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THE BEST OF IT.
 When the morn wakes overcast
 And the loneliness is vast,
 Make the best of it.
 If the birds refuse to sing,
 If the bells of joy won't ring,
 Make the best of everything,
 Make the best of it.
 Nature has her crying spells,
 Joy can't always ring its bells,
 Make the best of it.
 Make the best of daily life
 When despondency is rife;
 Good will come out of the strife
 Make the best of it.
 Hearts must know their share of pain,
 Life must know a little rain,
 Make the best of it.
 Make the best of every day;
 Future morns won't be so gray
 Fight the gloom that clouds
 your way.
 You'll get the best of it.
 —Boston Herald.

PRESIDENT KERR'S WORK.

In his address last evening President Kerr told of the rapid growth of the Oregon Agricultural College during the past few years. The institution has gone to the front until it now ranks as one of the three great schools of the kind in the United States. It is surpassed only by the splendid agricultural colleges of Iowa and Michigan. O. A. C. is the leading agricultural college of the west and its natural field is such that it will hold its enviable position.

However, the satisfactory progress the school has made during the past three years has been due very largely to the administration of President Kerr. When Dr. Kerr was called to the presidency of O. A. C. he saw the great possibilities of the school and began at once to lay broad plans for the future. Immediately the institution took new life in all departments and the growth and general advancement since the arrival of President Kerr has been truly remarkable. Dr. Kerr is one of the new school of college presidents. As well as being an educator he is also a strong, capable business manager. He has need of such ability because he has control of property valued at over a million dollars, has a faculty of nearly 100 members to direct and is also at the head of the important experimental work that is underway throughout the state.

The average man has no realization of the fact but the president of the agricultural college has about the most responsible position in the state. The work he has to do is of the utmost importance to the material welfare of Oregon. It is the aim of the agricultural college to fit its students for practical participation in industrial and commercial life and it does this.

There are 10,000 O. A. C. graduates and former students scattered about the state and nation. They are engaged in all manners of work ranging from truck gardening to the management of great industrial enterprises. There is one O. A. C. man upon the supreme bench of Oregon, while another distinguished graduate, William F. Herrin, has become a leading counsel for the Rarriman railway system. The army of O. A. C. graduates offers testimony to the work the school has done in the past and is also an index to what may be expected of the future with the school under the administration of such men as President Kerr.

BREAK THIS PRACTICE.

In the following the Baker City Herald calls attention to a practice that is all too common in this county as well as in Baker county.
 "A stranger arrived in Baker City several days ago for the purpose of purchasing a tract of land. Being unfamiliar with the country he naturally looked around and talked with anyone whom he chanced to meet,

about conditions here and the different localities.

"Today that man met the writer and disclosed the frightful condition of affairs. He said one man would tell him that a certain locality was ideal; that the land was good, water plentiful and conditions first class. Then he would mention the same locality to another individual and it would receive a thorough knocking and drubbing, causing the prospective buyer to feel amazed. Another native will add his mite to the knocking which makes the new comer lose interest in the land and he casts his eyes around for another location. It is found and the same program follows. The stranger said he had no idea how long this would last if a man continued to pick out different lands, but he was satisfied that there were enough knockers here to continue the matter indefinitely."

This habit of knocking the other fellow's proposition in hopes of doing something for yourself is not straight, clean business in the realty line or in any other line. It is a reprehensible practice. If your own proposition is not sufficiently strong upon its own merits don't try to strengthen your case by libelling your competitor. That is not honorable. Besides when realty men follow such tactics they serve to create general distrust among the intending purchasers. It drives people out of the country. The same thing is true to an extent at least when this knocking habit is followed by those in mercantile lines. If you have the habit break it up.

HALLEY'S COMET.

Some people have been blaming Halley's comet for the severe weather that has prevailed all over the country this winter. Whether or not this blame is well placed the East Oregonian is not saying. It is certain, however, that at this time the famous comet is arousing much interest. "From now on reports-to the effect that Halley's comet has been seen by other than professional astronomers will become more frequent," says the Christian Science Monitor. "It was picked out by a nine-inch telescope in New England a few nights ago. According to Flammarion it is travelling toward us at the rate of 120,000 miles an hour, so that while through the ordinary glass it may appear to be little more than a discoloration for some time to come, it will grow perceptibly larger week by week until the field glass and the opera glass and, finally, the unaided eye will be able to locate and to hold it. According to present calculations, the comet will be in perihelion in April. In May it will be a conspicuous object, and it will continue as the greatest public spectacle of the period for some weeks."

"Recently it has been thought possible that the earth might be brushed by the tail of this visitor, and astronomers have hastened to assure us that even if this should happen it probably cause us not the slightest inconvenience. But later calculations agree that at its nearest approach it will be many millions of miles out of the earth's path and far beyond any possibility of exerting an influence of any kind upon this planet."

