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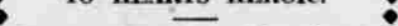
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TO HEARTS HEROIC.

Enough that we but live determinedly, In steadfast purpose harness all our might; It matters not in death or victory To those who wield the battle-blade of Right! It matters not tho' scorn their portion be, And praise, the undeserved boon of Wrong; Their worth shall claim a glad futurity Who falter not because the road is long! Heroic hearts must bear the conflict's brunt, The air is laden with a heavy pall— A few must form the vanguard's fated front And fighting die, that others may not fall! —H. C. Hazen.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

In taking preliminary action towards securing a new high school building the school board has made a timely move and it is a move that will be approved by the rank and file of the people of this city.

That the present high school is antiquated and unsatisfactory has long been known. It is doubtful if there is another town in Oregon of the size and importance of Pendleton that does not surpass this city in high school accommodations. In view of this city's wealth and of the fact that Pendleton people pride themselves that this is a school town the old structure on the hill is a disgrace.

The present building would have been supplanted before now had it not been that local conditions during the past few years have been unfavorable for voting improvements. Now that Pendleton is entering upon an era of advancement and improvement the time is at hand for securing a new high school. The sooner a fine high school building is erected the better it will be. There will be some who will object to the expenditure and will argue that the present building will do for a few years longer. The same arguments were used against street paving and against almost every other improvement ever made in this city. But it is poor business policy to delay improvements when those improvements are actually needed and may be had. Civic improvements such as good school buildings and good streets bring on other betterments and produce a spirit of progress—one of the very best assets of a growing community.

GOVERNOR WEST'S MESSAGE.

Governor West's message to the legislature is typical of the man. He is a progressive in politics and he is a clean cut, vigorous man. In treating of political matters he upholds the Oregon system and he asks for legislation in line with the progressive thought of this state.

However the governor shows to best advantage when he treats of subjects relating to the business welfare of the state and of its people. He is thoroughly at home there and his message contains some timely and sensible suggestions. Having been a banker he knows of the weaknesses in our banking system and he points out one when he says that at this time in Oregon the crooked banker is protected from the people but that the people are not properly safeguarded against the crooked banker. He makes several recommendations look-

ing to the betterment of conditions. Having been an active member of the railroad commission Governor West knows of the work being done by that body and he commends state regulation of the railroads. Having been clerk of the state land board he is informed regarding the state lands. He makes one suggestion of particular interest. He proposes to establish a state forest through using the 50,000 acres of "base" coming to the state from the federal government. Upon the surface at least this appears to be a meritorious scheme for it looks to conserving what the state has left in the way of lands. It is only to be regretted that the state has not more than 50,000 acres of "base" coming at this time. Many state problems would now be simpler and Oregon schools would be better provided with funds had not the machine politicians of the past allowed this state to be outrageously robbed of its public lands.

Governor West's recommendation that the state printer be placed upon a flat salary is a move in the interest of economy. That is a reform that should have been attended to years ago. The fee system is a relic of the "dark age" in Oregon politics. Taken as a whole the governor's message indicates that he is out to give this state the best administration he knows how. It will be a reform administration and from appearances grafts and political abuses will not thrive well in Oregon during the next few years.

A TARDY COMPLAINT.

The Portland Oregonian, true to its usual parsimonious proclivities, is now objecting to the appropriations made by the legislature for the various district fairs of the state. It overlooks entirely the benefits derived from the holding of these fairs. It forgets that the fairs stimulate the farmers, horticulturists and stock-growers to do better and better work in their respective lines and that these lines of industry are benefited and the wealth of the state increased through the holding of the district fairs. The Oregonian can see only that the state is spending some money and spending it outside of Portland. The Oregonian had no objection when the legislature voted a cool \$500,000 for the benefit of the Lewis & Clarke fair. That paper shows poor grace if nothing else in objecting to the small sums the state now pays out in premiums at the district fairs.

Governor West's message shows that Oregon is spending per capita for its national guard about one-third what California spends. Then it is obvious that if our guard company is short of money the state is not liberal enough. Take it up with the legislators, boys.

For several days the weather men have persistently predicted "snow and colder" for eastern Oregon. But at Pendleton we have had no snow and it is not very cold. Perhaps they sent us the forecast intended for Baker and La Grande.

Pendleton is the Queen City of eastern Oregon and is so recognized by the outside world. We should have a fine high school, for this is the educational center as well as the commercial hub of this part of the state.

SHE GOT EVEN.

