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Mrs. E. T. Judd of Turner, Oregon, writing to Everybody's Magazine for July says: "In this day of telegraphic news and daily papers, we hear at once of every curious, cruel, senseless, and vindictive person, and nothing at all of the ten thousand sensible, quiet, kind, and gentle people who go to make up our homes and the foundation of our nation. The best of our American women are not in print. The truest homes are those which are unadvertised."

This is true of the great daily journals, whose columns are filled with the sin and wickedness of the people of this workaday world, but the weekly paper with its simple record of home happenings, its efforts to better the town and improve its local conditions, is the truest representative of the old style of journalism that James Russell Lowell and Oliver Wendell Holmes endorsed—the nearest approach to the fearless form of public utterance that made Horace Greeley and the elder Bennett famous. In these days, however, too many of the country weeklies are inane and ineffective because their editors do not care to express their convictions in editorial utterance for fear of giving offense. The weekly paper that firmly and clearly gives its opinion on matters of public interest has the respect of the community where it is published, whether its readers agree with those opinions or not. Such expression of opinion is provocative of discussion, and discussion is ever productive of sound decision and action on matters of community welfare. For these reasons the country weeklies of the United States are most important agents in making the growth and development of the nation. We agree with Mrs. Judd that the crime, the lewdness, the cruelty and the villainy might be omitted from the great dailies to their betterment, but how seldom do we find weekly papers in the thousands of towns and villages all over the United States giving space to the base and profitless things of life. Very seldom, we think.

Readers will note another important item added to the list of combined subscription offers at the head of the editorial column this week. "Out West" is published at Los Angeles and is classed among the very best illustrated magazines of the United States. The regular subscription price is two dollars per year, but by arrangement with Mr. Moody, Manager of the "Out West" Publishing Company, we are enabled to offer this superb magazine with the LEADER for only two dollars and fifty cents per year. "Out West" is edited by Chas. F. Lummis, one of the ablest editors, most virile writers and strong expressionists of to-day. His editorial department which he calls "The Lion's Den," is read monthly with most careful scrutiny by thousands of people on the Pacific Coast as well as throughout the United States. He is interested in making good roads, good Indians, good citizens,—and a good magazine. Having closely followed his work for the past four years the present writer is one of his unashamed admirers. Matters of current importance are discussed in a strongly individual, yet uniformly broad and logical style, varying in its humor; but whatever is dealt with is hammered on the expansive anvil of truth. The writer once asked Mr.

Lummis if he did not think "Out West" was somewhat indefinite as a name for the magazine, indicating a vague somewhere between Panama and the Aleutian Islands. His reply was that he wanted to be out of prison, free, unlimited—to look for the best things for all the West. He is doing it. His field is just as truly Oregon and Washington as it is California, Panama or Alaska—and his limitations are not these. Those who read "Out West" will become its friends.

Oregon roses and those of Portland in particular are the subject of a skillfully written and exquisitely illustrated article by Gertrude Metcalf in Sunset Magazine for July. Any traveler who has seen California roses at their best has still something to learn if he has not seen Oregon roses in the "mad riot of bloom found here in June". Paul de Longpre chose Hollywood near Los Angeles for his home. He has painted flowers all his life and has about him there a wilderness of color, yet this famous artist has nothing to compare with the pure, tints and perfection of leaf, even to the outermost petal, that is common to the roses of Portland and Oregon.

A. Clifford Gage, the well-known printer and newspaper man, who made the Santa Clara News one of the brightest papers in the state, has purchased the Lane County LEADER, published at Cottage Grove, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Gage have removed to Cottage Grove and they will be missed here by their many friends. The LEADER is a handsome paper, bearing every evidence of prosperity in its pages, but, good as it looks, it undoubtedly will be made still newer and better under Mr. Gage's able and clever management.—San Jose Herald.

To the people of Oregon there is great meaning in the establishment of the Oregon Development League. Every business man in the State is vitally interested in the success of this movement. It is simply a systematized method of bringing Oregon into prominence as a productive great state. The importance of the League cannot be tritely stated, but it means more people for Oregon, more wealth, more business, better markets and better prices. Are you interested?

Our Spanish war, Japan's war with China, and England's Boer war cost each about one million dollars a day. By next February, therefore, the Eastern war will have cost Japan and Russia some \$365,000,000 each. Will either of them ever get back this sum from Korea or Manchuria, or in national pride.

A Seattle firm has received an order from Rampart, Alaska, for a mowing machine and a horse hayrake. This is said to be the first order of the kind that has ever come from Western Alaska, and appears to offer proof that the land of the midnight sun has other resources than gold and fish.—Oregonian.

A shortage of telegraph operators is being experienced here by a great many railroads. The block system railroads require competent men. Years ago about all stations had learners assisting, who worked about the depots. That day has passed and there is a wanting of such men at the present time.

In excluding certain patent medicine circulars from the mails on the ground that they are for fraudulent purposes the Postmaster General is undoubtedly acting in the public interest.

Be your daughter's ednrade. Plan little pleasures to be enjoyed together, and associate her in your work and your ambitions as far as possible. Do not be afraid to show her "the girl in yourself."

