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An Eastern man who has never been on terms of familiarity with any great amount of money, has visited the fashionable stores where wealth assembles, witnessed both buying and paying, and declares that the country is going to the dogs; that the people are spend-thrifts, and that home life in New York is on such a scale of magnificence that ruin must come some day. A fur coat was sold for \$4000. A man paid \$500 for a basket of roses. A set of undergarments for a woman were eagerly purchased for \$2500, and baby's bib was marked \$50. Those are scattered samples. The complete list of costly things to eat, wear and admire is almost endless. It is possible to stand in more than one American store and spend a million dollars for things that are on the shelves and in the cases awaiting purchasers. Where is the harm or the danger? The people buy things more expensive than their means warrant. They did the same in the rag-carpet and log-cabin days. It is natural to enjoy luxury. It is the common lot to enjoy comfort. Because all of us cannot wear silk shall all of us wear cotton? The rich goods in the stores are a sign of prosperity. They are there in increasing amounts, because more and more people can afford to buy them. There is hardly a man, no matter how humble his position, who would be satisfied with the luxuries that were the privilege of his ancestors a century ago. Another thing, good goods mean good wages. You may see a priceless diamond in a store window, or a \$2,000 lace dress, or cunningly-wrought gold ornaments, worth a king's ransom. Those were not formed in a sweatshop. They are the product of skilled labor, of artists in the various lines. They are expensive, because only those who are quick with their brains and fingers can do the work that makes up a large portion of the cost of every article. Don't rage at the people who are spending their money. They are only passing it on. It isn't idle. It reaches the plain people. It turns over and over. The rich who spend their money are, unconsciously, perhaps, public benefactors, and the more costly things they buy the greater the prosperity among the high order of skilled toilers.

The country is gradually experiencing the economic and financial change which has been anticipated, a tapering off of the flush and speculative conditions of the past three years. The work of the promoter is ended—nothing doing in that line, and that is a good thing. Interest rates are advancing and money brings 6 and 7 per cent as readily as it did four or five years ago in the east. Water enough to run a lot of big mills has been squeezed out of corporation securities, and there is more to be wrung out of them yet. Hardpan is in sight. The land boom was the last of the speculative fireworks—always is. The next strikes will be to prevent a cut in wages and not to compel an increase, and the time is not far off when the man will be hunting the job instead of the job hunting the man. It has been a pretty good time, however, and all have had a share in it. The wise man has paid up his debts and in a large measure made himself independent of more adverse conditions. The foolish man has run his credit to the limit and may well dread pay day. The American people are never content with moderate profits and a healthful prosperity in a small way. They are always either "hooking" up or sobering off, raising the devil or being converted, ready to sacrifice a reasonable competence for a fortune or the poorhouse, and in doing thus they manage to get a plenty of variety and excitement.

A large amount of food stuffs of various sorts is imported into this country from foreign nations each year. The agricultural department at Washington

now proposes to have samples of these imports analyzed and tested as to their purity. Much of this stuff comes from Germany, which country has been and is unfairly technical and fussy as to the purity of American products. There has long been a well founded suspicion that the ragtag and bobtail apple refuse of American cider mills and evaporators, for which there is a steady foreign market, returns later disguised as sparkling champagne under a fancy foreign brand and that the oil products of southern cotton mills after a European tour comes back to flavor American salads as the purest olive oil. This is the beginning of a good work.

The evolution of the Poland-China hog from its Arkansas rooster ancestry has been worth untold millions to the country, and a queer thing is that notwithstanding the success attained with the hog, little or nothing until within a year or two has ever been done to improve the corn upon which he is fed. It is probably entirely within reason to say that fully as much improvement can be made in the corn as in the hog. A few are getting on to the truth of this and more will soon.

The heavy rains found the farmers with most of their grain cut, but much of it yet in the shock and stack on the high foothill farms. The lowland fields have for the most part been threshed and with 10 more days of good weather the entire rain crop will be saved without material damage from rain storms.

While a great deal has been said about building a levy or opening and straightening the channel of Willow creek at Heppner, the stupendousness of the task has not been realized until recent investigation. It is a great task and would cost an immense sum.

