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Forest fires are reported in different sections of Western Oregon.

King Edward and Queen Alexandria were crowned on Saturday, August 9, amid scenes of great pomp and splendor.

The body of the convict, Tracy, now occupies but six feet of earth in the penitentiary graveyard at Salem. The manner of its return was stripped of all sensationalism and made to convey a wholesome lesson to the convicts at the pen.

If Polk county wants her share of the new settlers who are coming West this fall she had better make some effort to get them. As yet nothing has been done toward getting out pamphlets descriptive of our resources. Every town in the valley of any commercial importance, outside of this county, has raised the money necessary and is pushing the work. The tide of immigration will be started this way next month and we should try and get our share of it.

**An Old Favorite.**

**Over the Hill to the Poorhouse.**

Over the hill to the poorhouse—I'm trudging my weary way;  
I, a woman of seventy, and only a trifle gray—  
I, who am smart and chipper, for all the years I've told,  
As many another woman that's only half as old.

Over the hill to the poorhouse—I can't quite make it clear!  
Over the hill to the poorhouse—it seems so horrid queer!  
Many a step I've taken a-toilin' to and fro,  
But this is the sort of journey I'd never thought to go.

I'm willin' an' anxious, an' ready any day  
To work for a decent livin' and pay my honest way  
For I can earn my victuals, and more too, I'll be bound,  
If anybody only is willin' to have me round.

Strange how much we think of our blessed little ones!  
I'd have died for my daughters; I'd have died for my sons;  
And God, he made that rule of love; but when we're old and gray,  
I've noticed it sometimes fails to work the other way.

So 'twas only a few days before the thing was done—  
They was a family of themselves, and I another one;  
And a very little cottage one family will do,  
But I never seen a home that was big enough for two.

I went to live with Susan, but Susan's house was small,  
And she was always hintin' how snug it was for us all;  
And what with her husband's sisters, and what with children three,  
'Twas easy to discover there wasn't room for me.

And then I went to Thomas, the oldest son I've got;  
For Thomas' buildings cover the half of an acre lot;  
But all the childr'n was on me—I couldn't stand their sauce—  
And Thomas said I needn't think I was comin' there to boss.

And then I wrote to Rebecca—my girl who lives out West,  
And to Isaac, not far from her—some twenty miles at best;  
And one of 'em said 'twas too warm there for any one so old,  
And t'other had an opinion the climate was too cold.

So they have shirked and slighted me about,  
So they have well-nigh soured me, and wore my old heart out,  
But still I've borne up pretty well, an' wasn't much put down,  
Till Charley went to the poormaster, and put me on the town.

Over the hill to the poorhouse—my childr'n dear,  
Many a night I've watched you when only God was high;  
And God'll judge between us; but I will always pray  
That you shall never suffer the half I do today.  
—From Will Carlton's Ballads.

Oh, wad some power the gidle gie us  
To see oursel's as ithers see us!  
It wad frae monie a blunder frae us  
And foolish notion.  
What airs in dress and gait wad lea' us,  
And e'en devotion.  
—Burns.

The darkest hour in the history of a young man is when he sits down to study how to get money without earning it.—Horace Greeley.

Sloth makes all things difficult, but industry all easy.—Benj. Franklin.

**State Fair.**

No time in the history of the Oregon State Fair has there been such a good feeling among the agricultural classes towards the success of the fair as exists at the present time. Every section of the state seems to be taking an interest in the fair and promise to give it their hearty support. There are reasons for this awakening of the people to the support of the fair. One is, the management has worked hard and faithfully to make the fair as broad as the state itself. The transportation companies have come to their assistance and made very liberal rates on hauling exhibits of all kinds. Another is, the people are beginning to realize that it is time to let the outside world know of the wonderful resources of our state, and believe that the State Fair is the proper place to meet the better class of home-seekers. This will make the fair doubly valuable. It will give those who are looking for homes on the Pacific coast an opportunity to see in a body what our state can produce, and where it is produced, without traveling all over the state at great expense. It will also give the exhibitor the best possible opportunity of showing his products, whether it be grains, grasses, fruits, vegetables, livestock, minerals or manufactured goods.

**OREGON  
Milling & Warehouse  
COMPANY**

Warehouses at Independence,  
Monmouth and Airlie. Mills  
at Independence.

**Now ready for Business**

**EXCHANGES**

Made at any of their warehouses.

**WHEAT AND OATS**

Received on storage or bought at highest market price.

**Latest up-to-date processes**

In wheat flour, whole wheat flour, germea, and mill feed of all kinds.

**Correspondence Contest**

Contest Closes October 4 at 6 P. M.

**First Prize.**

**Magnificent Morris Chair.**



**Second Prize.  
A Fine \$10 Lamp.**

**Correspondents  
Contest!**

- 3d Prize, \$2 worth of Photos at J. M. McCaleb's.
- 4th Prize, \$2 worth of Photos at E. PicKel's.
- 5th Prize, Subscription to Pacific Homestead.
- 6th Prize, Ladies Home Journal.

**Conditions Governing Contest.**

One point for every news item accepted. A story worthy of a separate heading 25 points. A column article 50 points. For every yearly subscriber, new or a renewal, 75 points. Less than a year at the same proportion. We want correspondents in every part of Polk county. Now is the time to make known our resources. Send in your contributions whether you are a correspondent or not.

**How You Stand.**

Ballston, B	201
Buena Vista, H	779
Pailee, P	639
Antioch	11
Highlands, B	40
Rickreal, C	81
Calvary, D	131
Parker, G	71
Mount Hood View, C	197
Crowley, G	63
Airlie, S	25
Ballston	12
Lewisville, E	24
Monmouth, H	269
Monmouth, A	117
Monmouth, B	74
Simpson, B	7
Monmouth, S	175
Saver, F	16

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