

## West Side Enterprise

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### GROWER AND SPECULATOR

The disadvantage under which the hop grower labors is clearly demonstrated this year. Though his crop is not yet harvested 50 to 60 per cent of the 1908 crop is contracted and it is contracted at a lower figure than the present market price. The grower, where his hops are contracted, is now working to heap up profit for the speculator. When the contract price is 10 cents, and assuming that 18 cents is the market price, the heavy harvest expense, the labor and worry that must be borne by the grower, goes to pile up for the speculator the enormous profit of 8 cents a pound, while the grower barely comes out even. But this is business, say the dealers. The West Side Enterprise submits that it is not fair business. The grower's energies and attention are devoted to the growing of the product. To produce the greatest quantity and best quality of which his yard is capable engages his talents.

While the grower is cultivating the soil, trellising and fighting lice, market manipulators, free from these cares, are scheming to divert the earnings of the growers' labors into their own pockets. In this money mad age, selfishness rather than justice rules and the interests of the grower is of little concern to manipulators of the hop market. If the grower goes broke, it's all the same with the manipulator. The latter watches the market while the grower's attention is absorbed in cultivating his crop. If a rise in the market is imminent, the manipulator takes advantage of the grower while yet uninformed and secures contracts on his crop in advance. The buyer's agents are thrown into the hop districts to hide the real market conditions and pour bearish hot air talk into the grower's ears until his crop is bound up by contract, the form of which is prepared by a paid attorney in the interest of the manipulator. The time has arrived when growers must get together in the matter of marketing their hops else let syndicates buy up and run the yards as well as the markets.

### RAILROAD VALUES.

There are two widely divergent methods of ascertaining railroad valuations in this country each of which had its origin with the railroads. Values for purposes of assessment are based upon the tangible value of all the visible material substance of the railroad holdings. Values for basis upon which to reckon rates of income from traffic is based upon that intangible value that is based upon market quotations of that particular stock and a basis broad enough to include the inflations that have been forced upon it by over capitalization and stock marketing. Railroads think \$100,000

per mile a fair valuation as a basis for reckoning income upon investment but they regard \$5000 per mile an extortionate estimate for purposes of assessment and taxation.

Senator LaFollette offended the Railroad Ship Subsidy senators greatly when he suggested the method of valuation suited for one of these purposes ought to serve for the other also; that the material basis for taxation should lie at the foundation of all attempts to regulate interstate traffic; that over capitalization and stock watering should not be made to fatten the stockholder at the people's expense. Fairness to the people and justice to the railroads was all LaFollette claimed and all that the people demand. LaFollette's idea is not revolutionary but conservative. He affords in his suggestions a solution of the interstate commerce question that will give satisfaction upon an enduring basis.

Polk county is out of debt with \$17,100 cash in the treasury. Not a bad financial showing.

Hop pickers cannot attend the State Fair this year, but they'll all be at Forepaugh's circus, the 22nd.

The people tried to enact an anti-pass law but it was defective. Let the legislature with its lawyers get up and pass a measure next winter.

The Polk county court has had the books of the county officers expeted for two years back and published for the information of the tax-payers, the county's financial condition. This is an act the public will appreciate.

In a communication to the Oregonian T. T. Geer says there are not enough convicts to build a road north and south through the state. If Heney keeps up his lick, it looks as if there would be enough to build north and south, east and west, a road around the three sides and a sea wall on the west.

Oregon needs a new constitution says the East Oregonian, but wants one made by the people rather than the politicians. If a call is made by the legislature for a constitutional convention, fear is expressed that the politicians will rule. We'll agree with the Umatilla paper on the desirability of a constitution and that it should be made by the people. The only way to effect a change, however, is to do it piece meal at each election as is now being done else issue a call through the legislature for a convention. Since Brownell is shelved and the Direct Primary Nominating Law is in force, there is no reason to fear the politicians. If Hofer should be elected as a delegate, it would be about the politicians equitable representation.

### Called

The waning moon peeped through the old parlor window, but still he lingered. After a long silence his eyes roamed to the cuckoo clock above the sofa.

"Ah, darling," he whispered, "do you see that clock? Every hour the little bird comes out and says 'Coo-coo.'"

The weary girl yawned. "He will have a variation on the next call," she said, acridly. "And what will the variation be, my love?"

"Skidoo."

Without another word he took his hat and cane and disappeared in the dark night.

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### HOW THE SEXES DIFFER.

