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A SEASON OF PROMISE.

Spring opens with unusal promise. Stock has come through the winter in fair condition and agricultural prospects were never better at this time of year. In a few places, especially in Morrow and Wasco counties, the loss of sheep was considerable during the February storms but not greater than usual. There have been no failures of stock men and there will be no diminution, either in wool product or the beef supply. The range is now fresh everywhere.

For grain fields the winter in the Columbia river basin has been perfect. Snows fell early and kept the ground in fine condition during the frosts which followed; and later, melting gradually, sank deep into the soil which is moist to a greater depth than at any time since the spring of 1874. But while the farmers are thus assured of a good harvest, have no hope of a profitable year unless there shall be a reduction in freight rates. Six dollars per ton from Walla Walla to Portland is too much. It is more than the carriage is worth; it is more than the producers can pay. It leaves nothing at all to the farmer. If it had been believed last fall that the six-dollar rate would be maintained, three fields out of five would be fallow. The Oregon Railway & Navigation company should reduce its charge on wheat. Reduction is demanded alike by its own interest, the interest of the country and the interest of Portland.

In the Willamette valley crop prospects were never better. Here, too, the snows protected the fields during the frost of February, and they are now in fine condition. The extension of the Oregon Pacific to Albany carries competition into the heart of the Willamette valley and to all points north and south accessible to the river. This it is hoped will add several cents per bushel to the price of wheat.—Ex.

Odd Things in China.

Boats are drawn by horses, carriages are moved by sails.

Old women instead of the young, are the belles of society.

The highest recommendation a man can have is in the fact of his having a wife.

The highest ambition of a Chinese gentleman is to have a nice coffin and a fine funeral.

Men wear long petticoats and carry fans, while the women wear short jackets and carry canes.

Parents and spectators, instead of the children, are held responsible for crimes committed by the latter.

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A girl is never considered anything else in her own father's house than an honored guest. She is neither responsible for the family's debts nor enjoys a share in its fortunes, as in the case of sons.

He was an Englisnman, and he found a new grievance against California. He was much impressed with with the country and its productions. He was very enthusiastic until they showed him a pumpkin weighing 155 pounds. "This is to much don't you know?" he said, with an injured air. "A pumpkin 155 pounds! Just fawncy, I only weigh 135."

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A good thing to tie to—A hitching post.
The key to life's mystery—The monkey.
A wide-awake citizen—The mid-[illegible]
Adders ought to be good mathematicians.
An umbrella keeps Lent all the year round.
Truth lies at the bottom of the thermometer.
Lent is a physical necessity and spiritual convenience.
An editor makes an income when he makes his ink hum.
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A detective is one of the most informal people in the world.
The man with the most advice has always the least small change.
Russian men are very tall. They frequently walk over Poles.
"Caster oil is easy to give, but awfully hard to take." So is advice.
Giving too much attention to soft hands indicates a soft head.
The justice of the police court is a fine man in more senses than one.
It seems paradoxical, but it is true that floating debts will sink a corporation.
Clocks are worn on ladies' stockings simply because it would be slightly improper to put a watch upon them.

Dancing vs. Kissing.

I have seen thousands of people gathered at Rocky Point day after day in summer, with dancing going on all day long, and never a word or act that I should be unwilling to have a young person see, writes Col. Higginson in Harper's Bazar; and I have seen at country church gatherings, where dancing would have been thought a sin, romping and rudeness such as no young girl ought to take part in. In view of of this there is something very curious in the way in which revivalists like the Rev Sam Jones lavish their indignation on the less evil and ignore the greater. "I have been hunting for a dancing Christian for many years," said Sam Jones in a late address, "and I never found one, for I used to run with that sort of cattle before I was converted. I don't want any man to cut a figure on a ball room floor with his arm around my wife or daughter, and I don't believe you do. Purity—purity is what we want." But if the contract of the arm is objectionable in the dance, where there is no kissing, does contact become purer when it is the prelude to scuffle and a smack? Are a young girl's lips less sacred than her gloved hand or her waist? I confess to a surprise sometimes at the composure with which mothers can sit in a ball room and see their daughters revolving in the arms of men whom they know to be coarse, if not vile; but the contact is comparatively slight and temporary, whereas the thought of having received a kiss from such a person would be to a truly refined woman an ignominy which the waters of the Atlantic ocean could not easily wash away.

To those who believe it possible or desirable for very young people to live without social intercourse, or to live wholly by religious and intellectual companionship, I have nothing to say except to express disagreement with their belief. If all that our youths and maidens can reasonably demand is a prayer meeting or a course in Sanscrit, be it so. But if they are to have social amusements together we must consider which is the most innocent; and if the choice lies practically in our country towns between kissing and dancing, can any person seriously doubt which is best?

Say everything for vice which you can say, magnify any pleasure as much as you please, but do not believe you have any secret for sending on quicker the sluggish blood, and for refreshing the faded nerve.—Sydney Smith.

Thoroughness in one thing is the best preparation for thoroughness in another thing. Whatever your calling therefore, aim at the top-round of excellence in it.—Rev. J. H. Worcester.

Dr. Lyman Beecher once replied to an inquiry of Dr. Hawes: "How are you getting along." "First-rate! first-rate! first-rate! ever since I stopped trying to run this world."