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Scatter more flowers in your friends' pathway and less upon their graves. The kind word and helping hand in life are more eloquent than the virtues extolled after death. Remember the word that "random spoken may soothe or wound the heart that is broken," and that each day should record some worthy action done.

The committee appointed to take charge of the matter of advertising Independence and vicinity will wait on our business men during the coming week to see what they are willing to do in the matter. The time is short and if we are going to do anything should make haste. The homeseekers' excursions begin next month and Polk county should get its share of this influx of strangers. It can only get its share by advertising and it is up to our business men as to whether they want to advertise or not.

Once more the attention of the world is called to Polar exploration by the defeat of the Baldwin-Zeigler scheme. Why this constant and seemingly unattainable struggle for the North Pole? Is it the desire for adventure, the overcoming of seemingly unsurmountable obstacles? This and more. It means the penultimate secret of the earth's surface has yielded up its mysteries, after a constant struggle of hardships of nearly three centuries duration. Some think the North Polar region is habitable; others think it is an open sea; still others think the broad waste of ice prevails. Personal ambition will not only be gratified but science will also be enriched in the exact knowledge of existing conditions there. Some day a flag will be planted there—we hope by an American. Degree by degree the Arctic circle has been penetrated. Dr. Kane, Ross, Nordenskiold, Greeley, Franklin, DeLong, Willman, Nansen, the Duke d'Abruzzi, and Perry, the latter already two years absent in the North striving for the distinction and may see his efforts crowned with success, have undergone hardships untold until comparatively few miles now remain to be overcome until the coveted goal is reached. Cold and barren Norway had no longer secured the honor of being closer to the Pole than any other until they were shorn by sunny Italy, who now retains them. But these latter day successes only give an impetus to the efforts of others. Only 206 miles remain to be overcome, and may one of the expeditions now in the field be successful.

Firmly do we believe that the grand old state of Oregon is entering upon a period of commercial development that its most ardent admirer little dreams. Oregon's superb climate—neither too cold nor the monotonous similarity of the tropics—is undoubtedly the greatest characteristic in its favor. Then its fertile fields—just think of Umatilla county producing one

per cent of all the wheat raised in this country! The Willamette valley is unsurpassed as a stock and dairying country, and an equal tribute may be paid the coast counties. An eminent authority on dairying, from the state of Minnesota, which now stands at the head of butter-producing states, calmly predicts that honor for the state of Oregon. Did you notice that long list of awards of the Pan-American exposition? It is worth your time. Oregon was a leader there. Have you ever thought of the millions of feet of the finest timber in the world here in Oregon? Well you ought to. Do you know that the Baker country and Southern Oregon produce nearly as much gold as any gold-mining section in the world? Or that Southern Oregon is unsurpassed for fine fruit? Or the great grazing fields for stock east of the mountains? Or the fine seaports? Or the deep-water channel soon to be constructed to Portland? Or the incomparable fisheries? Or our fine climate? And a thousand other reasons of equal import. Nature is no niggard. Every place is blessed with some advantageous feature. We believe Oregon has more than its share, but people are slow to take cognizance of it. They are turning toward us. "Westward the course of empire takes its way." California has had her day—Washington is in the midst of hers—Oregon's is almost here. That fact seems certain. We have unlimited faith in the future of our grand state—a state already far and yonder out of debt, and the abode of as brave, sturdy and intellectual class of people as adorn God's footstool. Here's to Oregon!

An Old Favorite.

Looking for Flaws.

Don't look for flaws as you go on through life,
And even when you find them
It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind
And look for the virtue behind them.
For the cloudiest night has a hint of light
Somewhere in the shadows hiding;
It is better by far to look for a star
Than the spots on the sun abiding.

The current of life runs ever away
To the bosom of God's great ocean;
Don't set your force 'gainst the river's course,
And think to alter its motion,
Don't waste a curse on the universe—
Don't shrink at the trials before you;
Don't butt at the storm with your puny form,
But bend and let it go o'er you.

The world will never adjust itself
To suit your whims to the letter;
Some things must go wrong your whole life long,
And the sooner you know it the better.
It is folly to fight for the infinite,
And go under at last in the wrestle.
The wisest man shapes into God's plan
As the water shapes into a vessel.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

OREGON

Milling & Warehouse

COMPANY

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

Now ready for Business

EXCHANGES

Made at any of their ware-
houses.

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 Jour-
nal.

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.

Monmouth, H.....	353
Ballston, B.....	232
Buena Vista, H.....	800
Peden, P.....	679
Antioch.....	11
Highlands, B.....	47
Rickrenl, C.....	81
Calvary, D.....	140
Parker, G.....	71
Mount Hood View, C.....	197
Crowley, G.....	63
Airlie, S.....	25
Ballston.....	12
Lewisville, E.....	24
Monmouth, A.....	162
Monmouth, B.....	74
Simpson, B.....	7
Monmouth, S.....	175
Saver F.....	16

Contest ends at 6 P. M. October 4.