"Since Professor Max Wolf of Heidelberg University caught his first glimpse of the returning comet, on Sept. 11, last, a vast amount of matter has been written concerning it, but it is remarkable how little real knowledge we possess regarding it, beyond that of a purely historical character. Whether with improved astronomical instruments we shall learn much more about it, or about comets in general, during this visit, remains to be seen. It will naturally be subjected while visible to constant and close scrutiny, for we shall not have another opportunity to gaze upon it until 1985. And since comets have a way of breaking up and disappearing altogether, we may not have an opportunity of seeing it then."

Tonight many local people will close the old year by attending the Bernard Daly performance for the benefit of the city park fund. It is a good cause and everybody should be there. Furthermore the ladies are managing the affair.

Now some one is going to climb Mt. McKinley by means of a balloon. This is assuredly a hot air arrangement.

Pendleton property owners and business men should take a resolution to secure a traction system. It must be had.

Happy New Year.

"I am afraid of pain, and that is why I should not like to be the warden of a jail."
 "Why not?"
 "Because a jail warden is bound to have a felon always on his hands."
 In case of another blow, Cook should be where he can get Copenhagen courtplaster.

CLORINDA.

Clorinda, in the meeting house
 The worthy parson prays,
 And goodly thanks he gives for these
 Most prosperous of days.
 Your stately parents on their ways
 Besought you not to stay,
 But harken with your meed of
 praise
 On this Thanksgiving day.

Clorinda, oh, I watch you go
 In flowered satin dressed;
 You wear my heart upon your sleeve
 That all the town may jest.
 And when you kneel among the
 rest,
 Give thanks for this, I say:
 You've not the grief that tears my
 breast
 On this Thanksgiving day.

Clorinda of the rose red lips
 That laugh me into scorn,
 Must I alone mid happy folk
 Be saddest of men born?
 Ah, give me, sweet, this gracious
 morn,
 The word I needs must pray,
 And grant unto a swain forlorn
 A real Thanksgiving day.
 —Theodosia Garrison.

COLLEGE WOMEN IN HOMES.

The head of Bryn Mawr college is a profound, sincere and brilliant woman. Recently she has taken up the charge that the college-trained woman is unfitted for domestic life. Her inquiries have convinced her that 30 per cent of college women do their own housework; that though they marry later in life, they marry more wisely; that they have an average of three and six-tenths children, as against the noncollege women's three and five tenths. Said the Spectator of 200 years ago:

"As our English women excel those of all nations in beauty, they should endeavor to outshine them in all other accomplishments proper to the sex and to distinguish themselves as tender mothers and faithful wives rather than as furious partisans. Female virtues are of a domestic turn."
 "Nobody doubts that the home and the small child's care will always fall to the woman. She is the more directly responsible for the succeeding generation. What is receiving heavy blows at present is the traditional and stereotyped idea that knowledge and intellectual training are less suitable to these high tasks than are frivolity and ignorance—Colliers.

UP-STATE HORSE TRADING.

A correspondent of the Journal who attended the horse traders' convention at Monterey on Saturday says it was a great event. The supply of trading stock was large and in good condition. Each trader was at his best. Horses changed hands often—some of them at frequent intervals. The star feature of the day was the frequency with which a certain horse described as a "quiet animal, warranted not to kick" and which was located "in the pasture" on a certain farm was swapped off. Sometimes "the horse in the pasture" brought its swapper "good boot"; then perhaps the new owner soon "caught on" and was glad to give a few dollars to induce some friend to become the owner of the animal. After the convention adjourned the man to whom the "horse in the pasture" fell in the final deal of the day went to the pasture on his way home and found that his new possession had been dead for several days.—Corning Journal.

THE EASIEST WAY.

A company of select colored artists were rendering a version of "Othello." The scene between the Moor and Desdemona had been reached wherein Othello demands the handkerchief which he has given to his wife as a wedding amulet.

"Desdemona," he cried, "fetch me dat han'dkerchief!"
 But the doomed lady only habbled of Cassio, and her legs lord shouted again:
 "I ast fo' de second time to git me dat han'dkerchief!"
 Still the fair one parried the issue with talk of Cassio, and the lordly Othello, thoroughly incensed, bel-lowed:
 "Woman, fo' de third and las' time I tell you to git me dat han'dkerchief. Away!"

And as he was just about to open his mouth again, a big, leathery-lunged patron in the top gallery shouted down at him:
 "Fo' de Lawd's sake, nigger, why don' you wipe yo' nose on yo' sleeve an' let de show go on?"—Judge's Library.

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