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THE LIFE OF MAN.

- Like to the falling of a star,
- Or as the flights of eagles are,
- Or like the fresh spring's gaudy hue,
- Or silver drops of morning dew,
- Or like a wind that chafes the flood,
- Or bubbles which on water stood—
- E'en such is man, whose borrowed light
- Is straight called in and paid tonight.
- The wind blows out, the bubble dies,
- The spring entombed in autumn lies,
- The dew's dried up, the star is shot,
- The flight is past, and man's forgot.

—Francis Beaumont.

IT CAN BE SOLVED.

In response to the address of welcome yesterday J. H. Morrow, of Walla Walla, said some very timely and sensible things. He complained of bonanza farming and of its deterring effect upon the development of eastern Washington and eastern Oregon. Bonanza farming is the "sleeping sickness" that has taken the life out of many otherwise good sections of the inland empire. Big farms have worked to the injury of this city. But Pendleton is not dependent upon the wheat-raising country alone so it has been saved from the fate of some less fortunate towns.

Mr. Morrow asked that Pendleton and Walla Walla people co-operate in working out a remedy for the blight of big farms. It is a fitting line for such co-operation. The task is a big one. To the average man the problem seems impossible of solution. Yet it need not be impossible. The breaking up of the big stock ranges was also considered an impossibility, yet they have been broken up. The reclamation of the arid plains of the west was for years but a dream. But it is a dream that has come true and the realization of that dream has worked wonderfully towards the settlement and development of the west.

It is the firm belief of the East Oregonian that the big farm problem can also be solved and will be solved in due time. Some progress is now being made along this line. The adoption of closer farming methods and the raising of leguminous crops as well as wheat tend toward the breaking up of the great ranches. When by experimentation a system of farming has been worked out that means an annual crop instead of a biennial crop the big farms will be broken up as by magic. Land will become so valuable the owners will find it good business to sell it out in comparatively small tracts to people who will live upon the land and actually farm it.

Right at this time much might be done towards the colonization of the wheat district of this county if the right steps were taken. With an organization such as that now at work upon the colonization of the Umatilla project marvels could be accomplished towards peopling the rolling plains of this county. There are millions of people in this world who desire land and homes of their own so that they may support themselves and loved ones and hold up their heads among men as God intended they should. Such people would be glad to locate in this land of sunshine and progress. They would not complain if they had to work hard and could not afford automobiles at first.

The big farm problem can be solved and it will be solved the quicker is, as Mr. Morrow suggests, the people of Walla Walla and Pendleton co-operate in this cause.

THEY ARE WINNING OUT.

It is interesting and gratifying to note the successful development and settlement of the west end of this county. When a few years ago work was undertaken on the reclamation of the Umatilla project and upon such

private projects as the Furnish-Coe the task seemed like a big one. There were many who predicted failure and scoffed at those who became interested in the west end country. This was but natural for the scoffer is always at hand. No matter what the proposition nor where there will always be some who will scoff and sneer. There are people who will revile when Gabriel blows his golden trumpet and the pearly gates of heaven are thrown ajar. The fault though will be with the scorners not with Gabriel's music nor with the heavenly gates.

But with respect to the west end country there is now little room for scoffing. Such showings are being made upon the government project, upon the Furnish-Coe project and other private projects that there can be no reasonable doubt but that the work will prove entirely successful and the west end of Umatilla county become one of the most productive regions in the west.

Already those who invested in the west end country a few years ago have made money. Some have doubled their money, others have trebled or quadrupled it. Many who went into that section as poor men are now in line to become independently rich. And the good work has only commenced.

The west end country is making good.

THE CITY OF DESTINY.

The city of Walla Walla is a thriving place and it has made especial progress during the past few years. This growth has been due largely to the construction of the interurban line to Milton and to the settlement of small farming tracts in the close vicinity of Walla Walla.

The East Oregonian hopes that Walla Walla will continue to grow and prosper and it believes it will do so. Yet without meaning for a moment to be disparaging towards the Garden City the East Oregonian predicts that in the course of time Pendleton will outstrip the metropolis of southeastern Washington. This because at the present time Pendleton has a much larger and a more undeveloped territory than has Walla Walla. In a sense Walla Walla is now eating her cake while Pendleton is just opening her basket of resources.

When the west end of Umatilla county becomes fully settled, when the southern part of the county is opened up to civilization, when the bonanza farms of this county become divided, when the Umatilla reservation has passed into white ownership, when the timber from the south end of this county is brought here for manufacture and when by means of electric lines and more steam lines and more motor cars Pendleton becomes properly connected with its tributary territory this place is going to become a real city. This is as sure as fate.

Walla Walla is the Garden City; but Pendleton is the City of Destiny.

THE SERVICE IS JUSTIFIED.

That the motor car service between Umatilla and Pendleton was actually needed has been fully demonstrated by the patronage the car has been given. The car is being liberally patronized on every trip and it is of benefit to every section of the territory between Pendleton and Umatilla. It seems inevitable that the patronage will increase as people become accustomed to the service and as the settlement of the west end country becomes more dense.

There is no reason why there should be bitter enmity between Walla Walla and Pendleton. The two places are commercial rivals, yet they should be as brothers in working for the development of the inland empire.

Stanfield has been incorporated and so is officially christened. But before that formality occurred Stanfield made some husky strides in the way of growth.

Pendleton's fine train service and motor car service in addition makes this place the big shopping center of Umatilla county.

If you don't belong to the Commercial association hurry and join it. Don't wait to be asked.

They did not see many empty business locations.

OUT OF SIGHT OF LAND.

"Yes," said a traveling man last night, "I was once out of sight of land on the Atlantic ocean 21 days."

There was a small-sized crowd sitting around. Another man spoke up, says the Denver Post.

"On the Pacific ocean one time I didn't see land for 21 days," he said.

A little bald-headed man knocked the ashes from his cigar.

"I started across the Kaw river at Topeka in a skiff once," he said, "and was out of sight of land before I reached the other side."

"Aw, come off!" said the man who had told the first tale. "The Kaw river isn't more than 300 feet wide at Topeka."

"I didn't say it was," said the little bald-headed man quietly. "The skiff turned over and I sank twice."

IT MADE A HIT.

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"I thought, darling," his wife answered, "that you had been detained on business again and were getting upstairs as quietly as you could."

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"Well, I've got the sack."

"Oh, you dear!" his wife cried. "The sealskin or the other one?"

"The other one," said Jones, laughing bitterly.

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