

The Man Who Wins.

The man who wins is an average man;
Not built on any peculiar plan,
Not blest with any peculiar luck;
Just steady and earnest and full of pluck.

When asked a question he does not "guess,"

He knows and answers "no" or "yes;"

When set a task that the rest can't do,

He buckles down until he's put it through.

Three things he's learned; that the man who tries

Finds favor in his employer's eyes;

That it pays to know more than one thing well;

That it doesn't pay all he knows to tell.

So he works and waits, till one fine day

There's a better job with bigger pay,

And the men who shirked whenever they could

Are bossed by the man whose work made good.

For the man who wins is the man who works,

Who neither labor nor trouble shirks,

Who uses his hands, his head, his eyes;

The man who wins is the man who tries.

—Charles R. Barrett in Rural Spirit.

Will We Get It?

Railroads will be built in every direction in Oregon during the next two years. This is the statement emanating from sources close to James J. Hill. It is fine news for Oregon and especially for the eastern part of the state. The building of the roads through the interior should help every part of Eastern Oregon. Every section cannot be reached by the trunk lines, yet branch lines will doubtless be built to sections removed from the main lines. To the East Oregonian it seems that the building of the east and west road should hasten the construction of a line southward from this city through the Grant county territory. After the east and west road has been constructed, what a line needed connecting the new line with the O. R. & N. and the Northern Pacific at this point? If such a line is built then this city will reap much benefit from the building of the east and west road. A railroad into Grant county is one of Pendleton's foremost needs. —East Oregonian.

While sinking a well for A. L. Kenaston on his farm in Buckhorn country, 16 miles from Condon, H. H. Wilburn's well drill struck a ledge of ore, which was at first supposed to be gold. The vein is 95 feet under ground and is about two feet thick. Mr. Kenaston brought some of the ore to town last Monday and had it analyzed by the jewelers here, who said it was copper. S. G. Potter, of the Red Cross Co., will take some of the ore to Portland to have it examined. The well is now 95 feet deep. —Condon Times.

Publicity Fund and Normal School Fund.

R. P. Neil, the chairman of the Ashland Commercial Club finance committee, who has charge of the raising of a \$5,000 fund for publicity work and \$1,500 fund for the re-establishing of normal school, reports that the work of the committees who have been active, is very satisfactory. —Valley Record.

Report of Public Schools

Report of the schools of Polk County for the school month ending May 20th, 1910.

Number of schools reporting correctly and on time	42
Names of schools and teachers failing to report on time—Elkins	
Number of pupils remaining at last report	1910
Number of pupils registered new during month	7
Number of pupils registered secondary during month	22
Number of pupils readmitted during month	161
Total number pupils on register during month	2000
Number of pupils dropped during month	316
Number of pupils remaining at time of report	1684
Number of days taught during month	17
Whole number of days attendance	29321
Whole number of days absence	2054
Whole number of times late	312
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy	225
Average number of pupils belonging	1357
Average daily attendance	1736
Per cent of attendance	98.5
Number of visits by parents	30
Number of visits by members of the school board	16

The following schools are placed on the roll of honor for the county for having made a per cent of attendance of 95 or more: Dallas, Ballston, Scroggins, Gooseneck (100 per cent), Oak Point, Spring Valley, Popcorn, Harmony, Enterprise, McTimmond's Valley, Falls City, Black Rock, Pioneer, Highland (100 per cent), Mistletoe.

The following schools are placed on the roll of honor for the county for not having had any tardies for the month: Zena, Salt Creek, Scroggins, Gooseneck, Brush College, Spring Valley, North Dallas, Enterprise, McTimmond's Valley, Sunnyslope, Oakdale, Liberty, Black Rock, Rock Creek, Highland, Mistletoe.

Yours Respectfully,
H. C. SEYMOUR.

Zook, the paper hanger will do your painting.

EXPLODING A THEORY.

The Practical Method Adopted by a French Scientist.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century the French Academy of Sciences offered to give a prize to the first person who would solve the following problem: If you take a vase full of water and put a stone or any similar body in it the water will flow over. If, however, you put into it a fish, the volume of which is equal to that of the stone, it will not flow over. Explain this phenomenon.

Learned essays on the subject poured in from all quarters, but the problem was not satisfactorily solved in any of them, and consequently the prize was not awarded.

In the following year the same question was again propounded, and for five years answers continued to pour in to the academy. Then it suddenly occurred to one of the academicians that, after all, the problem might be incapable of solution, and he determined to make a test for himself.

Filling a vase with water, he put a stone into it and saw that the water flowed over. Then he took out the stone, filled the vase again with water and put into it a fish, the volume of which was the same as that of the stone, and saw, to his surprise, that the water again flowed over.

He told the academy of his discovery, and the result was that the offer of a prize was at once withdrawn.

LONDON CABBIERS.

And the Lost and Found Department and Scotland Yard.

"That lost and found property department at Scotland Yard is one of the best things they have in London," said a woman who has spent much time in England. "Last summer I had experience with it.

"I fell into a sort of habit of losing things. First it was a valuable umbrella. I did not miss it until I got to my hotel after an after theater supper. The next morning I made my husband take me to the theater and the two restaurants where we had been the night before, but without result.

"Then an American friend suggested Scotland Yard. I went there, and there it was. It had been turned in by a cab driver.

"Twice afterward I lost that umbrella and got it back in the same fashion, each time leaving as a reward for the cab driver a per cent of the value of the umbrella, as required. Then one night I lost a fine pair of opera glasses, and I got them back.

"It is an excellent system the police over there have of encouraging honesty. A cab driver who finds anything in his vehicle is required to turn it in, and he knows that if the owner claims it he will be rewarded." —Exchange.

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