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Now and then there is a man with sense enough to write a sensible letter. Oregon's chief executive appears to be that sort of a person, at least, if correctly reported, he said some sensible things in answer to a request from Eastern Oregon for the restoration to citizenship of a man convicted of larceny. Governor Lord holds the very sensible and sound opinion that under such circumstances citizenship should not be restored until the applicant gives some evidence to society that he will use his citizenship well. He should establish a reputation for good character. The governor believes that the rights of society and government should be considered when restoring citizenship to a man who has been convicted of felony. This is certainly a correct and equitable view. The loose habit of giving the rights of citizenship to a man as soon as he steps outside of prison walls is wrong in principle and injurious in its effect upon society. In all cases let the man who has lost his citizenship through crime first give evidence to society that he is again worthy of its confidence.

An English writer, in a recent number of the North American Review, makes some very interesting comparisons in regard to the relative number of hands employed in agriculture, the number of bushels of grain and pounds of meat produced per capita in the United States and the leading nations of Europe. According to Mr. Mulhall's table of statistics the United States employs 8,700,000 hands who produce per capita 350 bushels of grain and 1250 pounds of meat; the United Kingdom, 2,400,000 hands 119 bushels of grain and 1650 pounds of meat; France, 6,910,000 hands, 98 bushels of grain and 350 pounds of meat; Germany, 8,120,000 hands, 75 bushels of grain and 380 pounds of meat; Austria, 10,680,000 hands, 64 bushels of grain and 290 pounds of meat; Italy, 5,400,000 hands, 39 bushels of grain and 180 pounds of meat. "A farm hand in the United States," says Mr. Mulhall, "raises as much grain as three in England, four in France, five in Germany or six in Austria, which shows what an enormous waste of labor occurs in Europe, because farmers are not supplied with the same mechanical appliances as in the United States."

The appointment of Attorney-General Olney to the first place in the cabinet is not in the nature of a surprise to the country. Mr. Olney had the good luck to make a passable attorney-general and his promotion was probably due to merit alone. The new secretary of state is head and shoulders the ablest man in President Cleveland's cabinet, and if he brings the same sound judgement into the state department that he exhibited in the legal department he will in a measure redeem the mistakes of his predecessor. Judge Harmon, the new attorney-general, has the distinction of not being known to the general public, but this is no proof that he will not make a competent official. Indeed, it is something in his favor for only the comparatively unknown men in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet have done anything to merit public approval. Those who have come into his cabinet with a large reputation have had the misfortune to lose it.

The outlook for better prices in wheat this fall continue quite encouraging. The large surplus has been pretty well used up and the partial failure in several of the central wheat growing states is full of promise to the Oregon farmer. Of course wheat is not going to jump up to a fancy price, but 50 cents, possibly 60 cents may be reached. This will give the farmers a small margin for profits where close economy is used. We believe it is estimated that the cost of growing wheat is about 35 cents per bushel, although some experienced farmers claim this is too low an estimate. Be that as it may, however, 50 cent wheat will give our farmers some relief from the stringency of the last two years.

The "unspeakable" Turk is reluctant to grant concessions to the sorely oppressed Armenians, but the moral pressure being brought to bear at the Court of Constantinople by the nations of Europe is sure to have a salutary effect. The sultan, stupid as he is, has sense enough to know that European bayonets could easily set him across the Bosphorus and obliterate Turkey from the map of Europe. Russia is only too

anxious for a plausible pretext to extend her territorial dominions towards the Mediterranean, and only the jealousy of the other great powers has withheld the puissant paw of the rapacious bear from striking the fatal blow.

The Oregonian in a caustic editorial on the extravagance of the last legislature drives the following terrible spike into the rusty coffin of that defunct body: "Everybody who wanted anything out of the legislature last winter had only to go into the 'combine' to get it. The consequence of all was that the prudent economy which the times demanded and the people expected was defeated at every point, and the state's money was squandered with a prodigality exceeding anything known even in swiftest boom times. And it must be said, from past experience, that it will not do to rest in entire confidence that at the next session these abuses will not be repeated."

The recent concessions to employees by several leading Eastern manufacturers is evidence that a better feeling exists between employer and employee as well as an index of a returning tide of prosperity. The business of the country cannot prosper unless an amicable relationship exists between the wage earner and the wage payer, for the prosperity of each depends upon the other. The employer should be willing to pay his employee wages commensurate with the profits of his business, and the employee should be willing to render a faithful days service for the wage received. When avariciousness is eliminated and the spirit of justice further prevails there will be no trouble between capital and labor.

The senatorial uproar in the last legislature was only as the noise of Chinese fire-crackers to the booming of cannon in comparison to the mighty battle that will be on in 1896. An occasional stray shot is already beginning to drop around as each opposing faction cautiously extends its skirmish line. Senator Mitchell may find a Richmond in the field in the person of Ex-Senator Dolph. Be that as it may, the contest is sure to be very recondite and every inch of the ground will be stubbornly contested. Both are strong men with warm friends and bitter enemies. It will be a battle royal seldom witnessed in the legislative halls of Oregon.