Little Dorothy had been very naughty and her mother's patience was exhausted. "Dorothy," she admonished severely, "the next time you are a bad girl I shall put you in a dark closet until you learn to be better." Dorothy heard, but did not heed, and before long her mother was obliged to administer the promised punishment. She was placed in her mother's clothes-closet, and the door was tightly shut on her. For fifteen minutes Dorothy remained in durance vile. Then her mother, hearing no sounds, and thinking the little girl had time to become penitent, opened the door. A very red and defiant little face was turned towards her. "What were you doing, Dorothy?" asked her mother suspiciously. "I 'pit on your 'kirt," said the child deliberately, "and then I 'pit on your 'hoes. An' now I'm waiting for more 'pit."—January Lippincott's.

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

The nine-year-old boy of a Baltimore family, who is compelled by his parents to practice daily upon the piano, may not be a clever performer, but he has a pretty shrewd notion of the worth of an instrument, as well as a rather mature wit, as is evidenced by an incident in the household not long since. His father, upon returning home from a week's absence, heard the lad plugging away at the piano. "When did you learn that new piece, Son?" asked the parent. "It isn't a new piece, Dad," answered the boy. "The piano has been tuned."

Chief "Poor Wolf" Dead. St. Paul.—"Poor Wolf," last of Gora Ventré chiefs, is dead. Deaf and blind for years, he was a regular attendant at the Congregational church which he had joined here. He was in many battles with the Sioux.

SOME ROUNDUP SUGGESTIONS.

Editor East Oregonian: Having been at Pendleton recently, I learned from members of the Roundup association and through the East Oregonian that the association has decided on and bought the Matlock property for future roundup exhibitions.

This property, having been bought at a comparatively low price, and on account of its proximity to the town and its suitability to roundup and fair exhibitions, will, with proper development, soon pay for itself and become a continuous source of income, not only to the town of Pendleton, but also to the surrounding country.

The Roundup association is to be congratulated on securing this valuable property.

Mr. Matlock, having the interests of Pendleton and surrounding country at heart, sold this property at a low figure because he always desires to promote and advance the interests of his home town.

The recent roundup held, in connection with the district fair, at Pendleton, added a very attractive and entertaining feature to the latter.

Those young men and women that participated in the Roundup, although handicapped by lack of space and other obstacles, through determination and indomitable will, made the Roundup a grand success reflecting honor upon all concerned.

However, the grounds that the Roundup being so small that the young "cowboys" and expert girl riders could not, regardless of their untiring efforts and determined purpose, do their best in riding wild, unbroken, vicious "outlaws" that had never been either roped or bridled, nor saddled, nor ridden.

Under such unfavorable conditions, caused by lack of space, it is impossible to successfully exhibit the daring skill of horsemanship of young men and girls, on the one hand, and tenacious endurance and speed of the horses of the northwest, which, due to certain qualities such as agility of feet, quick bodily movements and high strung nerves, demonstrated in running long distances with unusual speed and apparently with very little effort on their part, are superior for riding and driving purposes, to the horses of other countries.

There are still some wild horses in Morrow, Grant and Umatilla counties, wild horses that have been interbred with "thoroughbreds." And it is due to this fact that this class of horses does excel, in endurance and speed, any other type of horse.

This class of horses brings forth the "outlaws." By all means, a track of one-half mile in length, regardless of cost, should be provided for. Such track of one-half mile in length can be, undoubtedly, made on these grounds. By so doing, the association will draw the interest and support of the stockmen—a fact that should not be overlooked.

The Roundup association and the District Fair association should cooperate, because there is strength in co-operation.

Co-operation is the key that unlocks every difficult and complicated problem.

Our great twentieth century industrial institutions are carried on so successfully on a cooperative basis.

Therefore, friends and fellow citizens, you should cooperate.

The Roundup association and the Fair association, by mutual agreement and cooperative effort, could carry every feature of the fair, as well as that of the roundup, to a successful issue and make every succeeding fair and roundup grander and more successful than the preceding one.

A certain time—say two, four days, during which to hold the district fair, a certain length of time could be given for the carrying out of every program of the roundup.

And by unity of concentrated effort of both the Roundup association and the Fair association, there could be only one result. Grand success as to the district fair and the roundup.

But by all means, they should procure a one-half mile track, with suitable buildings thereon; some for the accommodation of the stock exhibited; others for the storage of feed for the sustenance of the livestock brought to the fair and roundup.

An electric car line could be built, carrying exhibitors and visitors to and from the fair and roundup grounds in a few months' time.

One-half mile track is essential, so that we can have relay races. The best and finest horses are required to carry on the relay races successfully.

