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The Portage Railway will not only open, but assist in the development of a vast area of country in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Hundreds of thousands of acres drained by the Columbia and Snake rivers will double, if not quadruple, in value, and besides, the immense crops of grain, hay and fruit produced in these regions will return to the producer a value enhanced by the difference between the present cost of transportation and that insured by the opening up of the Columbia river. Nor is this all. The vast wool clip and live stock of this rich section will find a better and more remunerative market, will be greatly stimulated by reason of a decreased transportation charge to the open market.

American superiority over foreign rivals again triumphs in the complete success which crowned the visit of Charles M. Schwab of St. Petersburg. Schwab's negotiations with the Russian admiralty resulted in the practical conclusion of an arrangement for the construction of a number of formidable battleships of a type which will probably startle the world. They will be monster 16,000-ton vessels of enormous horse-power and a peculiar type, combining the projectile resisting power of battleships with the speed and wider radius of action of cruisers. American built ships and Oregon wheat can prolong a war indefinitely.

As a result of concentrated action of leading citizens of Ashland working through the Board of Trade, a fund of approximately \$2000 has been pledged for the promotion and publicity of the resources and attractions of that city and vicinity while the big exposition is on at Portland. Fifteen hundred dollars of this sum was subscribed at a big mass meeting of citizens held under the auspices of the Board of Trade, at which there was a very large attendance and much enthusiasm for the objects in view. A portion of the sum subscribed will be expended upon a permanent display at the Southern Pacific depot in the city.

The act of the last legislature which makes one half of the workman's wages liable to garnishment for the payment of debts incurred for family expenses is a reasonable provision. This act gives a measure of relief to merchants against bad debtors and still leaves the family a sufficient portion of the wages to supply immedi-

ate needs. The exception that has been made in the law regarding the exemption of the wages from garnishment applies only to debts for family expenses, which class of debts is entitled to preference.

Standard Oil and other things make politics uncertain in Kansas.

**HIRE TEACHERS EARLY.**

County Superintendent of Schools F. K. Welles Urges Directors on Matter.  
County Superintendent of Schools Frank K. Welles urges the directors of the county schools to begin at once to arrange for the employment of teachers for the next school year. Circular letters are being issued to the directors of each district by Mr. Welles, calling attention to the importance of securing teachers at an early date. A copy of the letter is as follows:

Pendleton, Ore., May 3, 1905.  
To District School Board.  
Gentlemen: Perhaps the most important duty that you have to perform is the employing of teachers. The success of the school depends almost wholly upon the choice of the teacher, and as the choosing of the teacher lies with the school board, the responsibility for the success or failure of the school falls indirectly upon you. I have given this matter considerable study, and it seems to me to be so important that I have thought it best at this time to offer a few suggestions which I believe will be helpful.

Employ your teachers early in the year. If you expect to begin school about the first Monday in September now is the time to make a written contract with some good teacher. Then the matter will be disposed of at once. You will not be annoyed with any more applicants, and you will feel sure that your school will begin at the time you wish. If you postpone hiring until late, you will have to take the teachers that are left, if you can get any at all. Last fall teachers were scarce and several districts were unable to get teachers until late in the winter.

You do not need to wait for the teachers to apply for your school before you employ someone; but if you know of a good teacher that you think would suit you, decide upon the salary you will give, and then apply to the teacher. This will be a fine compliment to her, and she, instead of waiting in suspense all summer, and writing a dozen applications to directors in this and other counties, and wondering all the time whether she is going to be fortunate enough to get a school, can enjoy her vacation with the contented feeling that for the next year at least she is provided with work. If you have ever taught school or have done some other work where you had to seek a new position every few months, you can appreciate the teacher's feelings in the matter.

When you employ a teacher you should, if possible, make the contract cover all the time that you expect to have school during the year. If you have used great care in selecting the teacher, you should have confidence enough in her to make such a contract with her. If you want the school divided into terms, this can be arranged in the contract. For the good of the school, you should not change teachers any oftener than is necessary. If the teacher you employed last year did pretty good work, and you think she was really trying to do her best, employ her again in preference to someone you have never tried. Most of the city schools employ the same teacher year after year, and usually increase the salary somewhat each year. They have found that it pays to do so.

The salary is a very important matter to be decided, and should be governed largely by the amount of money which your district receives. The state and county funds now amount to a little over \$7.50 a year for each child enumerated in the district. After making an estimate of the prob-

able amount of money you will have, you should pay as large a salary as you can afford, knowing that you cannot expect to secure a good teacher unless you pay a fair salary. My experience has been that a short term, with a good teacher, at a good salary, is far better for the children than a longer term, with a poor teacher at a poor salary.

We have many excellent teachers in this county, and as long as we can find good teachers here at home, I think you should employ them in preference to strangers from other counties. The poorest teachers often carry the best recommendations, and for this reason it is unsafe to employ a stranger.

If you have no teacher in view, and I can be of any assistance to you in selecting one, I shall gladly help you at any time.

