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Finish every day and be done with it. For manners and wise living, it is vice to remember. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you should begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with old nonsense. This day for all that is good and fair. It is too dear with its hope and invitations to waste a moment on the rotten yesterdays. —EMERSON.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Has Gresham a fire department? We have been pretty closely related to this town for nine months now and have so far never seen any evidence of it and only once did we hear that it has done service, a year or two ago. Now, that is all wrong. We hear—never having seen—that there is a chemical engine somewhere; but no one seems responsible for its conduct. One of the worst fires we ever saw was the result of ignorance in the management of a fine engine; the suction hose was dropped into shallow water, the pump filled with mud and the fire had its own way. To be efficient a fire company should drill at least once a week, and occasionally without warning. These windy days are dangerous. Better look into this matter, get the old company out or organize a new one.

The November issue of the Oregon Poultry Journal pays a fine compliment to the poultry show of the Grange Fair Association, which is commended for its quality rather than for the numbers entered. But why shouldn't we have a good show. There are more good birds in eastern Multnomah than in any other similar area in the state. It will be better next year.

Does Portland appreciate her mayor. We think not. And a very large per cent of its citizens having recently annexed themselves to this city fail to apprciate the moral uplift the town has had given it in the last 5 years. In 1902 it was a gambler's Mecca. It was "wide open", music halls, wine-rooms, stalls in restaurants, massage parlors, women in saloons or adjoining saloons were so common as to go without comment. The heart of the town was renting its rooms for immoral purposes, and the avenues to them were marked by the characters that traveled them as plainly as though they had been painted black. Well, its different now.

Of course conditions are not perfect. They never will be, here or elsewhere, but they are so much better that we may almost feel safe to travel any street in the town in company with anyone without fear of disgracing them or ourselves. But what commendation is the mayor getting for it? All that has been done has met with bitter opposition in the council and press. The "Grand Old Man," his predecessor, permitted all these and other notorious facts and conditions in the name of charity to the fallen. The present system is based on "protection for the innocent," and the mayor will be appreciated after his term of service is done and some less persistent soul wields the official gavel.

We have printed the article just run in the Grange Bulletin by Professor Young of the State University, on "Taxation." The article contains lots of food for thought but we regret that it is not more definite in its suggestions for improvements. Criticism of present laws is justifiable when better ones can be suggested in such a specific way that everyone can understand the proposed change. To do so, we must avoid generalities.

Isn't it about time that Gresham business men and farmers of the vicinity were getting together on some manufacturing project of mutual interest. In a community like this there should be some way to dispose of our resources aside from shipping out raw products. Moreover, we are not getting out of the soil all it is capable of producing. No place in the west has a soil superior to the district surrounding us. This is recognized as a potato producing section surpassed by none. Garden vegetables grow in profusion. Tomatoes may be grown sufficiently plentiful to make a canning season profitable. Cabbage and allied plants do not grow wild, but they come as near doing so as anywhere. We defy anyone to produce larger, sweeter cabbage as easily as those grown right here. Celery is a very profitable, easily grown crop. Beans, cucumbers, beets, onions and cauliflower are equally as easily grown and we could grow tons of them where we now grow pounds. That is to say, we could increase the marketable value of these products a thousand fold if we had some profitable way to dispose of them.

Farmers hauled prunes last year twenty-five miles to a railroad and sold at a profit so small that the undertaking was of questionable merit. Now it is absolutely certain that tons of cherries, pears, plums, berries and some apples were wasted because of the want of a market. It is equally as certain that the productive ability of our orchards are relatively as small as they could be and produce anything. A bushel of fruit—better fruit, too—could be grown where a peck grows now. But, under present market conditions and undirected effort we can hope for nothing better. Some sort of producers' association would put a different face on things. Here is a field for local granges. What we want is an institution that will can our peas and beans, perserve our fruits, and pickle our cucumbers, cauliflower and cabbage. We can support such a plant right here and we have sufficient shipping facilities to make its successful operation possible.

