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Portland is running to seed this year on street carnivals, but the midway fakirs are correspondingly happy.

Talk about "dog days!" Here the month of August is almost past, and we have had very few days warm enough to keep a pup comfortable without a fire.

The gold standard don't appear to have worked any great hardship on Bryan, since it is reported that he recently paid \$1200 for a team of chestnut carriage horses. Along in '93 you could have found any number of fellows standing on the street corners who would have volunteered to tell you the price of such a team of high steppers in silver, but times have changed since then and now one of those philosophers won't stop to talk to you short of \$2.50 a day.

The disastrous fire which occurred last week, when one of the substantial residences of Newberg went up in smoke, showed up an existing condition which ought to be remedied at as early a day as possible. While we have good means for fighting fire within a certain radius, there is quite a large portion of the town that can't be reached from the hydrants as they are now located. When the water mains were laid the hydrants were distributed as well as could be, no doubt, with the money at hand, and the difficulty which will be met with when the placing of more fire hydrants is considered will be the lack of water pipes of sufficient size to give pressure; leading from the mains. To take up the smaller pipe and put down larger means a heavy expense, but it is probable that the difficulty could be largely overcome by investing in five hundred feet more of hose, which would, no doubt, make the purchase of another hose cart necessary.

There is just one thing about the passenger train on our little railroad in common with an up-to-date overland train, and that is the new whistle which has been put on the engine lately. We were told when we were little tikes that great oaks from little acorns grew, and we begin to feel encouraged since Uncle Koehler has given us a new whistle. In the course of the next ten years we hope to see other needed improvements made in the service. However, it is not best to hold out too much encouragement to the patrons of the road, for it is said that the German stockholders insist on a conservative policy in the management of the system, and they will never have occasion to call time on the manager of the lines in Oregon if he keeps up the pace he has been going at for the past twenty years. But we are thankful for small favors and that whistle, although the boys say it is the second-hand one, is greatly appreciated by the passengers, for as the old coaches go bumpety-bump over the corduroy track the sound of that whistle stirs up memories of railroad riding under more

pleasant circumstances, and every little helps when conditions are unfavorable. Many thanks, Mr. Koehler, many thanks for the new whistle. Toot-toot-toot-toot-toot-toot.

A few days spent out at Newport while the Chemawa Indians are rendezvoused there would lead one to the conclusion that the authorities of the training school are civilizing the Siwash according to a strictly scientific principle—along the line of least resistance. It seemed that about all the time which the Indians were not spending playing band music was utilized in making public announcements of public dances, which the rising generation of braves busied themselves in giving at every opportunity. Even at the Indian institute, held in the big auditorium, it was stated that for every public announcement directly concerning the institute, two or three would follow advertising a dance somewhere given by the Indians—presumably an object lesson on the putting in practice of the theories put forth in the institute. The authorities seem bent on civilizing the heels of the red men just at present, doubtless for the reason that the young bucks had a start from their fathers on dancing lines, and it proves easier to exhibit results here than when the same amount of work is aimed at the upper story. It is all well enough to give the Indian children plenty of healthful recreation, and we are not saying that they shouldn't be allowed to do a two-step now and then; but it stands to reason that they can't dance themselves into civilization of a very high order. What the service most needs is a management that has higher ideals of living and which can inspire the same in the students; that has a proper sense of the relative values of life, and that will administer affairs at the Indian school accordingly. The authorities doubtless imagine that they are doing a great work for the government's proteges, but if so, they have a poor way of advertising it. Let the Indians dance to their own music rather than to that paid for by taxpayers.

Knox-Kantner Concert Company Bows to an Appreciative Public.

R. W. Kelsey donned his fighting togs last week and took his male quartette, accompanied by the writer, out to Yaquina Bay to do a little preparatory sparring with the public before starting out on a regular tour. He came home with flying colors, the members of the company having made good from every standpoint, and he is now anxious to turn them loose upon the expectant public.

The initial performance was given Thursday night at Toledo, the county seat of Lincoln county; that stage fright might have its perfect work and be over with before running up against the pleasure resorts. A good audience was present, and the hearty appreciation it showed encouraged the musicians for what was before them across the bay. On Friday evening the company gave an entertainment in the opera house at Newport, and on the following evening held forth in the big auditorium on Nye Creek. Fair audiences were present on both occasions, but the specially encouraging feature was the enthusiastic reception which was given the entertainers. People

were present from all over the state and from other states, and were heard to speak in the highest terms of the company. It was noticeable that not any one feature of the entertainment was applauded and praised to the disparagement of another, but all features of the evening were heartily endorsed.

As an impersonator, Mr. Knox is nothing short of wonderful and what is more, it is noticeable that he is steadily improving. He was called back just as often as he would consent to come. Aside from his regular work in the quartette, Prof. Kantner gives a piano solo. He gave a beautiful piece of his own composition in the auditorium, which was heartily received. Mr. Hockett also appears in vocal solos, and made such a hit that his friends persist in putting him before the public as "the Iowa nightingale."

There is no doubt that the Knox-Kantner Concert Company is the strongest aggregation of its class in the Northwest, if not on the coast. Few companies anywhere, with twice its members, put up so thoroughly good an entertainment, containing so many distinct features, and all of them strictly first-class. Prof. Kelsey has organized a winning combination.

The quartette will appear four times in Portland next week and will then strike out for Eastern Oregon and Washington. Its first appearance in Newberg will probably be made some time in October.

It is encouraging to note that a good many loads of gravel are passing through town on the way to the country roads. The good roads movement seems sometimes to get on with slow momentum in this country, but the sight of a wagon loaded with gravel tends to keep one's spirits up.

Reduced Excursion Rates to the Seaside and Mountain Resorts for the Summer.

The Southern Pacific Company has placed on sale at very low rates round trip tickets to the various resorts along its lines, and also, in connection with the Corvallis and Eastern Railroad, to Detroit and the seaside at Yaquina Bay, latter tickets good for return until October 10th.

Three-day tickets to Yaquina Bay, good going Saturdays, returning Mondays, are on sale at greatly reduced rates from all points Eugene and north on both East and West Side lines, enabling people to spend Sunday at the seaside. Very low round trip rates are also made between Portland and same points on the Southern Pacific, good going Saturdays, returning Sunday or Monday, allowing Portland people to spend Sunday in the country and the out-of-town people to have the day in Portland.

Tickets from Portland to Yaquina Bay good for return via Albany and East Side, or Corvallis and West Side, at option of passenger. Baggage checked through to Newport. A new feature at Newport this year will be an up-to-date kindergarten, in charge of an experienced Chicago teacher.

A beautifully illustrated booklet, describing the seaside resorts on Yaquina Bay, has been published by the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern railroads, and can be secured from any of their agents or by addressing W. E. Coman, G. P. A., S. P. Co., Portland, or Edwin Stone, Manager C. & E. R. R., Albany, Oregon.

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