

SALUTATORY.

Waiving the formal custom of a tedious prospectus, we enter the field of journalistic enterprise without previous introduction, trusting that our efforts as they may be directed from time to time will in themselves prove ample reason for the beginning of a lasting friendship between our readers and ourselves.

For our cotemporaries we entertain the highest regard and respect, and trust that our relationship with one another may be mutually pleasant.

Trusting that we shall receive a liberal support from the inhabitants of Umatilla county, we wish our readers, one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and hoist our sail. Now for the voyage. May it prove pleasant and profitable to all interested.

The Umatilla Reservation.

Under date of Nov. 28th the Washington correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle says:

In his annual report, Indian Commissioner Hoyt proposes that the Umatilla Reservation, in North Eastern Oregon, between the Umatilla river and the Blue Mountains, and containing 268,800 acres, be abandoned and the lands sold.

Our Location.

The city of Weston is situated in a tract of fertile land, unsurpassed in fertility east of the Cascade Mountains; with beautiful undulations, conformation admirably adapted to practical agriculture, within easy distance of the Blue Mountains, with their interminable supplies of wood, continuous supplies of pure water, Weston stands topographically and commercially as its grand center, and as such loudly demands an exposition of its qualities.

With the East Oregonian at one end of the county and the LEADER at this end, we believe Umatilla county will be faithfully represented through the medium of the press.

The Business of Farming.

A thorough knowledge of one's business is absolutely necessary to insure success, and no one will question the statement. The professional man is versed in the principles of his profession, or his success will be meagre, as it ought to be. But, risking the charge of essentially repeating what we have said on several occasions before, we want to ask the question, What proportion of our farmers thoroughly understand their business? No one would attempt to say that the proportion is large.

But while books and journals devoted to agriculture are of incalculable benefit, and should always be at hand, there are other means of instruction which, though not as extensive, are as valuable as far as they go, and among them is the assembling together of farmers for discussion and the exchange of views. It is a cheap way of acquiring tuition, too. At this season of the year it is well to begin to think of these things and to plan for the holding of institutes, conventions, etc.

WHAT WE LIKE.—To hear a man try to borrow his neighbor's paper, and the neighbor have courage to reply: "I would as soon loan you my tooth brush; to have a party imagine that he can do as much business without advertising as he can with it; to look at the blank astonishment that settles down on that man's face when, after trying a month he finds it can't be done; to see a man refuse to take his local paper, and all the time sponge on his neighbor for the use of his; to hear a man complain when we ask him to subscribe for his home paper, that he takes more papers now than he can read, and then go around and borrow his neighbor's or loaf about him until he gets the news from it; to see a man run down his home paper as not worth taking, and every now and then beg the editor for a favor in the editorial line; to see a man refuse to advertise in a home paper, and then try to get a share of trade that the paper is instrumental in bringing to his door; to see a man who is able to pay for his local paper, always manage to be around in time to read it at the expense of a friend not worth the tenth part of what he himself is; it looks so economical, thrifty and progressive you know.

PACIFIC SLOPERS.

Centerville is growing. Heavy frost at Los Angeles. Two "showers of the queer," arrested in S. P., recently. Jose Ramon, an Indian desperado, committed suicide at San Diego.

New postoffice at the Cascade Locks, Ashley H. Ball, postmaster. The Puyallup Indians have subscribed \$100 toward the erection of a Presbyterian church; also, they have subscribed and raised a portion of the sum of \$150, with which to pay the interpreter for the Church, Jas. Lewis. Well done, we should say.—Astorian.

Inland Empire: One hundred and fifty soldiers passed through The Dalles on Wednesday night for Umatilla, their ultimate destination being the vicinity of Pendleton, where they are needed to repress a growing spirit of hostility on the part of the Umatilla Indians.

Lurch Bros., who have been doing business at Cottage Grove, Lane county, with a branch store at Creswell, have failed. The amount of their liabilities is estimated at about forty thousand dollars. The assets are variously estimated at from eighteen to thirty thousand.

GLEANINGS.

Butler and Kearney will apply for a divorce.

Despite the hard times there has been no reduction in the wages of sin.

Atlanta, Georgia, has five poets and a writer of fiction. The city is perfectly healthy.

Some one says, watch a woman's lower lip if you want to know whether she is offended or her feelings hurt.

The latest millionaire was that of Miss Helen Astor to Mr. Roosevelt. Roosevelt Astor and she accepted.

Whether a lady claims a rubber shoe which she has dropped in the mud depends on the number of the shoe.

A priest has just been expelled from the Vatican for selling the late supreme pontiff's old slippers and drawers to rich pilgrims.

It is said that Joaquin Miller is getting to be less of an ass than he used to be. He has had his hair shingled and taken a bath.

"Oh, see that my grave is kept green, darling." She did. She bought seven pounds of Paris green and planted it three inches thick.

Garibaldi says he would willingly give his life for Trent and Trieste. The offer would be more generous if the old man had a longer life to give.

In the bright lexicon of the country press there is no such word as woman. The prude, "lady," has flaunted out the best word in the English language.

A colored woman who sat down on a beehive to watch the progress of a fire in Russellville, Kentucky, left her seat before the close of the entertainment.

Some young ladies are opposed to the telephone. They say they do not care to have any young man whispering in their ears with his lips twenty miles away.

Yesterday a policeman arrested a boy who had an onion tied in the corner of his handkerchief. The charge against carrying concealed weapons.—Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald.

Sara Bernhardt, the famous French actress, has had herself photographed in the coffin in which she intends to be buried. She is so thin, however, that she might be buried in a piece of gas-pipe.

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," but there is no use chucking a copper cent into a contribution box loud enough to make the folks on the back seat think the communion service has tumbled off the altar.

Edmondia Lewis has just finished a bust of Gen. Grant. The old man finished one of those himself in Detroit not many years since.—Detroit Free Press. We believe he was busted several times while in Oregon.

The expression of a boy's face at the end of a straw that lacks two inches of reaching the cider in a barrel, is supposed to be the model that the artist selected in the delineation of Adam leaving Paradise.

Miss Florence Davenport, the youngest lady member of that illustrious family, will soon go on the stage. She is very handsome, talented and is possessed of a superb contralto voice. One, Blanche, is already on the lyric stage.

The New York Observer mentions the case of a Kentucky Presbyterian minister, who, at a Monday meeting of his brethren, prayed, saying: "Lord, Thou has seen by the morning papers how the Sabbath was desecrated yesterday."

MISCELLANEOUS.

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