Contrary Ways of Men and Women in Doing the Same Thing.

Ever watched a man as he takes a chair? He'll move it—every time, even if it's only an inch. He would not sit in it just where it was for the world. Watch him next time and see if he doesn't move it. A woman will seat herself without touching the chair. A woman is more philosophical anyhow.

Men are queer creatures, as every one knows. A man will always stir his coffee before drinking it. This is very foolish. He should taste it first to see if it needs stirring.

Few men open their personal correspondence without looking at the postmarks to see the time of posting. Women, on the other hand, tear open the envelope at once. They are in too much of a hurry to waste any time.

When a man puts on his hat he almost always looks inside it first. What he expects to see remains a mystery, but he looks for it, all the same.

He subjects the point of his pen to the same careful scrutiny before commencing to write a letter. A woman starts right off, jabs her pen in the ink pot and straightway begins to scribble as if her life depended on it.

It is the man who reads with his back to the light, holding his book in one hand. Herein lies wisdom. A woman rests her book on the table and leans both elbows thereon. But the foolishness of the man's act lies in the fact that he is seeking comfort and seldom takes this position because it is the most scientific one. Of course he finds it isn't comfortable. His arm aches after the first ten minutes, whereupon he puts his book down and remarks he is going out.

It is the man who lets out secrets—not by telling them, but by ill timed silence; He does worse; by refusing to gratify the curiosity of his questioners he invariably causes them to jump to conclusions much more damaging than the truth of the matter.—New York Press.

### Diplomatic.

"Mr. Gidsmore," began the young man, "when you proposed to your wife—or to the estimable lady who is now Mrs. Gidsmore—did she tell you to ask her father?"

"She did, my boy," affably replied Mr. Gidsmore.

"And did you try to shirk the job?"

"Well, come to think of it, I did. I—I believe I tried to get her to do the asking, 'pon my soul! Ha, ha!"

"And when you did ask him—of course you had to speak to him finally?"

"Of course I did; of course."

"And when you did ask him did your knees shake, and was your tongue dry, and did you have stage fright generally?"

"I was scared to death."

"Well, that's the way I feel. I told Gladys I knew I could find some mutual bond of sympathy between us when I came to tell you that she has promised to marry me."

—Life.

### Silk From a Fish.

Byssus, of which fine, iridescent stockings and shawls are made in Sicily, is a silk made by a fish. The puina is a Mediterranean shellfish that has an odd little tube at the end of its tongue. Out of this tube, spider fashion or silkworm fashion, it spins a silk thread, with which it fastens itself to any rock that it wishes to adhere to. When the puina moves on its fastenings its silk cable remains behind. This cable, which is called byssus, the Sicilian fishermen gather. Byssus weaves into the softest, finest, sheeniest of fabrics, but it is very rare and expensive.—Popular Science Siftings.

### On Even Lines.

In the olden days many a good Scotchman fought in the ranks of La Belle France. A MacDonald, whose sword had won him a captaincy, while at mess with his brother officers was jeered at by a provincial major for a foreigner. "Bah," exclaimed the sneerer, "you beggarly Scots but fight for gold!" "And what fights my brother Frenchman for?" exclaimed Mac. "For honor," exclaimed the Frenchman. "Well, well, man," coolly replied the Scot as he emptied his glass, "we both are fighting to gain what we need the most."

### A Revelation.

In the midst of his passionate declaration she yawned slightly.

Though, with her white and jeweled hand, she attempted to conceal the movement, it did not escape him. His torrent of burning words ceased. The light died in his eyes.

"But why," he said hoarsely, "why speak to me of love? You are heartless—heartless. Your yawn showed it."

"Oh, Clarence," she whispered, horror stricken, "did I open my mouth as wide as that?"

## THE BEAUTIFUL! THE FERTILE! —THE RICH VALLEY OF THE— WILLAMETTE

presents more opportunities for the home-maker, or for the investor than any country under the sun. Development is rapid and the increasing value of city, town and country property will make any man rich who has the foresight to plant his dollars in real estate. Being free from extreme heat or cold makes this wonderful valley an ideal place of residence. Dairying, fruit-raising, stock-raising, hop-raising, grain-raising, the poultry business and many other avenues that are open for the money-maker makes it possible for the Willamette Valley to support in thrift a population ten times as great as at present. Below we give a partial list of the many bargains in town and country property to be had at this time :