Very truly yours,  
FRANK K. WELLES,  
Superintendent Umatilla County.  
**WARNING THAT IS TIMELY.**

(Portland Telegram.)  
But a few days ago the Portland Travelers' Aid Association of this city announced the preparation of a large number of leaflets and placards, to be distributed in the various centers of population, warning unskilled and unemployed young women against coming to Portland to seek positions simply because it is exposition year. It is the purpose to set forth the fact that such field of labor will be greatly overcrowded. Such warning is timely, and the hope is that it will prove efficacious.

It is very natural that many young women should be attracted to an exposition city, in the belief that remunerative employment is to be had merely for the asking. This is a mistaken notion, nevertheless; dangerously so, in fact, as that young woman may realize whose ambitious mission results in failure, and who finds herself without employment, means, friends or protection in a city like Portland, with a great exposition in full swing. The risks incident to such a step are not to be complacently contemplated by those of the gentle sex who are endowed with plenty of moral stamina and who have some knowledge of the world, while to the inexperienced not so equipped there is positive menace in the situation.

It would be well if the Portland Travelers' Aid association called attention in its warning to the unfortunate fact that young women of the city who now have employment as clerks, stenographers and the like have cause to complain of the landlord and boarding house proprietor promises to impose. These latter, evidently believing that there is to be but one year in Portland, that the present year of the exposition, and after that the deluge, have signified their intention of advancing room rent and the price of board until their working girl patrons have come to regard the fair as a detriment to their welfare. Many of these young women declare that after they pay the advanced price of living, they will have left from a week's wages but a fraction of a dollar for clothing and incidental expenses.

These facts, if forcibly brought to the attention of young women who erroneously believe that during the approaching summer Portland will be a veritable industrial Mecca should be beneficially discouraging. These are not pleasant facts, even for Portland people to contemplate. It is indeed pitiable that any considerable class of persons should allow the mighty dollar to tread so closely upon the heel of their conscience or perhaps more accurately, trample conscience under foot entirely. It is the condition, however, and not the ethical desire, that the wage-earning young woman of Portland who does not live at home has to face. The more clearly this condition is understood by her sisters abroad infinitely better will it be for all concerned.

**THE BRILLIANT SHEEP HERDER.**

(Freewater Times.)

The other day two old sheep herders were sitting in the Louvre saloon conversing about different topics, when one of them asked the other: "Who is that feller Lewis Clark the papers are allus talkin' about?"

"Why, that's a feller that lives down to Portland," answered his companion.

"D'ye know him?"

"Yaas, I know him well. He's the feller that runs the Log Cabin saloon. He's got a Russian bar tender by the name o' Sacajewea. I think he's the feller that's gettin' up this big circus they're all talkin' about."

The above conversation actually took place, and it is printed to show that some sheep herders are not so brilliant as they are painted, even though there is one making laws for us from Yakima county.

**GLOOMY PROPHECIES FOR 1905**

Mme. de Thebes, of Paris, enjoys a considerable reputation as a prophetess and her "Almanac" for 1905, in which she makes some curious predictions, is being widely read.

Nineteen hundred and five, she says, will be a "red year," and wars both on sea and land will take place before it closes. "England," she continues, "will suffer many losses. Some of her most notable persons will die and their deaths will attract the attention of the entire world. For Germany, too, it will be a gloomy year." France, she says, will be the theatre of some sensational events and will win vic-

tories in the realm of thought through the works of a man of genius, who is as yet unknown. Belgium and Spain, she adds, will also be disturbed and "in Rome a notable change will suddenly take place." Finally she maintains that "in the domain of European politics grave crises and irreparable losses will occur during the months of 1906."

Meteorologists smile incredulously at these predictions, all of which are based on the motions and aspects of the planets, but Mme. de Thebes says that they will not be so ready to smile in 1906, for by that time the truth of her predictions will be manifest to everyone.

**Notice to Creditors.**

In the Matter of the Estate of Elijah Ingle, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of said Elijah Ingle, deceased, by the County Court of Umatilla County, State of Oregon. All persons having claims against said estate of Elijah Ingle, deceased, are hereby required to present the same with the proper vouchers as by law required within six months from the date hereof, to the undersigned at the law office of Hailey & Lowell, in Pendleton, Oregon, or at the residence of the undersigned in Corvallis, Oregon.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1905.  
John W. Ingle,  
Executor of the last will and testament of Elijah Ingle, Deceased.

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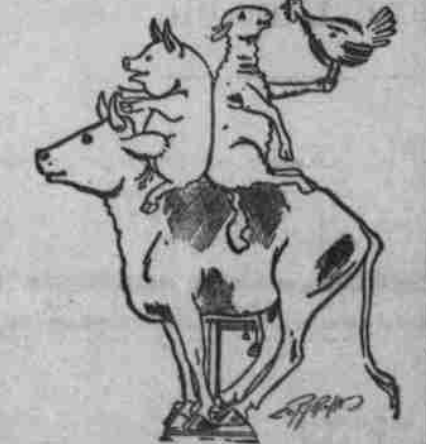
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