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While there is no section of the Willamette valley so thickly populated as is the territory surrounding Newberg, where the land is cut up into small tracts of from five to ten and twenty acre pieces, you can go out in almost any direction and find much undeveloped land that is next to worthless in its present state. Good land it is and very productive, being susceptible of an exceedingly high state of cultivation, but there is yet much work to be done to put it into that state which will bring results to those who own it. Brush land, covered with undergrowth is worthless and no man can afford to hold it in a community where values are high. On some farms the growth of hazel and briars along fence rows take up almost enough land to make enough to keep a small family, if it was cleared up and made to produce something worth while, instead of an unsightly mass of brush and briar that spoils the appearance of any farm. Every season shows improved conditions in the valley however, for changes in ownership are rapid and every new man who has any snap in him turns a hand to clearing up. Let the good work go on until all waste places shall be made to blossom as the rose. It is all possible and one day it will be so.

Los Angeles has at last produced something worth while besides climate. It is a noted physician, Dr. T. Percival Gerson, medical examiner for the Civil Service Commission and general practitioner of that city, who has announced that in the future he will practice medicine without charge for his services. He has given up his comfortable home and has removed with his wife and three children to the thinly populated districts of the city where he can be easily reached by those who need him. He says he is no fanatic but is simply going where duty calls him. Voluntary contributions will be accepted but no charges will be made. There are physicians who make exorbitant charges and there are patients who never pay the doctor who waits on them. Possibly the Los Angeles doctor has struck a happy medium. He is at least assured a large practice.

The Oregonian recently made a guess of 160,000 as the population of Portland and now the Journal is as nervous over the estimate as a cow with her first calf, and charges the Oregonian with knocking Portland and all sorts of naughty acts in connection with the metropolis of Oregon. We would suggest that the two papers "pool their issues" and put men to work taking the census at once, in order to avoid many sleepless nights and possible bloodshed. Of course the government census will be taken next year but the strain is going to be too heavy to justify waiting. Get busy boys, get busy.

The Oregon Electric don't make much noise about what it is going to do from time to time, but it does things when a plan is once outlined. The prospect seems to be favorable for work to begin on the extension from the main line at Tigardville to Newberg in the early spring, and when once it is begun there is little doubt but that it will be pushed to completion and put in operation at an early day. Newberg stands ready to meet the company half way and bids the line welcome.

The Washington D. C., newspaper correspondents must have

sworn off for sure, for they have about let up on their guesses on the makeup of Taft's cabinet. One of the boys in his hunger for a guessing contest has turned his attention to T. Cader Powell, of Portland, and predicts that he is not likely to be re-appointed United States Marshal at Nome, Alaska. But he don't know T. Cader's record for holding onto a good thing when he has it.

We listened to an excellent sermon last Sunday but it was difficult to follow the theme, as the minister was pretty well obstructed from our view by a creation of the latter day millinery art. The rim of the hat extended over a space of about fifteen inches and on either side there was fust and feathers in abundance, just perfectly lovely you know, and how we did admire the hat from behind the scenes. We are going to church next Sunday, sure.

A Connecticut preacher, who rescued a wild deer from drowning, rubbed the poor creature back to warmth and life and turned it free into the woods. When that man and St. Francis meet in Heaven it will be a great day.—Los Angeles Times.

Here in Oregon the papers make mention of fellows every season who try to rub their friends back to life after they have shot them down, thinking they were deer.

All the same as Minnesota—reminds me of Wisconsin—back in Kansas—my boyhood days in Indiana—hooray for Iowa—Christmas weather in Illinois—bobsled weather in the Dakotas—rabbit hunting stunts for Ohio—my 'aint it fine! Just a few of the exclamations coming as a result of the little snow storm we had Tuesday, all of which reveals the fact that Newberg is a cosmopolitan city.