There is evidence that the farmers of Polk county are beginning to realize the necessity of so diversifying the products of their farms that each year they will have something to sell which yields them a fair profit. The farmer who confines himself to the raising of wheat alone always finds himself badly handicapped when that cereal is down below bedrock, but the man who raises wheat, hops, fruits, beef and pork always makes money out of the aggregate product of his farm. Our farmers are learning this lesson and they have the thrift and intelligence to take advantage of it.

The revolt of public sentiment within the last few years against prize fighting is evidence that the moral sense of the people is becoming educated. Only a decade ago a prize fight could be pulled off in more than a dozen states in the union, but now the Lone Star state is the only commonwealth where this relic of a barbarian age dare show its hydra head. Indeed, there is evidence that the better class in Texas will arouse such a popular clamor against the Corbett-Fitzsimmons mill that it will never materialize into anything more substantial than smoke and froth.

A MAN'S business prospers to the extent that he manages his affairs in an intelligent manner. If his business largely depends upon public patronage he must keep what he has to sell continuously before the public eye, not only by artistic displays upon his shelves and counters but through the advertising medium of the press. All successful business men understand this principle and profit by it.

The Rose Fair.
 The Annual Rose Fair begins today and promises to be one of the most successful meetings of the kind ever held in the county.

The committee on arrangements has been indefatigable in their efforts to make the fair a success in every way. Excellent programs both musical and literary, rendered each evening. Balloting for "Rose Queen" will close this evening. A special feature of the fair will be a decorated street parade for which a suitable prize will be awarded. The fair continues two days, June 13 and 14, and will be held at the opera house.

Admission fee is as follows: Day-time 10 cents, evening 15 cents, reserved seats 25 cents.

OUR PIONEER'S REUNION.
 Interesting Reminiscent Talks, Exhibits of Pioneer Relics.
 THE OLD CAMP FIRES BLAZE AGAIN

Pioneer Parade—Enrollment of 1894—An Eloquent Oration—Social Reunion.
 The sixth annual reunion of the Polk County Pioneer's association was held at Dallas on the 11th and 12th instant. On the evening of the 11th an old fashioned camp fire reunion was held in the grove on the banks of the LaCreole. A number of campers were present and pioneers from the city and country round about were in attendance. They engaged in reminiscent talk around the camp fires recalling the story of trials and dangers in the early settlement of the country.

On Wednesday morning a pioneer's parade was formed on Main street headed by the Dallas Cornet band. The old pioneers marched on foot, those of 1844 taking front rank, then in regular order down to 1859.

Arriving at the grand stand the crowd was seated and the meeting called to order by President J. H. Hawley. The secretary read minutes of last year's reunion, showing an enrollment of 173 members. After a delightful piece of music by the Dallas band the president introduced Hon. N. L. Butler, orator of the day. The speaker made a most eloquent and enthusiastic address, paying a specially glowing tribute to the memory of the late Ex Senator Nesmith and his efforts in organizing Polk county and establishing its boundary lines. The orator also paid well merited tributes to the memories of other well known and influential pioneer settlers. After Mr. Butler's address the meeting adjourned for dinner.

The afternoon exercises consisted mainly of brief addresses by old pioneers and exhibiting mementos of pioneer days.

President Hawley gave an interesting talk. Told about hardships endured by those who "crossed the plains" in the '40's and early '50's. He spoke about the rude beginnings of civilization in the pioneer days of this country, mentioned some of the leading characters in that heroic drama, and compared the social and educational opportunities of today with those of 30 and 40 years ago. No commonwealth ever advanced more rapidly in the development of a complex social and political system. The sons and daughters of the pioneers are now stepping to the front and leading in the affairs of state and society. The country has a splendid future, etc.

Dr. Embrace related his experience in the Yakima Indian war. The volunteers were reduced to the verge of starvation, only enough flour to make soup and boiled horse flesh, — starved cayuse's at that. Got first provisions in Kleikitat valley, pickled pork, flour and sugar. These volunteers received their pay ten years afterwards in depreciated currency. The doctor said that the native Indians of the Willamette valley were not worth the powder to blow them into eternity.

Adam Brown said we had a fine country. He had been here 50 years. We used to pay our taxes and had our land, today we still pay our taxes but our land is gone.

W. C. Brown spoke about early experiences in this country, relating some amusing anecdotes, said he did his "sparkin'" on the plains sitting a straddle of a wagon tongue. Joshua McDaniel spoke of General Gilliam and the splendid work he did for this country, considered his untimely death a great loss to the country. Interesting remarks were made by other speakers. The slug shot fired from the gun that accidentally killed General Gilliam was exhibited.

