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There is nothing to prevent the average mountain rancher from realizing a handsome yearly income from the strawberry crop. There is not a single ranch in the mountain territory east of town that is not capable of marketing from $250 to $1000 worth of strawberries each season. The soil of that locality is peculiarly adapted to strawberry culture. The entire surface of the soil is completely covered with the growth of the wild strawberry plant, which fact alone is worthy of note in demonstrating that success awaits any one in the culture of the tame varieties. However, this is but mere secondary evidence when compared with the results gained by the few farmers who have given the berry crop attention. While not so early in market as the Hood River and Milton production, the Blue Mountain berry is so far superior in size, flavor and quality that comparison is out of question entirely. The mountain berry, gaining to its natural maturity without the disqualifying aid of irrigation, retains a flavor and firmness that is always absent in the irrigated fruit. The berries raised by mountain farmers find ready sale in the nearby towns at advanced prices, on a par with the irrigated pedigree. The only trouble found with the mountain berries is, there are not enough to supply the demand. This is the fault of the producer. The demand awaits the action of the mountain rancher, and he should give this demand his earnest attention. It means dollars to him. Home consumption is not the only call that he would have to heed, for no sooner than the merit of his berries is known, than big city markets would be clamoring for their share. Hood River and Milton do not begin to supply the demand, and besides, those who are sure to find a good thing, would always wait for the Blue Mountain berries. The mountain ranches in this respect are in a favored section, and there is virtually no reason whatever that the section cannot become famous in the production of strawberries. Berries in car-load lots, is what did it for California, Hood River and Milton. It will do it for the Blue Mountain section. It is now up to the mountain rancher.

One of the most striking features of the Eppinger failure in San Francisco is the disclosure of the soap that any dishonest grain man could have worked in swindling the bank. Money was lent upon warehouse certificates, but no steps were taken to make it impossible, or even difficult, to present more than one certificate for the same wheat. This appears to have been the plan followed in the Eppinger case, with the result that the firm is short 90 per cent. of the amount shown by the certificates to be in the warehouses. The sacks that now remain are plastered with the names of the numerous creditor banks that are wildly struggling to obtain possession of what assets there are. In view of the fact that frauds of a similar nature have been perpetrated before, notably in the Chicago elevator case, it is astonishing that the banks should have allowed such large sums of money to flow out on such flimsy security.

There is no excuse for tipping in the United States and workmen who accept tips do injury to themselves. Pullman car porters and some others are said to receive small wages, as they are expected to make up the remainder in fees. It is a reproach on any corporation, firm or individual to pay low wages with the expectation that employes will make money from tips from patrons. They should be absolutely prohibited.

Already having a first-class equipment of a hose cart and hook and ladder truck, the addition of a second hose cart, will make the Athena fire department one of the strongest and most substantial in Eastern Oregon. Few towns in Oregon, five times the size of Athena are better equipped for fighting fire. Too much praise cannot be given Mayor Taylor and the members of the city council for their care and foresight in this commendable action, taken for protection of the property owner. The extension of the water mains adds in value to the system and gives security and convenience to numerous residents who hitherto have been denied the privilege, because of property situation. Doubtless the matter of procuring a [illegible] will next claim the attention of the council.

[illegible] said that if you would [illegible] through your [illegible] examine his air-castles. The saying is true also of nations. The Moors for centuries have always had their vision of a reconquest of Spain. The issue of the war between the United States and Spain is said to have quickened the hope. The disposition of the Sultan of Morocco to favor European inventions is said to be due to the desire to qualify his people for the recovery of the territory lost long ago. The title-deeds of lands and the keys to dwellings from which their owners were expelled are [illegible] as if their renewed use were only a question of time. Only [illegible] can tell, but an alluring [illegible] imagination.

