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The following letter from Prof. and Mrs. Anderson will be of so much interest to their many friends in Dundee that it seems advisable to pass it around via the Graphic, so that it will reach all the homes at once:

Irrigon, Oregon, Nov. 15, 1919
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Greer,
Dundee, Oregon.

Dear Friends—This is a good time to redeem a promise I made myself when I left Dundee to come here. I trust you are all well and that you had a satisfactory prune crop and harvest.

Mrs. Anderson arrived just after the first of the month, and is getting a much needed rest. During the summer she took charge of an old lady through her decline to within a few days of her death, and then helped her own son-in-law take care of his fruit crop, then came here.

Our rooms are adequate for our use under light house keeping conditions. The front window looks out directly upon the Columbia River, which is only a few rods from the property front. We are but about two blocks from the store and post office, three from the little church, and five or six from the school house.

We have coal for fuel, slab wood of pine for kindlings, fairly good water and kind neighbors. The people are of a good class and are optimistic concerning the future of the country here.

The chief crop is alfalfa, of which a considerable quantity is being raised and more in course of planting. Then as a corollary dairying is being more and more developed. Some of the people have recently purchased dairy cows of chartered quality, chiefly of the Jersey strain.

The next in importance among the crops is fruits of various kinds: peaches, apricots, apples, cherries and berries taking the lead. Melons of all kinds do well and several farmers are devoting considerable areas to their cultivation for market purposes. I had the pleasure of eating some, both of water melons and musk melons, and found them delicious. They made me think of the grapes we had from your vines, and I now wish we could have some more of them. Grapes, I am told, do well here and there are a number of plantings that will soon furnish considerable quantities of the fruit.

All kinds of garden vegetables do well here but require attention of the right kind at the right time. The whole country is a desert except for artificial application of water. An irrigation project was begun here something like 12 or 16 years ago, and after a start suffered from a failure of the promoting company to supply the water needed for the rapid development, and people had to suspend operations on their tracts. Recently the Federal government has taken over the management of the water supply, and the people are taking advantage of this new condition to restore their places to productivity. Most of the land available for cultivation at present has been taken, and now people are arriving every now and then to make homes for themselves. Inasmuch as only a few acres can be managed by one person, the promise of a thickly settled community seems probable.

You will be interested in a review of some things we do not have, I'm sure. There are no electric cars, no electric lights, but one telephone, and the service is so poor that most people avoid it as they would the fumes of sulphur. We have a small town plat, but nothing that we can call streets. There are no street lights of any kind, modern or ancient. There is no Ladies' Aid, no Woman's Club, no organized Red Cross.

Only occasional preaching—have

So be certain that your plan is right—and then go ahead. The good services of the U. S. National will help smooth out the ruts and bumps along the way.

had two sermons since my arrival—two sessions of the Sunday school. There are no lodges or other organizations for men, so they are at home of evenings mostly. There are no mills, or other industries using steam and man power in any of the processes of production, hence the sound of the steam whistle is reduced to its use on the railroad locomotives. However, of the latter we are not without evidence. The O. W. R. & N Railroad passes through Irrigon, and the North Bank is within hearing and in plain view from our front window. The long trains of these through lines are interesting to one who has for a time lived on a branch line for a number of years. From four to six long freight trains pass daily on each road. These trains usually contain from 60 to 80 cars. The passenger trains are nearly all through trains, and contain from 10 to 14 or 15 cars.

My school here is not so large as the Dundee school but the spirit is good. The school books are bought wholesale by the school district. This has entailed a new kind of school service, that of making up the orders for the needed supplies, and this work is particularly heavy this year on account of the change in texts. And by the way, the new texts, so far as I have been able to examine them, are delightful, especially the new texts in English and in history. The spellers and the readers are calculated to provoke interest, particularly the spellers. I regret that a better geography could not have been offered for the use of the grades.

Our school is closed temporarily on account of scarlet fever, three cases of which were discovered almost simultaneously. While I regret this on account of the need for the whole time for the children in school, it will give me a good opportunity to become familiar with the new elements in the revised course of study, and with the new texts, so that when school can go on again, I shall be able to promote the work of the school with better results, thus compensating in part for the loss of time.

Horsemanship is the chief recreation of both boys and girls. The Round-up is the highest, most finished exhibition of skill in horsemanship, and the throngs of people that cheer the many remarkable feats of horsemanship is enough to make other young people strive for the same plaudits. I attended the Roundup this year and must say that it is a most remarkable exhibition. The thing that surprised me most was the exhibition of man's power over the beasts of the field, as shown in the Bull-dogging feats. To see a man ride his horse right along-side a great steer, lean over it, put his arm over its shoulder, and then leave his saddle, and swing himself to the neck of the steer, thus impeding its speed and in a few minutes have the animal lying helpless on the ground, with his lasso or a rope fastened about the animal's feet so that it could not get up—is a feat scarcely to be thought of by one not accustomed to the ways of the plains.

