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Dry moss on a roof forms a veritable tinder box that a spark from a chimney may set off at any moment. Property owners who don't care to gamble on their chances for a destructive fire, will do well to sweep their house roofs clean of all moss without delay.

A Clackamas county paper is publishing a petition for a saloon license and in the list of petitioners we notice the names of Kenfrut, Noach, Blaske, Heinz, Yohan, Joast, Fenski, Goebel, Koebel, Geipner, Manske, etc. Did we hear somebody assert that the saloon is an American institution?

Mrs. Edith Tozier-Wetherred has gone to Honolulu to chaperone a company of young ladies who are coming over to see the sights on this side and attend the Oregon state fair. The party may be a little short for the Honolulu belles while they are with us, but the prune crop is splendid this season.

While attempting to saw a piece of meat for the editor last Monday the local butcher came very near sawing his finger off. We were engaged in conversation, and Mr. Fisher industriously sawed away for some time, thinking he was sawing steak, but afterward discovered that it was his finger.—Canby Times.

The newspaper man must have been pulling the butchers leg with unusual vigor.

Under the two cent fare the earnings of the Union Pacific show a decided increase. It has long been maintained by those who have made a study of the question that lower rates on passenger fares would not impoverish the railroads, but instead, that the increase in travel would more than make up for the loss, but it has been hard to get the railway managers to see it.

Two cases of drowning already this season at Long Beach, Washington, and the season for surf bathing only fairly begun. This shows the extreme folly of taking chances with the undertow that is liable to take bathers off their feet and to a watery grave at any moment, and yet bathers will persist in taking such chances without any protection by life lines, such as might easily be provided.

Subscription contests are being worked to a frazzle by various newspapers, in which young ladies are induced to enter the contest with the hope of getting a valuable prize or making a desirable trip. The editor of the Graphic has never taken much stock in these contests, for they always bring sore disappointment to a large number of the participants, even when the contest is conducted on the square, which is not always done, and we will hesitate a long time before we will ever again ask any young lady to enter such a contest.

Before the offer of Indiana farmers of nine dollars a week with board and the company of their daughters is accepted by prospective harvest hands they will probably have to forward photographs of the girls.—Martinsville (Indiana) Democrat.

Conditions may have changed in Indiana since the days when we cast shy glances at the farmers daughters, but we are inclined to take the above as a base insinuation on the part of the Democrat. The daughters of the

Indiana farmers looked good to us and we are not too old to forget it even at this distance. The fact is one of them is doing the cooking at our ranch and she continues to shine in any beauty contest.

With the exercise of just a little forethought on the part of people who live on the rural mail routes, a supply of stamps might be kept on hand for posting letters and cards, which would save the carriers a lot of trouble. When unstamped letters are placed in the boxes with money to pay for the stamps, the money must be taken care of in all kinds of weather and stamps bought and licked when the carrier reaches the office. Of course there will be times when the supply of stamps will run out at the country home and carriers expect a reasonable number of such cases, but a lot of extra licking could easily be saved them without working any hardship on the patrons of the routes. The golden rule ought to work well both ways.

The big premium list for the Greater Oregon State Fair (September 16-21) has been issued. This volume is an attractive and convenient handbook, containing all information about the fair in a condensed form. The contents include the list of premiums for every department of exhibits, rules governing awards, information about the fair, camping grounds, transportation, etc. The reading matter is illustrated with half-tone cuts of scenes at the fair buildings, premium stock, and other features. Altogether the premium list is the best ever put out in the forty-six years of the institution's existence, and is the first appeal to the artistic sense ever attempted. All persons interested can secure this book by applying to the secretary of the board, F. A. Welch, Salem, Oregon.