ALL SPLENDID INVESTMENTS	100 Acres \$5,000	40 Acres \$2,800
	No. 1—A choice farm of 100 acres 3 1/2 miles from Independence. All in cultivation; good improvements; price \$5000. This place cannot be beat for the money.	No. 4—Tract of 40 acres, 1 mile from Independence; 6-room box house; barn, silo, wind-mill; 2 acres in hops; some orchard; rest good hay, grain or corn land; \$2800.
	At \$50 Per Acre	At \$15 Per Acre
	No. 2—Choice farm 3 1/2 miles from Independence; good improvements; 9-room house with hall; barn etc; all in cultivation; good land; \$50 per acre.	No. 5—Stock ranch of 1650 acres; all fenced; buildings; part good hop land; good range and easy of access; worth investigating; price \$15 per acre.
	7-Room House \$900	Frame Building For \$350
	No. 11—Lot and 7-room house on Main street; household goods, carpets, bedding, etc., go with the property at \$900	No. 6—Frame building and lot formerly used as blacksmith shop; good location adjoining Spaulding Co's. mill property, \$350.
	Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous
	No. 10—Lot and 5-room house, barn etc., good location; \$700.	No. 13—Good house and one or two lots with barn for sale; \$900.
	No. 9—Lot and small 5-room house in Independence; \$285.	No. 7—Good dwelling and half block, slightly home for \$1650.
	No. 8—House and 2 lots, barn etc., good location; \$900.	NO. 14—Three good building lots in Independence at \$125 each.

Two separate companies are now ready to begin the building of electric car lines from Portland into the valley, thus creating competition and the lowering of both passenger and freight rates, which will still further strengthen confidence and create a greater demand for rural property. Every town in the valley near the Willamette river will eventually become a thriving manufacturing center, as all the essentials are here—the raw material and adequate transportation facilities. Better invest now.

## Lyon & Dickinson

Real Estate Dealers, Independence, Oregon

### Another Good Man Gone Wrong

He neglected to take Foley's Kidney Cure at the first signs of kidney trouble hoping it would wear away and he was soon a victim of Bright's disease. There is danger in delay, but if Foley's Kidney Cure is taken at once the symptoms will disappear, the kidneys are strengthened and you are soon sound and well. A. R. Bass of Morgantown Ind., had to get up ten or twelve times in the night and had a severe pain in the kidneys and was cured by Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by D. G. Dove, druggist.

### Given Up To Die

B. Spiegel, 1204 N. Virginia St., Evansville, Ind., writes: "For over five years I was troubled with kidney and bladder affections which caused me much pain and worry. I lost flesh and was all run down and a year ago had to abandon work entirely. I had three of the best physicians who did me no good and I was practically given up to die. Foley Kidney Cure was recommended and the first bottle gave me great relief and after taking the second bottle I was entirely cured." Sold by D. G. Dove, druggist.

### Unnecessary Expense

Acute attacks of colic, diarrhoea and dysentery come on without warning and prompt relief must be obtained. There is no necessity of incurring the expense of a physician's service in such cases if Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is at hand. A dose of this remedy will relieve the patient before a doctor could arrive. It has never been known to fail, even in the most severe and dangerous cases and no family should be without it. For sale by P. M. Kirkland, the Druggist.

## DOVE'S DRUG STORE

### Value Received in Prescriptions

A prescription may be poor in two ways. It may be put up all right, but the drugs and chemicals used may be stale, or "off standard." Or the ingredients may be exactly right, and yet the full effects be nullified because it is poorly compounded, or put up carelessly. In such case, no matter how low the charge, you don't get value received, which is the essential part of the transaction. When sickness comes, consider well the reputation of the druggist to whom you take your prescription. One thing we perhaps need not add, if you bring it to us you are sure to get value received every time.

AT LOCKE'S OLD STAND  
INDEPENDENCE

M. C. WILLIAMS, MGR.

### In Great Demand

The demand for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy here has been so great that I have scarcely been able to keep it in stock. It has cured cases of dysentery here when all other remedies failed.—Frank Jones, Pikeville, Ind. This remedy is for sale by P. M. Kirkland, the Druggist.

### Don't Grumble

When your joints ache and you suffer from Rheumatism. Buy a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment and get instant relief. A positive cure for Rheumatism, Burns, Cuts, Contracted Muscles, Sore Chest, etc. Mr. J. T. Bogy, a prominent merchant at Willow Point, Texas, says that he finds Ballard's Snow Liniment the best all round Liniment he ever used. Sold by D. G. Dove.

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