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THE WINDS OF FATE.

One ship drives east and another drives west,
 With the self-same winds that blow.
 'Tis the set of the sails
 And not the gales
 Which tell us the way to go.
 Like the winds of the sea are
 The winds of fate,
 As we voyage along through
 Life.
 'Tis the set of the soul
 That decides its goal
 And not the calm or the strife.
 —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

BACK THE ACADEMY.

Pendleton academy is an institution that means much to Pendleton. It is a good little institution now and its existence adds much to the life of this city. The school means business for merchants and tenants for property owners. So every man interested in the commercial life of Pendleton has an interest in the school. He should manifest that interest by attending the meeting to be held at the Commercial association rooms Thursday night.

Plans are on foot for the enlargement of the academy. Eventually an endowment will be secured so as to place the institution upon a permanent financial footing. But just at this time the work to be done is along the line of securing more students for the school. A campaign for students is to be carried on throughout the counties of eastern Oregon and in this campaign the assistance of the people of the city is desired.

In every way the move for the improvement of the academy is a worthy one. It is one in which the people of Pendleton can afford to cooperate cheerfully. The academy is a well established institution with a very fair patronage. It is one of the best resources Pendleton has and if the school can be enlarged into a junior college its field of usefulness will be increased.

In no other way may more effective work be done for Pendleton than by assisting the upbuilding of the academy. The value of the movement in behalf of the school is that a definite object is aimed at. No ammunition is wasted in the air. Money spent in bringing new students to the school produces an immediate return. Every student brought to the school from abroad means something to the city.

Be out Thursday evening and lend your influence to the movement for the upbuilding of a greater Pendleton academy.

TAXING GRAIN BAGS.

Commenting upon the refusal of the senate to place grain bags upon the free list the Spokesman-Review said: "The senate's refusal to permit jute grain bags to be placed in the free list will greatly disappoint the farmers of the northwest, who have petitioned against this injustice."

Senator Jones and Congressman Poindexter made a strong presentation of this matter, and Senators Piles and Chamberlain favored the amendment placing these bags on the free list, while Senator Heyburn opposed it, for reasons not clearly understood. Many of Heyburn's constituents are farmers, and ex-Governor Moore states they will remember his opposition when the time for his re-election comes around.

"Washington, Idaho and Oregon use some 40,000,000 bags yearly, and pay an average duty of one and a quarter cents each. Jute bag making needs no protection, as it can not be successfully carried on in competition with the cheap labor of India. The tax is therefore a direct hardship upon the farmers and particularly upon the farmers of the Pacific northwest,

ENCOURAGING NEWS.

Engineers Davis and Henry confirm the report that the government is investigating the proposition of another reclamation project for the west end of this county. This is very good news and it is only to be hoped that the engineers will find the project feasible and that money will soon be available for the work. Umatilla county appreciates the work the government has already done towards the development of the desert lands of the west end and the people will be glad indeed to see another project undertaken.

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Now if the band will just give a few concerts at the court house grounds.

A FRONTIER MENU.

While examining old papers and other documents which had occupied a place in an old trunk for many years, a resident of Keystone, a mining town in the Black hills, discovered an interesting relic of pioneer days in the Black hills, in the form of an old bill of fare.

The bill of fare was issued by a little frontier hotel-saloon at Rockerville and bears date of May, 1876, this being the palmy period of the gold excitement in the Black hills, following the discovery of the precious metal there. At that time Rockerville was one of the principal "gold camps" and was believed to be destined to become a second Leadville or Butte.

The bill of fare is particularly interesting as revealing the prices which the residents of the "gold diggings" had to pay for the necessities of life during that early and exciting period.

The bill of fare is as follows:

FAILURES IN 1908.

According to statistics compiled by Dun's Review from reports of branch offices of R. G. Dun & Co., the commercial failures in the United States during the first six months of 1909 numbered 6831. The liabilities amounting to \$88,541,373. This compares with 8709 failures in the first half of 1908, having liabilities of \$124,374,833. In the first six months of 1907 the record was 5697 failures with liabilities of \$69,568,662. Thus, the aggregate of business defaults in the last six months has shown a falling-off of nearly 30 per cent from the corresponding period of 1908, when there was an increase of about 79 per cent from the record of the first half of 1907. Although the liabilities of the defaulting firms, during the past six months, were much less than in 1908, they were much heavier than in any other of the last five years; in the first half of 1906 the liabilities amounted to \$62,664,074; in 1905 to \$55,904,585, and in 1904 to \$79,490,969. The liabilities of the past six months were about \$10,000,000 in excess of the average of the liabilities of the preceding five years—this average, however, includes the heavy defaults of 1908. Taken as a whole, the record of failures is not quite as favorable as the bank clearings and other statistical tests of the business situation, but it is nevertheless moving in the direction of commercial recovery, and at this time when all the signs are so promising for a new period of business uplift and expansion, the large total of business embarrassments must be regarded as representing the effects of a financial crisis that has passed and not as indicative of present conditions. During the past three months—the second quarter of the first half of the year—there were 2981 failures, with total liabilities of \$44,080,423, and an average liabilities per suspension of \$14,787.

A detailed comparison for the first half of the year shows that there were 1522 manufacturing defaults involving \$38,050,241 liabilities, as compared with 2142 manufacturing suspensions in the first half of 1908 with \$53,442,394 liabilities, and as compared with 1295 manufacturing failures in the first half of 1907 with liabilities of \$36,848,648. In view however, of a large portion of the half year and in view also of the progress of tariff revision, this showing of business embarrassments in the manufacturing field is, on the whole, exceedingly reassuring. The trading failures during the first half of the year amounted to 5122 with liabilities of \$26,331,852, comparing with 6235 failures in the corresponding period of 1908 with liabilities of \$49,019,022, and comparing with 4120 failures in the first half of 1907 with liabilities of \$26,744,786. The other commercial failures, such as insurance, real estate, brokerage, etc., were proportionately large during the past six months, amounting to 187 in number, with \$14,159,250 liabilities, comparing with 332 in the first half of 1908, with liabilities of \$21,922,597. In the first half of 1907 there were 192 of this class of failures, involving only \$6,139,228.

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SLAVERY OF CLOTHES.

To the victim of what may be called "regulation clothes" summer brings an incident of discomfort that causes it to be justly regarded with dread and disfavor. The heavy, hot uniforms imposed by usage on many classes of public and private servants quite discount the pleasure and enjoyment which these slaves of raiment might otherwise hope for in the open air season of the year.

The abomination of thick, close-fitting clothes in hot weather finds a conspicuous illustration in policemen, who, for some reason, seem to take first rank as objects of colorful torture. A policeman is never, by any chance, emaciated or anaemic, and he looks warm and plethoric, even in cold weather. When one sees these husky guardians of the law on a mid-summer day in Kansas City boxed up to the neck in thick woolen uniforms with buttons that glow in the sun's rays there is a feeling that if policemen are not always just what they ought to be their explanation must approximate, at almost any time in July or August, the limit of their sins of omission or commission.—Kansas City Star.

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Loans and Discounts	\$ 940,926.53
Overdrafts	11,218.88
United States Bonds	110,100.00
Premium U. S. Bonds	2,482.12
Securities and Warrants	12,753.81
Banking House	60,000.00
Other Real Estate	500.00
Cash and Exchange	286,024.97
	\$1,424,006.31
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits (net)	62,802.88
Circulation	97,500.00
Deposits	1,063,703.43
	\$1,424,006.31

I, T. G. Montgomery, Assistant Cashier of said Bank, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

T. G. Montgomery.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of June, 1909.

A. E. Lambert
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