There is a belief among certain persons that children can be cured with [illegible]. This is not [illegible] so. Women cannot successfully [illegible] families by proxy. They cannot [illegible] over their children to nurses, governesses or school teachers [illegible] do this, however, and society here and there gathers the dragon teeth in the harvest of crimes against society and moral laws. Work is the greatest moral force in the world. Mothers who desire to see their children happy, to see them useful, to see them worthy members of society, hold fast to the doctrine of labor.

In upholding the traditions of the [illegible] sword through the body of a friend who, as a private citizen, failed to [illegible]. How strange it is that with all Germany's progress and enlightenment [illegible] a crime is not considered murder.

John D. Rockefeller finds that golf makes him [illegible]. Perhaps it is to be [illegible] plain whether it is to be [illegible] applied with a syringe.

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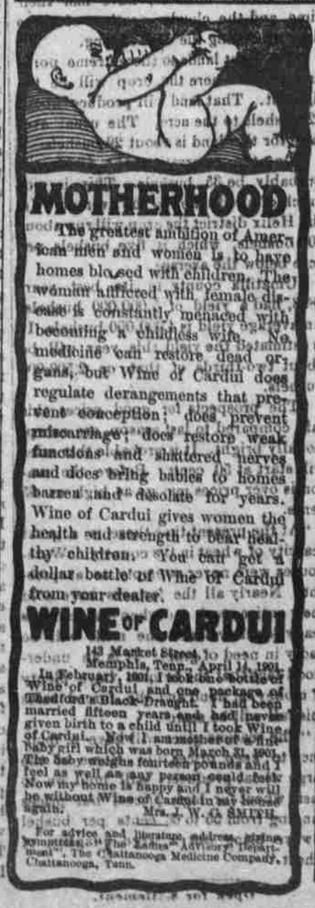


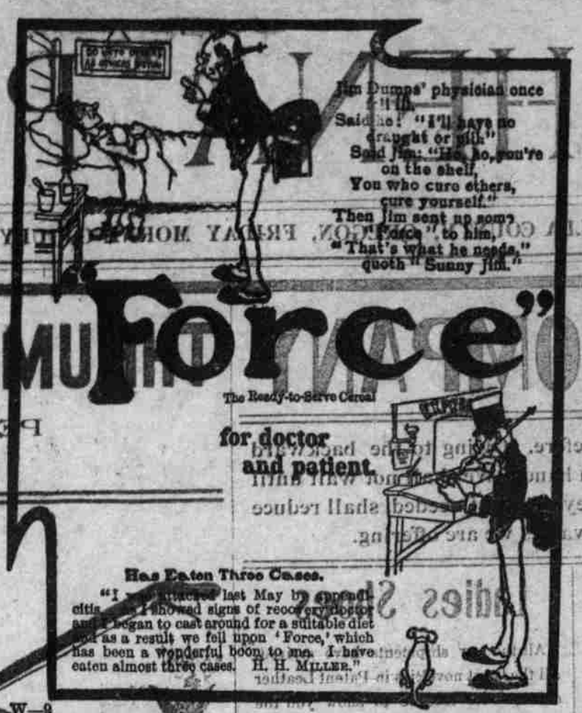


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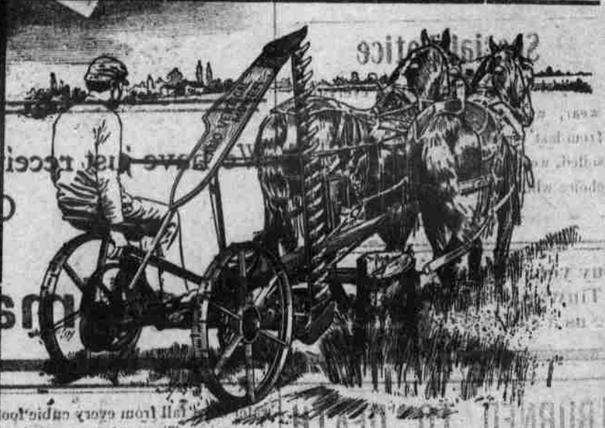

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