Now, to interest someone who has the enterprise to try it, we are assured that ample ground for a location will be donated by one of our enterprising, public-spirited citizens. Let us try to make the most of our opportunities. These things may not look the same always. A little delay and the offer may be withdrawn and other conditions may arise that will make such an undertaking unprofitable, but if entered into now would surely mean success.

Don't overlook the clubbing offers which we are making on the last page. Perhaps you have no faith in such offers. We have and we patronize them. We have just ordered our Review of Reviews, Delineator, McClures, Outing and World's Work from this list and at exactly the same rates accorded you. Can't you make up your mind to make yourself a Chistmas present of some good reading matter for the year. Or perhaps you have a friend to whom you could make a present. We are going to make a special offer on The Herald and Farm Journal, the latter for 5 years, at $1.50. The price of the Journal will be raised to one dollar after January 1. There are several marked special that will interest you and there are some others just as good. Take a look at it.

Something must be radically wrong with the mail service in the neighborhood of Portland. We are especially interested in the mails between Gresham and Portland and the outgoing mail over the O. R. & N. Of the latter we wrote last week, but do you know that you cannot mail a letter of any sort to a friend in the Mount Scott district after 10 a. m. and have it reach its destination before 8 a. m. next day. You can reach your friend in Astoria, Salem or Tacoma quicker. Moreover, every letter you send down the line to Mt. Scott goes to Portland, lies there from 6 to 12 hours and is then returned to Lents Junction over the Estacada line, and back over the Mt. Scott line to Lents or Arleta. That is a freak of the service that ought to be remedied.

But then there are other freaks right in Portland. A certain institution in North Portland recently wrote a letter to a firm in South Portland. Five days later it reached its destination, after having made a trip to Billings, Montana. Other letters required ten days and must have been as far east as Ohio, for they bore the stamp of the Elmira and Wabash R. R.

The American Magazine for December is an unusually good one. Ray Stannard Baker discusses the Emmanuel movement as seen in Boston; Ida M. Tarbell reviews Chicago's Fight Against Graft; W. I. Thomas discusses the Mind of Women; W. G. Eggleston writes about Mind Curing a Rate Maker; and there are a number of interesting stories. Our attention was drawn to Mr. Thomas' article, having noticed others of his along the same line. His general deduction is that women are not mentally fitted to perform the mental work of men through lack of culture or training in the same line of thought. Her organization has been productive of the dissimilarity of occupations and mental activity. The result is a gradually developed tendency in the feminine mind to act in channels different from men; this estrangement in mental activity has moulded the mind of woman so that her lines of thought are as fixedly different from those of men as to almost classify her as another species of being. This may be so, but we wonder what the women would have to say about that. It is very interesting reading but all theories along those lines are so often controverted by observed facts and by instances where the occupations or training of the sexes have been identical that we are led to think that mental activity is mostly a matter of individual development. But we must admit that women and men rarely have the same mental view on any subject.

The Mind Curing of a Rate Maker is an eye-opener for the railroad man who says the business will fail on a 2-cent rate, for Mr. Eggleston clearly shows that the excursion business of country is done on a lower rate and in some instances for less than one cent, and in other cases a few hundred or a thousand miles is given away to encourage the travelling public in its work of bandrupting the railroads. Even a rate of $.003 a mile is recorded by some prosperous companies, whose excuse is that the trains have to go anyway, so tw're better to carry someone.

GRANGE NEWS IN BRIEF

There will be election of officers at Columbia Grange next Saturday. All members are requested to be present.

Gresham grange will meet Saturday Dec. 12. This will be election day and a full turn-out is desired. There will be initiation both morning and afternoon. Mrs. Myrtle Sieret will present the paper on "The Elimination of the Tramp" and Mrs. John Metzger on the "Fireless Cooker." A sample cooker will be on hand and we expect a fine time.

Mrs. McKAY,
Lecturer

Rockwood grange will give a dance on December 5th and on Chriftmas eve a basket social, Christmas tree and dance. Everybody knows what a good time they always have at Rockwood.

PLEASANT VALLEY GRANGE No. 348—Meets second Saturday at 7:30 p. m., and fourth Saturday at 10:30 a. m. every month.

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