

THE FORTUNATE ISLES

By JOAQUIN MILLER

You sail and you seek for the fortunate isles,
The old Greek Isles of the yellow bird's song?
Then steer straight on through the watery miles,
Straight on, straight on, and you won't go wrong.
Nay, not to the left, nay, not to the right,
But on, straight on, and the isles are in sight,
The old Greek Isles where the yellow birds sing
And life lies girt with a golden ring.
These fortunate isles they are not so far,
They lie within reach of the lowliest door.
You can see them gleam by the twilight star;
You can hear them sing by the moon's white shore—
Nay, never look back! Those leveled grave-stones,
They were landing steps; they were steps unto thrones,
Of glory of souls that have gone before
And have set white feet on the fortunate shore.
And what are the names of the Fortunate Isles?
Why, Duty and Love, and a large Content.
Lo! These are the isles of the watery miles,
That God let down from the firmament,
Aye! Duty and Love, and a true man's trust;
Your forehead to God though your feet in the dust,
Aye! Duty to man, and to God mean-whiles,
And these, O friend, are the Fortunate Isles.

With the Churches

Baptist Church.

By A Member

Sunday school 10:30 A. M.
Morning service 11 o'clock.
Evening service at 7:30.
Rev. R. V. Russell will speak at both services.
No Young Peoples Meeting.
Regular prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

Evangelical Church

By W. A. GUEFFROY

That Christmas entertainment was a great success. The decorations were fine, the program was good and the attendance large. The two trees were laden with presents for young and old and many were the happy recipients. The Sunday school remembered all of its scholars with a little treat.

The year 1913 has closed and we have stepped over the threshold of 1914. The Church is ready to greet the New Year with "all on board." Annual elections and business meetings have been held and the leaders for 1914 are as follows:

Church Officers

Class Leader..... W. P. Fisher
Exhorter..... D. M. Hewitt
Trustee, 5 years..... G. W. Marvel
Organist..... Miss Read
Ass. Organist..... Miss Olive Dawson

Sunday School Officers

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Ass. Supt..... C. A. Nott
Secretary..... Elmer Kohnke
Treasurer..... Geo. Baun
Organist..... Charlotte Marvel
Ass. Organist..... Margerett Rice
Librarian..... Mary Rice

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Rec. Sec'ty..... Geo. McClellan
Treasurer..... Miss Rice
Miss. Sec'ty..... Lillian Marvel
Organist..... Charlotte Marvel
Ass. Organist..... Margerett Rice

The public is cordially invited to come and worship with us. Notice of the hours of services will be found on another page of this paper.

Pacific International Live Stock Show

The Live Stock Exposition held at the Portland Stock Yards December 8 to 13, inclusive, was a great object lesson for the farmers and stockmen of the Pacific Northwest. This year the show at Portland beat all past records, both from the standpoint of attendance and number of exhibits. This year the exhibit of fat stock excelled in quality and numbers any like show of its kind seen west of the Rockies.

The carload lots of cattle, hogs and sheep showed careful feeding and proper fitting; especially was this true with the first-prize winners in their respective classes.

The two fat steers that were champions, entered by the University of Idaho, were in the best of condition, showing good breeding and feeding. We have never seen at any show greater attention given to a champion fat steer than that accorded the Shorthorn that carried off the champion ribbon for Idaho.

The holding of the Dairy Show in conjunction with this year's exposition showed the wisdom of the management. The entries of all dairy breeds brought out the winners of state fairs and the competition was exceptionally strong.

The Holstein sale held on the 12th was well attended. The consignments were made from the herds of the leading Holstein breeders of Washington and Oregon. The sale was a good one and the distribution of these individuals among new breeds means a boon to the dairy industry of the Northwest.

Professor G. P. Groat, of Minnesota, one of the judges of dairy breeds, said: "Your dairy breeders of the Northwest have drained the East of much of her best stock and your breeding of record animals shows that you are leaders and not followers in this dairy development. I am surprised at the quality and the vastness of the Portland show."

The good prices paid at the auctioneering side for fat stock and breeding animals is worthy of most favorable comment. It was an education for all in attendance and showed the possibilities in the live stock industry. It was the means of driving home more clearly the fact of the world-wide shortage of live stock and the field for the farmer in the future, if he but take up this line of work.

Portland is the logical place for just such a show. Its well-equipped stock yards, sale barn and office equipment afforded unusual facilities for carrying on the work each day with dispatch.

Date for next year's show is December 7 to December 12.—Western Farmer.

Contents of Average Egg Crate

O. A. C., CORVALLIS, ORE., Dec. 31.—Only about three-fourths of the eggs that are packed in crates at the stores as they come from the farm are fresh. Of the remainder about three-fourths are classed as stale, most of the others as cracked and dirty and a smaller number as rotten. This is the average condition of a crate of eggs such as are found in the market in various parts of the United States, according to the investigations made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Perhaps the eggs in Oregon are not quite so bad as that, at least not always, but they are far from what they should be. When the eggs are packed of

mixed lots just as they are brought in by farmers and poultrymen, the number of eggs in each of the four classes at certain seasons, as found by candling at the Oregon Station, is about as follows:

Fresh eggs 279, stale eggs 55, cracked or dirty eggs 24, rotten 2. In percentages the values in the above order are 77.5, 15.2, and .6.

The condition of the eggs in the markets is ascertained by candling, a process that under scientific market methods would be attended to by the producer. But as long as no better prices are paid for graded and strictly fresh eggs than are paid for mixed lots, just so long grading before marketing will not be done.

The present methods of buying and selling without regard to value is unfair both to the producer and consumer of fresh eggs. Shall the producer, the dealer or the consumer take the first step to correct the present unsatisfactory methods of marketing?

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The Mighty Amazon.

The estimated length of the Amazon to where it debouches in a month forty miles wide into the Atlantic is 4,000 miles. The story is told of a wrecked vessel which was drifting, with her crew on board suffering intense torment for lack of fresh water, which entered the mouth of the Amazon and the sufferers could have had fresh water simply by putting a bucket over the side, but did not know where they were until they got in sight of the land. This mighty river, up which the tide goes 400 miles, is known in the upper part of its course near the Andes as the Marañon, then in the middle course, from Tabatinga to the mouth of its chief affluent, the Rio Negro, as the Solimoes, while for the rest of its course its name is Amazonas or Amazon. A thousand miles from the sea it is four miles in width.

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We wish to extend New Year's greetings to our customers and prospective customers.

In particular we desire to say a word of thanks to the many citizens who realize that our task is no small one, and that under the best of conditions our difficulties are numerous.

Their encouragement has helped us to do our work better. The spirit of our organization is that of service.

We have said before that our company wants no revenue it does not earn.

The money invested in the property which we operate works steadily 24 hours a day toward the upbuilding of this city and the material welfare of every resident.

There is a sharp distinction between capital that works for the common good and capital so invested that no one but the owner derives benefit.

People, work and active capital make cities and values; jobs and payrolls.

Our company tries to be a beneficial force in a progressive and favored community.

We look upon every customer as a valued patron.

We endeavor to earn a moderate return upon a necessarily large investment by giving a full measure of honest service to the greatest possible number of people at rates far lower than the average prevailing throughout the United States.

Like all other persons, the members of our organization make mistakes; it is often physically and financially impossible to do the things we would like to do, but—

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Per J. L. WHITE, Local Manager.

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