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ON THE FIRING LINE
 I.
 You must leave the Land of Nowhere,
 Where they never rise and shine;
 The world will run
 Where the things are done,
 And that's on the Firing Line.
 II.
 Fair is the Land of Dreaming—
 Rest of the palm and pine,
 But Life calls Life
 To the splendid strife,
 And that's on the Firing Line.
 III.
 To the strife of Toil, far ring-
 ing,
 Of strength and courage fine,
 The brave and true
 Where the work's to do,
 And that's on the Firing Line!
 —F. L. Stanton.

THE SCHOOL ELECTION
 THE school election yesterday was marked by more activity and interest than any similar election in years if not in the history of the city. It is wholesome to have such interest aroused because it shows people are awake to the welfare of the school system.

The election of Mr. Strain by such an overwhelming vote was more than a tribute to his personal popularity. It was an expression of confidence in his independence and fairness; also a reflection to an extent of public sentiment regarding local school problems.

Many voted for Mr. Strain because they knew he had not been selected to run by the school board. There was considerable of a desire for something in the way of a new deal in connection with school affairs.

The most active workers for Mr. Strain were the ladies of the W. C. T. U. who have conducted the protest against the forced resignation of Mr. Landers. Their work was a distinct manifestation of resentment over the treatment of the retiring superintendent and insofar as their influence counted the election means disapproval of the school board's action.

Mr. Strain, however, was not running as a pro-Landers candidate, or to make war upon the rest of the board. So his

election does not mean he will urge the reinstatement of Mr. Landers. The election does mean that people turned out yesterday in unprecedented numbers to place a new man upon the board. As to the significance of the incident people may draw their own conclusions.

Let it be hoped this awakened interest means something for the credit and advancement of the Pendleton public schools. Our schools are the pride of the city; their growth should be unchecked and their glory without tarnish.

THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WERE ABOUT

IT may be only a coincidence but it is a fact the decision of the supreme court reversing Judge Wolverton in the Oregon & California land grant case is in line with what was asked for in the midnight resolution slipped through the last legislature under such conditions only a handful of members knew anything about it.

The decision means the railroad company is not to be penalized for having deliberately violated the terms of its land grant. The railroad will retain the land and dispose of it as congress directs but at the minimum will be able to get \$2.50 per acre for the land. This makes the decision mean \$6,000,000 to the railroad company and many times that sum if the railroad can inveigle congress into passing legislation desired by the company.

It is a valuable decision for the railroad and it should be welcome to all those who believe it better for immense tracts of land to be held by private corporations for profit making purposes than by the government and administered in behalf of settlers and the public.

The chief argument advanced in behalf of the claim the railroad should have the land is that the company pays taxes on it. But the argument is weak because if the government had title it could dispose of the land to private settlers and they would then pay taxes. Besides if the tax argument is worth anything then all government land and all state owned land should be turned over to corporations so they could pay taxes on it.

The reversal of Judge Wolverton's decision takes on unusual interest in view of the legislature's midnight resolution. How much did that action influence the court? As a result of the resolution the attorney general of Oregon went before the supreme court with a request for action substantially in accord with the decision given yesterday. Did the court consider the legislature spoke for the people of Oregon and that this state really desired a ruling in behalf of the railroad? If so, then the gang that guided the resolution through to passage knew exactly what they were doing and they are certainly to be complimented

upon the smooth manner in which they manipulated the job.

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING

TEN thousand advertising men will attend the eleventh annual convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World in Chicago this week. It will be a notable gathering, for the sessions will be given over almost exclusively to promoting the truth that honesty is the best policy. President Woodhead declared the campaign for eliminating the faker, the crook and the syster from the advertising field will be continued, saying:

"This sentiment is country-wide among advertising men and the fight has been started and will be continued against fakers. Business men are generally beginning to see that advertising is more than a preachment. It stands for a great business principle, and the only way to make it effective is to make it believable, and that means sticking to the truth."