J. P. Dunn, for many years editor of the Indianapolis Sentinel, has contributed to the various responses elicited by the inquiry of the New York World as to what constitutes a democrat. His contribution is as follows: "At present a democrat is an American citizen who would rather fight democrats than republicans. If he is a Bryan democrat his dearest object is to swat a gold-bug democrat. If he is an anti-Bryan democrat he'd rather swat a Bryan democrat than eat. In this situation we are doomed to continued republican success. If we could nominate some southerner who has not been actively allied with either faction and who has sense enough to keep his mouth shut on Bryanism until after the election, we might do something. Otherwise it is merely a question of selecting the form of defeat."

Timothy Brownhill, of the Beaver State Herald, failed to get a meeting of the citizens of Gresham to consider a proposition to celebrate Independence day, and in his desperation he took the bull by the horns, so to speak, by ringing the town fire bell which brought out the populace instantaneously. Timothy acknowledged to an irate member of the town council that he was the party who laid himself liable to a fine by sounding the tocsin, but invited the city dads along with others to meet in the hall immediately, which they did, and the consequence was they had a rousing meeting, followed by the largest and most enthusiastic celebration ever held in that part of the country. A short time ago Mr. Brownhill conceived an idea that it would be a splendid thing to hold a fair at Gresham this fall, and since the people have learned that he means business in anything he undertakes, they are falling in line and whooping'er up for the fair without a call from the fire bell. They will have a successful fair too, and they will be so well pleased with it that they will want to hold one next year,

when there will be more big pumpkins and pretty babies to show. Sure thing.

DON'T BORE YOUR FRIENDS

Some people seem to enjoy "poor health." Meet them on the streets, at church or where you will, and they begin with a weak hand-shake to tell you of every ache and pain they have had for a week. It may be a "bad cold" they have contracted and they will tell you all the details of how they came to "catch it." It avails you nothing, to try to back off and avoid the fire of the "feel bad" fellow, for he is getting real enjoyment out of the recital of his ailments. It is chronic with him—both the disease and the desire to tell his tale of woe to his friends.

Do we believe in Christian Science? Well, yes, for we have seen it take the whine out of some people, where neither medicine nor "sympathy" would do the work, and anything that will make a fellow cheerful and hopeful, and quit boring his friends with a recital of his physical ailments will do him good.

Occasionally you meet a man who puts to shame the "feel bad" fellow, by the nerve and backbone he exhibits in overcoming the inconveniences of real disabilities, and who is getting more out of life than the average man who is not handicapped. Such a man is B. F. Irvine, editor and proprietor of the Corvallis Times, with whom the writer has a very pleasant acquaintance. Last Sunday's Oregonian said of him:

"B. F. Irvine, who has served most acceptably for several years as a member of the Board of Regents of the Oregon Agricultural College, and as treasurer of the Board, is a man of rather remarkable powers, especially in view of the fact that he is entirely blind. Though he cannot tell darkness from light, he has learned to work and to enjoy life without the sense of sight.

"He is a newspaper man by occupation; editor and proprietor of the Corvallis Times. He goes out upon the street and hunts local news items, goes about town alone on business as though he could see and writes all his news and editorials rapidly and correctly on his typewriter. His knowledge of the world's events is gathered by having his employees read to him. Though such a thing seems almost impossible, he thoroughly enjoys and appreciates athletic contests, particularly football and baseball games. "It was the best game I ever saw," he remarked to an acquaintance one day at the close of a football game, much to the astonishment of the listener. As the game proceeded he stood beside a friend who understood the game and who told him the different plays that were made. When the game was over he could describe its important features and tell where his own team had done good or poor work.

It was chiefly Irvine's campaign that made Corvallis and Benton county "dry." He is not a prohibitionist on general principles nor, perhaps, a teetotaler. He waged a campaign for a dry town upon the proposition that a college town should have no saloons. Parents who are asked to send their children to the institution should be assured that they will be surrounded by the best possible influences, was his argument. He contended that since Corvallis had been made the seat of the Agricultural College, that city owed it to the rest of the state to make the town as clean as possible. It was this line of argument, so it is said, that first carried Corvallis "dry." Irvine is credited with being one of the most effective sentimentmakers among the country editors of Oregon."

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