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If Western Oregon would really like to see some good crops this year let it come over to the Deschutes valley. Our fields are not yet numerous, it is true, but that will be cured in time.

E. C. Morse, the Portland man, who was mysteriously absent for a week, has turned up with the usual fantastic story. He places the scene of his awakening at Bend. He should have selected some place more remote. No such man has ever been at a Bend hotel. And the story printed in the Oregonian betrays a woful ignorance of the geography of these parts as well as lack of imagination and inventive genius.

Two weeks ago money order service was begun at Bend postoffice. Last week telephone communication between Bend and the outside world was inaugurated. This week the first deposits were received by the new Bend bank. And so it goes. Bend is not making so much blow and bluster as some other places but it is attending to its knitting and doing things every day and every week. And it is doing them right and every step gained will be held. Bend is not booming to catch a crop of gudgeous and make a temporary clean-up.

Director Millard T. Triplett accepted service on the Bend school board at a time when most men would have shunned it, owing to the unsettled conditions here. He held conscientiously to his duty, without prejudice or favoritism, and has been a very material factor in getting the Bend school on a basis for real progress. The district has reason to regret his withdrawal from the board at this time, for few men here command such general confidence. The return of Mr. Wiest to the board, however, brings a man of experience in school affairs, so the reorganized board may be expected to administer school affairs with efficiency and success. Mr. Wiest was the chief of last year's board and there was never a more harmonious body.

The idea of a graduated homestead law, advanced by Congressman Williamson, is one that is loaded with danger. The theory of it is all right; if it were to be carried out in a scientific spirit it would doubtless bring great improvement. But we have had enough experience with land administration in the United States to know that fine theories fall down lamentably when put to the test of practical operation. The graduated homestead would necessarily leave more to the discretion of land officials, would be likely to open the door to multifarious and multitudinous grafters, and by the time the government would wake up to the abuses there would be no more public domain. It is conceivable that a graduated homestead law might be so guarded that its administration would not be attended with great mischief, but the possibilities of evil are so great that the wisdom of such an innovation at this time may be seriously questioned.

Japan is the marvel of nations. She has already won her fight against the ominous power of Russia. This winning is more moral than physical as yet, however, for the mikado has not exhausted the resources of the czar and the contest

in the field may continue for a considerable time. But the island kingdom by its masterly conduct of the war, its self-reliance and skill and success at every important point, has won the confidence of the world. A mistake at the beginning, even such reverses as would be tolerated on the part of nations of established standing, would have been disastrous to Japan. The world likes success—success at any price but honorable success best—and now that the Japanese have shown their metal and have accomplished such success as the world has rarely seen, the world has confidence and will supply the money and munitions of war in any quantity Japan may require. This a failing or feeble Japan could never have obtained. Japan's victory consists chiefly in the ability she displays to manage her war. Nobody is afraid to trust money or property to those who can manage it well. The moment Japan demonstrated this ability unlimited resources were at her command, and that means triumph over the Russian power, no matter how long the field work of army and navy may continue. Russia is whipped and the sooner she acknowledges the fact the better it will be for her.

The O. R. & N. Co. has just issued a novel and valuable piece of advertising in the form of a bird's-eye view of the Columbia river section from Arlington to the ocean and from Castle Rock to Oregon City. On the back of the map is an interesting story in detail of the trip from Huntington to Portland, and from Portland to the ocean, not overlooking the beaches and the San Francisco trip by ocean. A copy of this folder may be secured by sending four cents in stamps (to pay postage) to A. L. Craig, general passenger agent, Portland, Oregon. By sending the name of some friend in the East, and four cents in postage, the folder will be promptly mailed.

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