Among the most interesting features of the exhibition, was the trick riding of the boys and girls, and the wonderful spectacular parade, embracing the cowboys and girls, and the Indians. The performances of the boys and girls were equal in many respects to the best afforded by a good circus, and the parade was a most magnificent thing. The Indians were in their best "get-up," consisting of fine horses, fine saddles, fine dress and fine feathers and paint. There were bodices worn by women, gorgeous with bright colored silk and satin needle work, beading, and embellished with elks' teeth, estimated

In some instances to be worth several hundred dollars.

The spectacle must be seen to be appreciated. One man who seemed to have some real knowledge of equipages, told me that he did not doubt that it would cost a million dollars to reproduce it. Some years ago I saw a spectacular carnival worked out on the basis of the customs of the native Indian peoples of Asia. It was grand, magnificent, but not more so than the spectacular parade of the Pendleton Round-up.

The H. C. L. here will be no less than it is there, and so far as I can figure now, not much higher, if any. We are compelled to send away for some things and are thus driven to use the mail order houses as sources of supply. Instead of buying of local retail stores. It is possible that there will be some saving in this method of buying, because the mail order houses buy in very large quantities, so that the overhead expenses can be kept lower and goods sold cheaper.

When I visit you in person, you being the entertainer, have the advantage in the way of displaying your thought, and I enjoyed my visits most thoroughly, I assure you. Now I have the advantage which you then enjoyed and I am wonder-

ing whether you are getting an adequate return for the attention I may be engrossing you with. You are so thoroughly appreciative of any effort on the part of another to please, however, that I may hope to escape exhortation. But I must give you a rest. If you like this effort, I may have the opportunity to meet you in this way again.

Wife joins me in sending greeting to both yourselves and the elder Greers. Also to any friends and neighbors who may still be interested in us.

Yours truly,
E. H. Anderson.

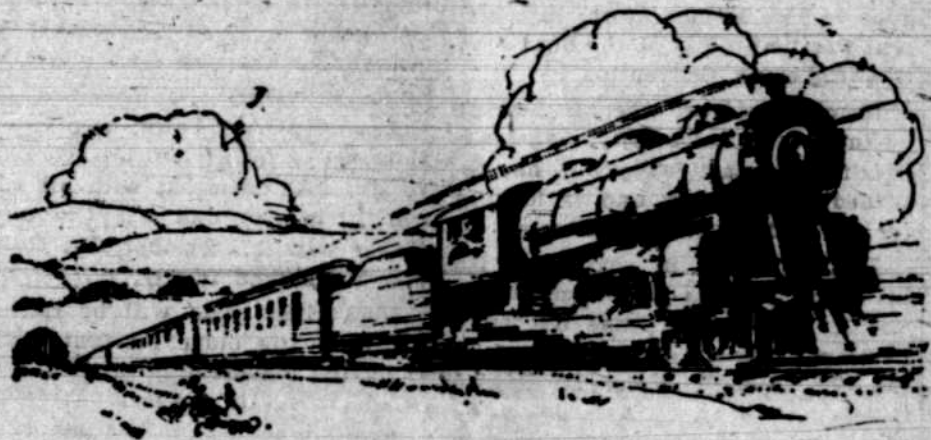
German Cripples Employed.

According to the American Journal for Cripples, published in this city, Germany issued a peremptory order in January requiring the employment of her disabled soldiers. All public and private industries, offices and administrations are directed to employ at least one disabled soldier for every 100 persons on the working staff, making no distinction of sex, it is stated.

In agricultural work the proportion must be one disabled soldier to every 50 employees, and in all cases the disabled cannot be discharged except with the consent of the workmen's committee and after receiving 14 days' notice. Private employers who disregard the order are liable to a fine of not more than 10,000 marks.

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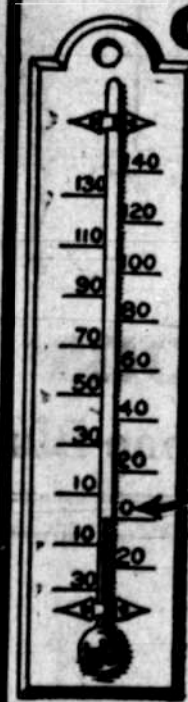
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