Chicago claims the credit for originating the idea that honesty in advertising is the best policy. But it has grown so that it is now nation-wide. Reputable business men know that their statements in advertisements must be the truth and nothing else. Any deviation from that rule means ultimate loss to the advertiser, for his integrity is gauged generally by what he advertises for sale and what he actually has in stock.

Truth in advertising has demonstrated its efficiency. Because they can depend upon what they read, buyers look to the advertising pages for information. They do much of their shopping in easy chairs at home. Truth in advertising has made the newspaper's advertisements as interesting to many of its readers as the telegraphic and local news.—Portland Journal.

The steamers on the upper Columbia are enjoying a good business both with reference to freight and passenger traffic. They will enjoy a still heavier freight business when a further reduction in rates can be made. Their ability to reduce rates depends largely on tonnage. The boat company can promote business by reducing rates and the shippers can aid rate reductions by patronizing the river line. It is a field in which team work is needed.

The commutation of the sentence on Leo Frank is justified because it precludes any danger of haging a man through mistake. Since there is doubt as to Frank's guilt he is more properly fitted for the prison than his grave. The real facts may come to light some day but the truth if favorable to Frank would do him no good were he in the ground.

Were it not for a foolish law that disfranchises many women who are justly entitled to vote at school elections the voting yesterday would have been still heavier.

Now we will Chautauqua for a week.

CURPENT THINKING

THE FICKLE STAR.

(The New York Times.)
 So many other things are taking place in the world that the news of a revolution in Portugal is only picturesque. It seems oddly inconsequential. Portugal's area is about equal to that of Indiana. It contains only a few more people than live in New York city. The whole adult male population would hardly fill the fighting trenches across Flanders. The outside world is a little concerned about a civil war among the Portuguese as the Portuguese are concerned with the great present affair of Europe.

And yet 50 years ago (the span of a few generations) Portugal was the greatest maritime power preceding Great Britain in that eminence. The Portuguese first explored the two coasts of Africa. The Cape of Good Hope was doubled by Bartholomew Diaz in 1488. Vasco da Gama reached India via Cape of Good Hope, 11 years later. In 1500 King Emmanuel ascended the throne of Portugal and assumed the title of "Lord of the Conquest, Navigation and Commerce of India, Ethiopia, Arabia and Persia." In that year the Portuguese made settlements in Brazil. History is a catalogue of dreams. The dream of empire is nearly the oldest one. Its star is very fickle.

THE LUSITANIA'S MAILS.

(The Washington Star.)
 The disclosure that 82 bags of mail from the United States to various parts of Europe were lost on the Lusitania adds to the gravity of the offense of the destruction of that ship. Of course, comparable with the loss of life, the destruction of mail is of slight importance, yet from an official point of view the sinking of these 82 bags is a matter of extreme seriousness. It is the first time in 100 years it is stated, that American mails have been destroyed at sea in consequence of hostilities between foreign powers. There is no computing the damage wrought by this loss. In one specific case it is known that papers of great value went to the bottom, being none other than the original documents relating to the ownership of the steamer Dacla, now held before a French prize court on the ground of the irregularity of her transfer from a German navigation company to an American citizen.

EITHER FO' OR SEREN.

Lena was much excited over the prospects of a camp meeting that was about to take place in the neighborhood. For weeks she had been preparing gay and gaudy leathers for the erras, and now her outfit was complete, save a pair of much-desired patent leather slippers. She approached her mistress.

"Miss Ford," she said, "I sho' wants to get a pair o' slippers 'fo' de meetin' comences, an' I ain't got a single cent left."

"What size do you wear, Lena?" asked her mistress.

"Mah righ numbah is fo'" she replied, "but I has to wear sebene cause fo's hurt me dat had I feel' natchberly can't hardly walk."—Woman's Home Companion.

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U. S. UNDERSEA FIGHTERS



U. S. SUBMARINES D-1, AND D-3

These pictures of submarines are unusual. Except on occasions of this kind no photographs are permitted to be taken of the underwater craft. Visitors rarely are permitted to see them. The D-1, D-2 and D-3 (shown here) are among the latest additions to the navy.

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