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No route to fame is there more sound,  
 Yet those who follow are so few.  
 'Tis just this; pray to learn;  
 Learn to know; know to do,  
 Then do; but many yearn  
 To take a shorter way,  
 That offers quicker pay,  
 That's why so many failures abound.

—JIST HUNT.

**THE REAL WEST  
 VERSUS  
 THE "WILD WEST"**

In another place in this issue there is an article written by Dr. Withycombe, telling what a real county fair, like Washington's, should be and why such a fair is worthy of the support of all. How much better invested is energy devoted to such a cause than in promoting any variety of these so-called frontier, round up shows, which neither uplift nor educate. A wild west show neither depicts the life of today nor yesterday. Simply by appealing to the curiosity and weakness of society they are a means of transforming the cash from the people to a bunch of would be champion cowboys that largely never saw a real range roundup.

To most of us also it is a far grander sight to see a large exhibit of well groomed horse flesh the producers of the country, than to see a bunch of wild skinny useless horses doped with high life and spurred and whipped, until in agony they unseat their half shot and half baked rider or simply wear out and give up. We are glad that the directors of the Washington county fair are working along the lines advised by Dr. Withycombe.

**THE TEST OF  
 THE ACE  
 IS RESULTS**

This is truly a practical age; but we are finding that practicality has as much or more to do with the mental and spiritual as with the material. We no longer dig ditches by hand but use improved steam shovels. The schools no longer require so much Greek and calculus as useful studies in sociology and science. Likewise, the religion of the day is being forced out of its secluded nook as a distinct part of existence; and is being considered in common with the whole of life, in fact, as life itself, that is ones theory of life in both that and deed. And the old creeds are giving way, not to antagonism, but to a new and growing program of religious activity in which the test of the worker will be in saving men and women rather than souls. If man will save his fellow man the Lord will look after their souls.

Personally favoring a non partisan tariff board the PRESS never the less severely criticizes the part of the American press which for "political for financial" reasons is doing its best to discredit the work of the present administration. The new tariff is far from ideal, but undoubtedly is as good as its predecessor and is a step in the right direction for a lower tariff in the United

States. However in order to assure a certainty to business a permanent non-partisan board should control this as well as other national questions. Government by experts made directly responsible to the people is far more democratic and satisfactory to the best interests of all than any other system yet devised.

LaGrande has recently adopted the managerial commission form of municipal government. Pendleton is now considering so doing. It is simply a matter of time until all cities large and small will forsake the old council system for the more economical and satisfactory business method adopted to the need of each individual locality.

The American people are beginning to see the joker in the so called "home rule" bill. It is simply the systems way of beating the game. If a law is good enough for a law at all, the larger the unit it affects the better. Uniformity of laws not only within the state but thruout the entire nation is a much desired reform.

The possibilities of dried fruit are just beginning to become known. Forest Grove now has a cannery and a fruit evaporator, both of which are at present working to capacity and both of which are planning immediate extensions. These are the kind of industries that will help build up Washington county.

The Pioneer says, "How does the 'City of Mollala' sound to you". A country cross roads, in a good county, connected by a railway, now incorporated and a thriving growing little city. This is the history of the year 1913 for Mollala over in Clackamas county.

If for nothing else than for the sake of suffering humanity, let United States step in and demand peace in Mexico. President Wilson would probably personally help break up a dog fight, he might even separate two drunks. Certainly Mexico is as unaccountable as either.

We venture that the new tariff, a new Balkin war, or a new Mexican revolt, (notice the word NEW in each case), will not interfere nearly so much with American business matters this week as the world series. We only wish the Beavers had a chance at the winner.

Now is the time to begin planning and preparing for the 1914 Washington county fair. The directors will be pleased to receive suggestions for improvement as it is their desire to make the fair an annual event of great value to this county.

In this day when people fly up-side-down, when pictures not only act but talk, when we speak thousands of miles without any connection except mother earth and the atmosphere, be careful about saying, "It can't be done."

This is the time of year when all early and late workers realize that we are in actual need of a twenty-four hour light service and the encouragement of all should be given the city council in furishing such a service.

The business outlook thruout America is par excellent this fall, and the only drawback comes from foreign causes.

*George Huntington Currey*

**P. U. FRESHMAN'S  
 LETTERS TO "DAD"**

Actual Letters By a Real  
 Freshman to His  
 Father

The "Press" Will Print This  
 Boy's Actual Impressions  
 Each Week

Thursday, A. M.  
 DEAR DAD:—I am beginning to get wise to the fact that college is a whole lot more than two or three buildings. The spirit of the students is felt everywhere. There is something inspiring and uplifting about it which makes a fellow feel full of ambition and energy.

There are two men's societies at P. U., the Gamma Sigmas and the Alpha Zetas. Last Thursday night I visited the Gamma Sigma society and had a mighty fine time. After a short program they had a debate in which it was decided that Uncle Sam should fortify the Panama Canal.

When we were about half down stairs one of the fellows said, "Lets have a shirt tail parade."

There were fifteen or twenty of us; dignified, sedate Seniors, smart Seniors, important Sophomores, and several Freshman. All rushed to the dressing room, tore off coats and vests and then forming in a line issued forth into the starlit night. Then started the wildest prancing march I ever heard of. We each clung with our hands to the shoulders or back of the next man and all swaying in unison we started up the campus shouting "yip, yip" or something that sounded like it at every step. We certainly were a crazy looking bunch with our shirt hanging down over our trousers, our hair befroused and our wild actions. Suddenly we halted and formed a circle in front of the girls dormitory.

Then we began to sing. One of the songs we sang was something like this:—

"If I should die  
 Don't bury me at all,  
 But pickle my bones  
 In alcohol.  
 Put a bottle of booze  
 At my head and my feet,  
 And then I know  
 My soul will keep."

Pretty soon the bunch broke up. I'm getting along pretty well with my studies. I skipped one period the other day to go walking with one of the students who is a fine looking dignified sort of a fellow who never speaks but when he says something.

By the way, Dad, I find that I am still a little bit short of change. You see the books, stationary, board, etc. count up. If you could give me a little advance on my regular it would be very acceptable at this time.

Good bye from

JOHN  
 P. S.—You might send me a couple of ties, etc. when you think of it.

JOHN M'GRAW



John McGraw, veteran manager of the New York Giants, whose team will again participate in the world's series baseball games.

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