The Sacramento Bee valiantly heads its news from the counties surrounding it. "Superior California News Page," a considerable piece of development work in itself.

A rate of ten dollars from London to New York has been made by steamship companies. Increased hordes of European paupers may be expected as a result.

## A Word on Good Roads.

The following letter from the only person within twenty miles of Cottage Grove with whom the present editor of the LEADER can claim acquaintance previous to taking control of this paper, should prove of interest because of its firm stand for good roads as a part of the development work to be done in Lane county:

"Cloud's Rest," Mosby Creek, Ed. Lane County Leader—Dear Sir: It was nice of you to send me a copy of your new "Venture" and I hope you will make a success of it. You did some pioneer missionary work in Santa Clara in the way of improvements—some of which were carried out to the betterment of the town. It is my hope you will also do some more of the same in Cottage Grove, though the writer does not expect to remain to see either improvements or attempt thereof. Did not expect to remain over three months, but the air here among the hills is so pure and the views so entrancing that I have lingered and lingered till I regret to leave.

Am at the Lyon-Rowlings homestead "Cloud's Rest" nine miles up the Middle Fork of the Willamette, known also as Mosby creek. There is not a neighbor within a mile and the only communication with telegraph, telephone, post office and railroad is by a winding wood road or wagon trail. Have only been down to Cottage Grove once since coming here since last fall and no candidate for initiation into a secret society could get a worse shaking and tossing than one gets in these nine miles. Small wonder we get our mail semi-monthly!

Now Mr. Gage, is your opportunity to advocate good roads and preach it morning, noon and night and six times between meals.

There is no future for Oregon unless she bestirs herself for passable highways. Would like to have you come up here and see the glorious scenery, but sympathy for your bones bids me beware inviting the stranger out, lest he fall victim to the ruts and pitfalls and holds us up to the world in derision! Oh for the oiled roads of Santa Clara county, and a road supervisor like John Roll.

The spring frosts have played havoc with the wild flowers but I send you a few of the countless thousands that bewitch a tenderfoot among these hills. Foxglove and scotch bloom are wild here and as thick as dog fennel and horhound on the Santa Clara sidewalks in former days. How I wish you and Mrs. Gage could have seen the rhododendrons last month. This is the month of the Oregon lilies and next month will see the huckleberries ripening, also blackberries, thimbleberries, salmonberries and raspberries, all wild all over this 640 acre ranch.

With kind regards to Mrs. Gage and best wishes for your success in your new home, Sincerely Yours, CATHERINE MILLIKAN.

## Gets Prize of \$10,000.

Mrs. M. L. Stoddard, a niece of Mrs. L. M. Thompson of Cottage Grove, has received a prize of \$10,000 for securing the greatest number of subscribers to the San Francisco Weekly Examiner. Mrs. Stoddard is a daughter of Mrs. Julia Smith of Ogden, Utah, where Mrs. Stoddard also lives. Mrs. Smith was in Cottage Grove as the guest of her sister Mrs. Thompson last summer and has notified her sister of the good fortune of her niece. The Ogden Standard refers to the matter as follows:

"Mrs. M. L. Stoddard, the well known cashier at the Grill restaurant, received the letter and telegram yesterday afternoon from the publishers of the San Francisco Weekly Examiner notifying her that a certified check for \$10,000 had been sent her in care of the express company as a prize for her efficient work in the matter of securing the largest list of subscribers for that paper. In the letter the publishers say that the money is for her to do with as she may wish, but a little advice is offered in that she should not pay any attention to letters and

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## A PECULIAR INSECT.

Mountain Growers are Cautioned to Avoid Insect Pest on Vegetable.

Correspondence of the Leaders.

Writing from the higher mountain regions of the Coast Fork of the Willamette, a correspondent of the Leader says: After the mountain frosts of June 11th and June 24th, it is reasonable to expect good prices for garden vegetables for the remainder of the year of 1904.

As the beet, radish and turnip crops were not affected by frost it behoves those growers who desire to save their crops to watch for a small fly, similar in appearance to the common house fly, which lays its eggs at the base of the leaves of radishes, beets and turnips. The eggs hatch into insects which honeycomb the roots, leaving only a shell-like rind.

The writer tells the Leader of some correspondence with Prof. Wadsworth of the University of California College of Agriculture in Berkeley, California,—who has had no experience with this class of insects, does not know its name, and can only suggest that all infected plants be carefully pulled up and burned, leaves and roots, destroying thus both eggs and maggots. He has communicated with Prof. Cordley of Corvallis on the subject. It is possible the latter may suggest some less drastic method of exterminating the pest.

## Heating Contracts to be Let.

Contracts will be let July 9th for the heating apparatus in the new frame school building now being constructed for school district No. 45 at Cottage Grove. The building was commenced June 9th and is now up to the second story. It will contain six large class rooms and a basement, where the heating plant will be installed. Cottage Grove will then have two large school houses, with largely increased facilities and a double corps of instructors. Heating facilities have recently been added to the present school building and it has been refinished inside and out.

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