MONMOUTH.
 The following pioneers have answered the last roll call since the reunion in 1894: Aunt Katie Savery, Luke Mulkey, Mrs. Shelton, Mrs. Laura Hudson Howe, David R. Lewis, James Fawc, Mrs. Hannah Townsend, Mrs. Sarah J. Gilliam and James Tatum.

The bright sunshining days have come, the gladdest of the year. Of dusty roads and laughing streams, and picnics too, are here.

As commencement time draws near, the students wear long faces on account of examinations. Cheer up! There's a "sweet bye and bye."

Lee Brown, from near Suer, went through town Tuesday with 655 head of sheep on his way to Portland where he will put them on the market.

Prof. W. A. Ginn and wife went to Falls City Saturday, returning by way of Dallas. They report a very pleasant time.

Mr. Sutor has quite a force of men working on his lumber shed. They will soon have it completed.

Quite a number of our people went to Salem Saturday, to see the field sports. We are glad to see

that Lester Higgins carried off the laurels in the fifty yard dash. Commencement begins Saturday evening with a joint session of the societies. A good time is anticipated. Croquet and tennis is all the rage now.

The entertainment at the Christian church last week was a pronounced success, but the evening was too short for Rev. Sumpter to show all of his stereopticon views.

The religious societies of the different churches held a joint session in the Evangelical church last Sunday evening. An interesting and profitable meeting was the result.

C. G. Fisher visited Dallas Monday last on business.

Miss Mary Coats is home from a very pleasant visit among friends and relatives at Eugene.

Mumps! mumps! mumps!!! Why not be in the style even if it is severe? But we prefer being considered antique regarding such indulgences.

The Novello quartette received an invitation to sing at the Pioneer picnic at Dallas Wednesday, but were unable to accept.

Mrs. Jesse Walker, of near Parker, was shopping in our city last week.

Is it fair for one young man to take all the girls out riding and not leave any for the other fellows? Ask Vint boots.

Children's day exercises at the Evangelical church next Sunday evening. An interesting program has been prepared for the occasion.

Lost—Somewhere between Judge Butler's and Monmouth, a young man's heart. It is slightly cracked on one side but never the less very valuable, and the owner will be delighted to receive it again. Finder please leave it in care of the college janitor and he will deliver it to the proper person who will handsomely reward them for their trouble.

IRIX & REY.
SUVER.

Work will soon begin on our new school house.

The new bridge on Soap creek will soon be completed.

Mary Ridders is slowly convalescing after a severe illness of five and a half months. She is not yet able to raise herself in bed.

All kinds of farm products round about Suver are growing splendidly during this fine weather.

Overt Vanderpool has gotten through with his sheep shearing.

Deamond Bros. have a fine looking wheat crop of 250 acres.

Bob Steele will thresh grain this season for one cent per bushel, the farmer to pay all expenses. Most of the three-hing outfits will charge the usual price 5 and 6 cents per bushel.

Jack Hecker has a number of acres planted to potatoes which are looking very fine. He expects to ship them East this fall.

David Vanderpool, while chopping wood, accidentally cut his leg. He received a serious gash in the knee joint and is confined to his bed, where he will probably remain for several weeks.

Ridders are putting in a new mill dam. They expect to have it done by harvest.

The Soap creek picnic was quite a success in several particulars. An excellent program was rendered, the singing being exceptionally fine. A couple of fistfights occurred which added somewhat to the hilarity of the occasion as no body was badly hurt.

A stranger has appeared at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Sharp. It is a bouncing 9 1/2 pound girl.

"Bob" has visited Soap creek eight Sundays in succession. Wonder what the attraction is?

ANTHONY.
 On Friday evening last Professor and Mrs. Buckham, of Monmouth, gave a delightful reception between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock. The pleasant rooms were tastefully decorated and delicious refreshments were served. The entire Normal senior class enjoyed the hospitalities.

The grand jury of the Marion county circuit court found a true bill against Alonzo Swartz, charging him with murder in the first degree. Today Swartz, through his attorneys, will enter a plea of not guilty.



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DALLAS.
 Our delivery boys' team ran away Monday breaking things up considerably.

The Southern Methodists will soon commence the construction of their new church building on the site where the old one stood.

The pupils of this county will celebrate at Dixie this year, and a grand time is expected.

The Pioneer reunion was a grand success.

The sawmills about Falls City are furnishing large quantities of lumber to the people in and around Dallas.

People from the Luckiamute have been coming to Dallas to gather gooseberries.

Horatio Morrison's residence caught fire Monday, which caused considerable excitement for a while but the fire was put out before doing much damage.

Rev. E. A. Ross closed a two weeks meeting Sunday evening and started for Albany Tuesday where he will hold a two weeks meeting. He goes to Lebanon from Albany, then to Tangent, Independence and back again to Dallas, where he will rest a few weeks.

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