I suggest that the Roundup and Fair associations have a meeting sometime during the early spring, draw resolutions and come to definite conclusions as to future programs. This being accomplished, some men would train and develop some fine saddlers and driving horses.

Some men are willing to train and prepare a "string" of horses for the track.

And there is no doubt that some other young men will follow the example, and they, too, will prepare "strings" of horses, to be run at the next year's fair and roundup.

Fellowmen, friends and neighbors, let us all put our shoulders to the wheel, and in determination and cooperative efforts, bring forth the necessary development of the track—a half mile track with suitable but inexpensive buildings, so that the roundup and district fair can both be carried on successfully on the same grounds.

It is said that the expenses of the Roundup amounted to \$5000, that the people attending the fair spent \$100,000 on this occasion.

But progress, expansion and well-directed effort should be our motto.

The Pendleton Roundup and fair should represent institutions of state importance—nay, of national reputation.

By so doing we shall attract more people to the northwest, who are willing to make it their future home. We thus advertise our stock and agricultural products. The "wild and woolly west" will be no longer on record, but the grand, fertile, productive, un-

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exceeded northwest—the garden spot of the United States—will be the drawing card for those who seek good homes. B. F. SWAGGART, Eastern Oregon Jack Farm, Lexington, Oregon.

INTERDEPENDENT.

Philadelphia Inquirer: The international commerce of the world for the current year is estimated at \$30,000,000,000, about equally divided between imports and exports. These are the total figures for all of the civilized nations as reported. Of course, they are not wholly accurate, but must be substantially so. And it is noteworthy that these figures apply for the most part to about one-third of the population of the world. Asia does not contribute anything like what one would imagine from its population of a good deal more than half of the world. Africa cuts a very small figure. Europe and North America do most, but South America is making enormous strides.

This shows how the people of the world are becoming more and more interdependent. In civilized nations practically every one depends upon the rest of the world for some of his necessities of life, as well as some luxuries. In this country we could get along if foreign trade were suspended but it would involve much change and no little financial disaster.

Large Russian Potato Crop.

In a country with nearly 150,000,000 inhabitants, the question of public alimentation is the first and most important, especially in view of the rapidly growing prices of all kinds of animal food.

In Russia, until lately, the food of the masses consisted, besides varying quantities of animal substances, principally of cereals, cruciferæ (cabbages, etc.), cucurbitaceæ (melons, etc.) and a few other kinds of plant food. The potato did not enter into it to any appreciable extent. Now this is rapidly changing and the potato is more grown and more valued.

This year's potato crop proves to have been in many parts so abundant that the markets are filled, and prices for good table or industrial potatoes are as low as 6 to 6 1-2 cents per measure (a little over 35 pounds), and dealers have purchased in villages potatoes as low as 3 1-2 to 4 cents per measure. Naturally this could leave little or no profit for the growers, and in many places they have tried to solve the difficulty by extracting the starch and selling it to treat-

cle and distilling factories. The price of such starch, however, has in some places fallen as low as 30 to 33 cents per pod (36 pounds), which goes far toward showing how little prepared Russia is to deal satisfactorily with any chance surplus.

Peking advices state that the Japanese government has concluded a twenty-year contract with the Hanyang Ironworks for 100,000 tons of ore and 100,000 tons of pig iron annually. This contract is regarded by the Japanese as of great importance, since the government foundry is almost wholly dependent upon China for its raw material.

CATARRH A SYSTEMIC BLOOD DISEASE

Catarrh is not merely an affection of the mucous membranes; it is a deep-seated blood disease in which the entire circulation and greater part of the system are involved. It is more commonly manifested in the head, nose and throat, because of the sensitive nature of these membranes, and also because they are more easily reached by irritating influences from the outside. The symptoms of Catarrh, such as a tight feeling in the head, nose stopped up, throat clogged and dry, hacking cough, etc., show that the tiny blood vessels of the mucous membranes are badly congested and inflamed from the impurities in the circulation. To cure Catarrh permanently the blood must be purified and the system cleansed of all unhealthy matter. Nothing equals S. S. S. for this purpose. It attacks the disease at its head, goes down to the bottom of the trouble and makes a complete and lasting cure by PURIFYING the blood. Then the inflamed membranes begin to heal, the head is cleared, breathing comes natural and easy, the throat is no longer clogged, and every unpleasant symptom of the disease disappears. S. S. S. is the greatest of all blood purifiers, and for this reason is the most certain cure for Catarrh. Look up Catarrh and medical advice to all who write.



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