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THE CRY OF LIFE.

The world is bright, with a pleasant way—
There are blossoms where we tread,
But it's toll and toll, to the judgment day,
At the cry of Life for bread.

And O to be there,
In the gardens fair!
But the grip of toll is everywhere.

The stars gleam bright in the holy night,
But we dream of the day that's dead,
For still there comes, with the morning light,
The cry of Life for bread.

And at last—dim rest,
With a flower on the breast,
And the old world-whisper,
"God knows best!"
—Frank L. Stanton.

LET'S HAVE A BAND.

The new administration of the Commercial association is starting another movement with which the people of Pendleton are heartily in sympathy. An effort is to be made to organize and maintain a creditable band and to secure an efficient director so that the city may be able to have good music when good music is needed. The approach of the Fourth of July celebration and the annual Round-up makes this need felt keenly and, if a thorough endeavor can supply it it will be supplied.

There is no good reason why a city the size of Pendleton should not support a band. There are a hundred cities in the northwest with smaller population which do so and Pendleton has never been considered a backward community. The talent is here in abundance, some of it already highly developed and other but awaiting the training which would come with a capable director and consistent practice.

The matter of financing such an organization has always been the stumbling block but this is not of such colossal proportions that it can not be overcome by the co-operation of the musicians and the Commercial association. Mr. Keefe, the new secretary of the association, is a musician of more than average ability and he should be able, in his double capacity, to assist in solving the problem. The business men are willing to contribute a portion of the necessary expenses and the band itself should be able to aid materially. Such an organization is not supposed to be money making in its purpose and the majority of handmen are willing to give their time and ability if they are assured they will not lose money.

A band is almost an essential to a progressive city. There is nothing which can so assist in times of celebration, convention and public gathering. There is nothing that can so arouse the enthusiasm, the patriotism and the festive spirit and there is nothing that is so universally entertaining. Let a band march down the street to martial music and all business is for the time being stopped while the people flock to doors and windows. Even the circus band with its blaring brass has an irresistible power to attract and hold a crowd and none of us are entirely immune. Band music is the kind that appeals to all and to which all respond, so let's have a band.

COACH HAMPTON.

Dr. C. J. Smith, one of the members of the school board, at the meeting of the board of managers of the Commercial association yesterday, paid a tribute to Principal A. C. Hampton of the high school for the success which the debating teams which he has coached for the past three years have won. The tribute was a deserved one for Prin. Hampton's record is one of which no other debating coach in the state can boast and one which has been made only

by virtue of extraordinary ability and conscientious effort. Not one of the eight men who have represented the school on the three champion teams has put a third the time and labor on the various questions as has their coach and they have all worked hard and faithfully too.

Incidentally Dr. Smith took occasion to rebuke the business men of the city and especially the members of the school board for not supporting and encouraging such student activities by their presence. The audience at the Pendleton-Hood River debate was composed principally of high school students and women and it is a reflection upon the manhood of the city that it had no stronger representation there.

Such malicious acts of vandalism on the part of young boys as the destruction being wrought in the Pendleton academy buildings can not be too severely punished for such punishment would not only prevent further depredations on their part but might be the means of saving them from criminal lives. The juvenile court might administer some penalty more proper and more commensurate with the offense, but it would be difficult for it to devise a more effective punishment than a liberal application of a hickory stick upon that part of the anatomy which nature intended for chastisement.

A glance at the figures for which land in the west end of the county sold yesterday will convince the most skeptical that the irrigated districts have a great future. The increase in land values there has been phenomenal and there must be a substantial reason for it.

Judging from the small crop of eighth grade graduates this year, there must have been a growth in Umatilla county school circles.

ABOUT STREET VACATION.

I do not believe in the injury of any ones property in any way, either for public or private purposes, without full compensation to the parties injured.

In the matter of vacating Aura and Lillith streets to the O-W. R. & N. Co., I believe there is a solution of the problem which would be agreeable to all parties concerned.

I am of the opinion that the R. R. Co. would meet the parties concerned half-way. My idea of the solution would be to ask the R. R. Co. to buy a strip of ground thirty feet wide, running diagonally from a point on Blum street just west of Ann street, under the bluff, and connecting with Railroad street about where it intersects with Star street; macadam this street and build a five foot sidewalk along the north side of Ann to Railroad. Then ask the company to build an under-ground crossing under the railroad track at Lillith street, making two nine foot driveways and two five foot walks; the driveways to have a clearance of nine feet, and the walks a clearance of seven feet under the track.

This underground driveway could be macadamized so as to not wash, and there could be a drain run from the bottom and connect with the new proposed sewer at Starr street.

I think if this was done the railroad company would buy all the property east and north of this diagonal street from their right of way to Bluff street.

With this plan I can not see where any one owning property in that vicinity could claim any damages to their property, as it would give them an outlet to the west without having to cross the railroad tracks twice, which they have necessarily to do at the present.

It is rumored that the railroad company, provided they can secure this property, will make Pendleton the end of a freight division; as to this I am not informed; but it is certain that they will not make a division point here unless they can secure sufficient grounds for yards, and they can not secure the amount of ground required without these streets. The advantages of a freight division point here is the securing of more population for the city. Making this a freight division point would add twelve freight crews and their families to the city; it would also add all the necessary round-house help, includ-

ing hostlers, oilers, inspectors, and some machinists, and, in addition, it is altogether likely that the crews of all passenger trains would be brought to this point. That this is the most logical point for a division, I base my statement on Portland. It is understood that the railroad company intends moving the division point from The Dalles to Deschutes, that being, after the Coyote cut-off is made, the half-way point between Pendleton and Portland. It seems reasonable that if Pendleton could secure this division point that it would add a permanent population of two hundred and fifty to the city, and this population would increase as the traffic increases on the railroad.

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1804—Bonaparte proclaimed emperor of the French.
1806—John Stuart Mill born.
1815—Murat, King of Naples, left the city in disguise, while his queen sought the security which has been promised her on board a British man-of-war.
1829—Gold discovered in Burke county, N. C.; quicksilver also found.
1835—A convention of democrats in Baltimore nominated Martin Van Buren for president.
1848—A treaty of peace made with the Navajo Indians and the United States.
North Carolina secession ordinance adopted.
1862—The Seward-Lyons treaty between Great Britain and the United States for the suppression of the

slave trade ratified.
1864—J. Howard, Jr., a newspaper man arrested and confined in Fort Lafayette, charged with the ownership of the famous "bogus proclamation" calling for troops.
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