In Tennessee the other day a stepfather had his skull cleft by his 13-year-old stepdaughter for chastising her brother. What is the moral—don't have step-children, don't chastise them, or don't live in Tennessee?

The Pendleton Tribune is a progressive paper and with the view of keeping in touch with a progressive community, has placed an order for a Mergenthaler typesetting machine.

Bids Wanted.

The Board of Regents of the Eastern Oregon State Normal school will receive bids until September 2, for 120 tons of Rock Springs coal and 60 cords Red Fir and Tamarack wood to be delivered at the school buildings at Weston, Oregon, on or before October 10. The Board reserve the right to reject any or all bids. Address, R. Alexander, Pendleton, Oregon, president executive committee.

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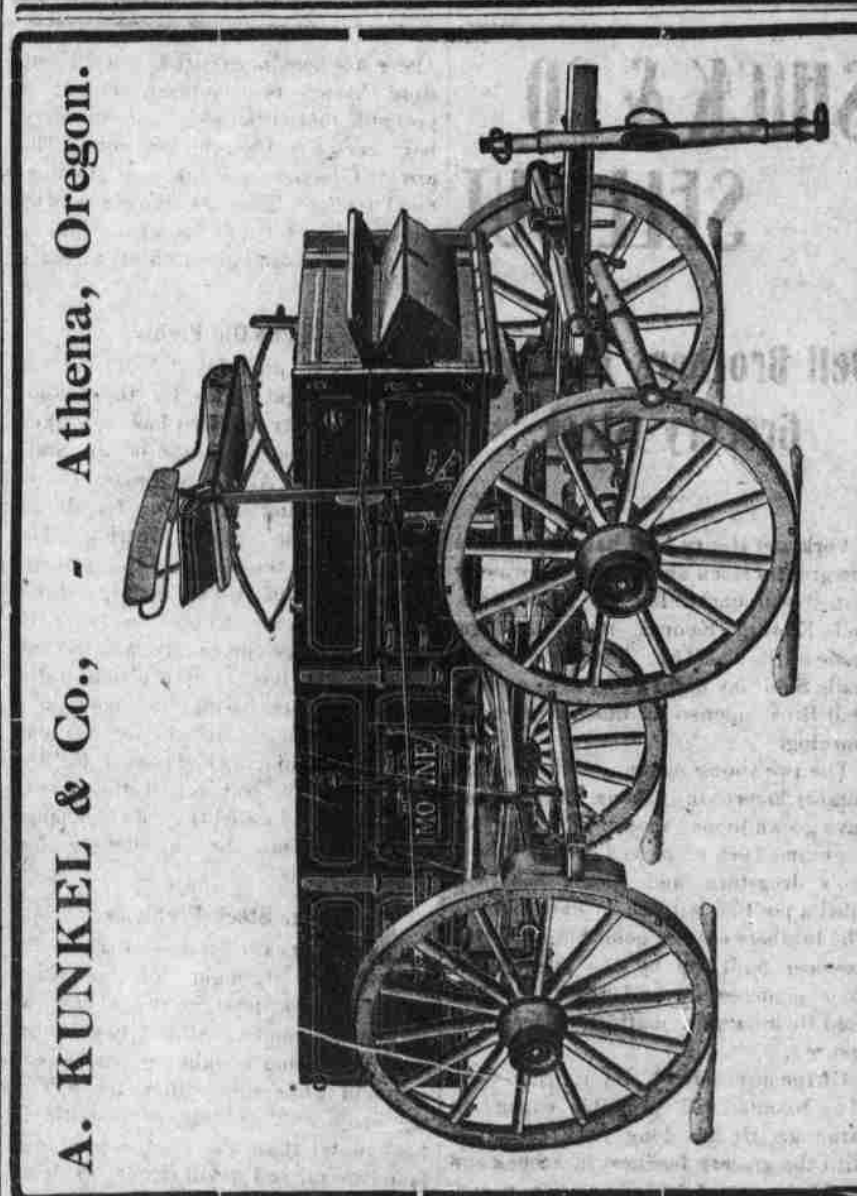
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