator's most interesting tilts the San Francisco Examiner said: "Senator Cummins' speech on over-capitalization in the senate had a special tang—because old-fashioned Republican Senators do not usually talk that way.

"The Senator's appointment of a lamppost death for the Napoleon of industrial organization—that single man who shall some day direct the energies of the earth and control the industrial fortunes of mankind—was, of course, a bumping piece of rhetoric. "But the Senator has the country and the world behind him in his indignant invective against the over-capitalization of great industrial corporations and the huge unearned incomes that flow therefrom.

"The income tax aims to get at these unearned incomes—and pare them down.

"It is to be noted that in every European country where an income tax is in operation a broad distinction is made between earned and unearned incomes, and the rule is that income taxes are so drawn as to bear much more heavily upon the latter. "The day will come, of course—in a future more or less remote—when nobody will get incomes without earning them.

"Meanwhile we shall have to make shift—through income taxes or otherwise—to keep the unearned incomes within reach of the law.

"The single ruthless master of monopoly, 'directing the energies of the earth,' is a Brocken shadow—a wraith of the Senatorial imagination. "But the Senator is quite right in saying that if this ghost should ever take on solid flesh it certainly would get itself hanged."

SPIRIT OF THE TRACK.

There are some who look upon field meets, football, etc., as being of value only from an amusement standpoint. They believe that the students want to do something and so engage in athletics for entertainment.

But this view of athletics is all wrong. The entertainment feature is of the least importance. The good comes from the careful physical training to which the athletes are subjected the enthusiasm that is kindled and from other sources. A good feature about school athletics is the fact that students are taught that they must rigidly observe the rules of the game. Violations of the rules bring severe penalties and the athlete who acquires a reputation for being "dirty" is always looked upon with disfavor.

But probably the most value from school sports come from the strong spirit that is engendered. A football game or a track meet always makes the fire of school patriotism burn brightly and out of this feeling comes the "do or die" spirit that wins victories. This spirit is a fine thing to encourage in students. It is a good thing for them to take with them when they graduate from school. Wellington declared that the battle of Waterloo was won on the football fields of England. So was the Spanish war won in the public schools of America.

But cheerful enthusiasm and a healthy fighting spirit is as valuable in the business world as it is on the gory field. Without some enthusiasm and some fighting blood a man can do nothing in business, politics or in any other line. In everything it is the spirit that wins.

The high school track meet yesterday once more brought to mind Pendleton's need of a good athletic field. Such meets as were held yesterday are worthy of encouragement. So are good football and good baseball games. But Pendleton is not well prepared to handle such sports. Here's hoping a good athletic field may be secured in the near future.

All the world likes the man who goes in to win, whether he be entered in the 100 yard dash or in one of the more serious contests in which all must take part.

"Some warm weather and much rain" is the weather signal the inland empire farmer would like to see.

Baker City did well for a town of its size.

Recent successes in the art of sky-zalling have stimulated the toy designers and at the present time there are a number of flying machine toys to amuse the children.

SANDY'S VICTORY.

Old Sandy was a herder—well, just a wee bit daff; He lived up in Wyoming in a white-topped wagon craft. And he was allus serious—some say he never laughed.

We'd draw across the country, a deal line that was plain, But Sandy crossed one mornin' and stood there in the rain. While we rode up and told him he must go back again.

We gave him till next mornin' to move his sheep away; He waited; still and patient, till we had said our say— But we seen he hadn't vamoosed when we came back next day.

We rode up to his wagon, a red-hot, cussin' crowd. But out pops loosed Sandy, with bagpipes skirlin' loud. And at his side a claymore—and he was struttin' proud.

There ain't no bronco livin' that bagpipes wouldn't scare, And the first notes that came squeakin' set ours a-buckin' fair; But Sandy kept on playin' a Scotch marchin' air.

Eight cowmen were unsaddled, and those of us that stayed, Was leavin' 'cross the sagebrush—no stops for any grade!— But still old Sandy strutted and still the bagpipe played.