A window on First street in which the ladies had displayed a card on which was quoted a section of the anti-gambling law, was recently made the target for the squirt of a tobacco chewer. The act served its purpose. It did not hurt the ladies, while it showed what was in the heart as well as in the mouth of the man who made the shot.

The wholesale liquor dealers and the brewers want the local option law amended at the coming session of the legislature. Of course they have no selfish interests in the proposed changes. All for the good of the general public.

The Tennessee legislature convened Monday and the dispatches say state wide prohibition is the most important question up for consideration. The people are keeping the booze manufacturers busy all along the line these days.

A Gigantosaurus Augustus Africanus has been found in a good state of preservation, its hind leg measuring eleven feet and five inches. What a kicker it must have been if it lived in a country village.

Congress has appropriated the neat little sum of \$800,000 for the relief of the earthquake sufferers in Italy. Will there be an Abe Ruef on hand ready to help disburse it?

A Roseburg man is reported who is the father of twenty-one children. Well we are glad to know that children are not going out of fashion here in Oregon.

The "I told you so" weather prophets are a whole lot more gleeful than the rest of us poor natives who are shaking the snow from our backs.

Spring Chickens are already being quoted in the market reports and the year is only a week old. What spring, please?

When you see Dock Keene's picture in the papers you may know that the Oregon Legislative Assembly is in session.

Newberg Veterans Surrender to Dayton's Hospitality.

It is customary for the soldiers of the U. S. Army to take an annual outing, usually on foot, for recreation, over crooked streams, bridges and rugged mountains. The Grand Army of Newberg has also been enjoying these pleasures and recreations. Upton post and W. R. C. of Dayton, Oregon, having extended an invitation to Shiloh post and corps of Newberg to be present at their installation of officers last week the same was accepted.

The cordial welcome they received by post and corps, also the mayor, R. L. Harris, of Dayton will long be remembered. Their installation services were simply grand. A splendid chicken dinner was enjoyed by all; also the music of the fife and drums was an inspiration of real army life enjoyed by the veterans. The following were the comrades from Newberg in attendance: N. E. Britt, B. S. Hunter, B. F. Pike, past department commander of Oregon, G. W. Allen, George W. Sykes, B. F. Hevland, Mr. Lyon, John McCleary, J. W. Webber, Mr. Pendleton, Mr. F. L. Ames, Abraham Dorn, Mr. Bellinger, William Clemmens, R. B. Linville, post commander, Richard Linville, Junior and other sons of veterans. Women of the W. R. C. in attendance: Mrs. Frances Woodruff, president, Mrs. E. Spaulding, Jennie Sykes, Mrs. R. J. Allen, Elizabeth Clemmens, Mary Hevland, Isabelle Gane, Sarah Wentz, Anna M. Linville, Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Klock, Mary Hughes, Mrs. Pike, Mrs. N. F. Byers, Mrs. R. B. Webber.

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Big Land Sale.

On Monday last I. A. Yerex, George E. Waggoner and I. C. Sanford, of Portland, completed purchase of the Roswell Bewley tract of 3000 acres, on which

they lately secured an option. The tract adjoins the town of Sheridan and varies in altitude some 700 or 800 feet. This land was all acquired by the late Jas. F. Bewley, father of the late owner, and comprises several donation land claims and tracts of land noted in pioneer history of this county.

Among the former owners of several tracts comprising the 3000-acre body were William Doak, T. Pugh, T. G. and J. M. Hendricks, William Eversole, John A. Hull, James B. Graves, James P. Morgan, Albert G. Hughes, Simeon L. Hyde and James F. Bewley.

After consummating the deal the purchasers sold to the Churchill-Matthews Company, of Portland, 420 acres of the tract lying nearest to the town of Sheridan, to be platted. It is all exceedingly choice walnut land embracing all slopes and exposures and possessing excellent drainage. These gentlemen have all heretofore purchased other large tracts of land in this county.

It is an apparent contradiction that while the grocer desires to take orders from everybody, he still insists upon doing quite as he pleases.

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