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## WHAT SEEK YE?

Time passes. The world moves onward, and men rush to and fro, hither and thither seeking continually, always hunting that which they do not find.

In times long since past away, men whose longings could not be satiated with the material things with which they came in touch, sought after the River of Youth that they might bathe in its pelucid waters, take on a newness of life and extend their existence into the eternal in order to appease this desire of their being.

But notwithstanding their search and wanderings, the sheen of the mystic river did not appear, and its living waters still flow onward and murmur in the rock-bound fastness which hides it from view, and men yet run to and fro and are not satisfied. But why this longing? From whence springs that desire of our being which is always longing, as it were, to burst the shackles which circumscribe our vision that we might have egress into elysian fields to rest on the wave of perfect contentment?

There is that implanted in man which continually cries out for food adapted to its requirements, and it depends largely upon the means we use to satisfy this demand, as to what our standing and worth will be in this life, and as to the recommendation we shall have written to present when we stand at the threshold of eternity.

Some start out to feed this demand of their being on pleasure, but though they may enter in and enjoy, to the fullest, the fleeting things of this life, yet one after another of the means sought to bring contentment fade, and the desire of the heart still remains. Some seek wealth as the means to satisfy this desire, but after they have gathered and hoarded to excess, they only find that they have sought in vain. Others seek the gay rounds of pleasure, others still enter the precincts of dissipation, and some try to drown nature's longing in intoxicants, but after awhile dissipation begins to pale, its joys fade, old age creeps prematurely on, and those who have sought to feed this desire upon husks, find their longing for contentment stronger, while they have weakened their vitality and unfitted themselves to reach out into new fields for that with which to satisfy this want of their being.

Again we ask, from whence springs this source of discontent? We may seek in vain if we look no farther than the carnal life either for its source or for its pacification. When we seek the source of this attribute of man we must go back and pry into the conditions that obtained

in the creation when man was created in the likeness and image of his creator, and hence partook of His attributes. Now man became estranged from that condition and was banished from the presence of his creator and hence this longing desire. It is the soul's desire to regain that companionship man lost when expelled from the Garden of Eden.

## WHY NOT REORGANIZE?

In view of the fact that the evenings are advancing in length and that the Commercial Club intended to resume operations when the rush of the summer season was over, would it not be a good time now to begin operations again. The immigrant rates from the East are expected to bring a large number of people into Oregon and this section should and will get its proportion providing the proper effort is made. We have natural conditions here that will go far to advertise this section and captivate the purchaser when he once gets upon the ground, but our lands are just like any other merchantable product, they cannot advertise themselves. The prospective purchaser must be apprised of what you have to dispose of or else he will go elsewhere to find what he wants, and how often it happens when you have an article to dispose of, that it is taken as quickly as the fact is made known. The wide-awake buyer is on the watch for bargains along his line, and the prosperous vender is just as much awake when it comes to letting the public know what he has to dispose of.

Let us get to work and secure our share of the emigration that is coming to Oregon.

Then there are other propositions that should be looked after as well. We understand that there is no fireman's organization here, hence if we should have a fire there could not be that unity of effort made to resist the flames that would obtain where organization and practice had prepared the force to resist them.

There is wisdom in the multiplicity of counsel, there is strength in unity, while energy will evolve from numerical force.

The controversy as to whom honor should belong for the discovery of the ice-bound pole of the North is not the only one that is up for discussion, for now comes the widow of the late Professor Michael G. Mulhall, whose fame as an Irish statician is world-wide, and lays a claim that America was discovered by the great grandson of King Kiarriall of Dublin, and that his ship was wrecked on the coast of Florida in the year 983. Further claim it made that a race speaking the Irish tongue peopled the Atlantic coast from Florida to Chesapeake bay centuries before Columbus discovered this continent. Be that as it may, it is now rather a late day to attempt to detract the honor of discovery from Columbus and transfer it to another. Ari Marson may have been wrecked on the Florida coast but he has left nothing to remind posterity of his having been there, and general history is silent as to that Irish population of the Atlantic.

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