Well, we was weak for laughin', but grasped the herder's hand, And bade the victor welcome—him and his woolly band— And Sandy and his bagpipe have stayed in Cattle Land. —Denver Republican.

THE MESSAGE.

I heard a medder lark Down by the e'ra's, 'twix'd day and dark; 'Twas just a single, liquid note, But how my heart leaped in my throat; And then I turned And learned— I'm allus just that slow and dumb— That spring had come.

I heard a medder lark And you can bet I stopped to hark; I might have known'd it all day long. Because the crook was runnin' strong And gurgle'd things, But jings! The message didn't have me thrilled Till that bird trilled.

I heard a medder lark It seems as if the Kyoto's bark Was stopped, and all the prairie kin Was waitin' for that note ag'in; But all was still— No thrill Was heard, but in the mornin' early, shore, 'Twill rise one't more. —Denver Republican.

OUR AMAZING GROWTH.

Perhaps the best test of our business growth is shown by the receipts of the postoffice department from the sale of stamps. In 1820 the receipts were about \$1,000,000; by 1850 they increased to \$20,000,000, in 1870 to \$33,000,000, in 1900 to \$102,000,000, and in 1908 to \$191,500,000.

The figures show that in 1907 the number of letters and post cards sent through the postal system of the United States was 6,466,000,000, as against 3,253,000,000 in the German empire, 3,359,000,000 in the United Kingdom, 1,119,000,000 in France, and 1,067,000,000 in Austria-Hungary.

The telegraph messages sent in the United States in 1907 reached the enormous number of 98,000,000,000. In this connection it must be remembered that the telephone is a large competitor of the telegraph, especially for long commercial messages, and it is growing in favor each year. In nearly every step of the world's progress during the last hundred years the United States has been the pioneer.—Washington (D. C.) Post.

Cherries Bring \$21 Box. The first box of California cherries has arrived in New York city. It was sold at auction for \$21.

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S.S.S. CURES BLOOD POISON

Removing the symptoms is not all that is necessary to cure Contagious Blood Poison. The virulent germs which produce these outward manifestations must be completely driven from the blood before a real cure can be effected. The least faint left in the circulation will, sooner or later, cause a fresh outbreak of the trouble, with all the hideous symptoms of ulcerated mouth and throat, copper colored splotches, falling hair, sores and ulcers, etc.

Contagious Blood Poison is the most treacherous of all diseases. It has its victims in its power almost before they realize its presence, because its first symptom is usually a little sore or pimple so insignificant that it does not excite suspicion. But the insidious poison is at work on the blood and in a short while the patient finds he is more or less affected from head to foot.

Contagious Blood Poison is too dangerous to trifle with. No time should be lost in ridding the blood of this destructive poison, and in no disease is it more important to have the proper remedy. Medicines which merely check the symptoms for a time and leave the real cause smouldering in the system have brought misery and disappointment to thousands. Faithfully the sufferers took such treatment, usually of mineral nature, and when all symptoms had disappeared and the treatment was left off, found the virus had only been shut up in the system awaiting a favorable opportunity to return, with every symptom intensified.

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Report of Condition of the American National Bank of Pendleton, United States Depository. Rendered Comptroller of the Currency as of Date April 28, 1909. RESOURCES: Loans and discounts \$1,914,844.49. Overdrafts 10,187.96. Warrants and Securities 14,635.67. United States Bonds 160,100.00. Premium on U. S. Bonds 3,200.00. Banking House 60,000.00. Other Real Estate 500.00. RESERVE: Cash on hand and due from banks 299,510.59. LIABILITIES: Capital stock \$ 100,000.00. Surplus 100,000.00. Undivided profits (net) 68,205.25. Circulation 98,400.00. U. S. Treasurer 47,500.00. Deposits 1,169,173.46. Increase in deposits since February 5th, 1909, \$50,037.31. I hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. W. L. THOMPSON, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of April, 1909. A. E. LAMBERT, Notary Public for Oregon.

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