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There is one policy in which the Milton Eagle endeavors to be consistent, and that is the knocking it gives to the normal school. The Eagle may throw down the prohibitionists with impunity when election campaigns are on, by refusing support to their principal candidate, but it "knocks" the normal first, last and all the time. However, in this instance, every "knock" is as good as a "boost." The Eagle will never be "remembered" when at the next legislative session, the will of the people on the appropriation amendment is ratified and the news comes up from Salem that Eastern Oregon is to have a permanent normal school at Weston, and Western Oregon at Monmouth.

The canal has already cost the government about \$75,000,000 in cash, in addition to the \$40,000,000 paid to the French canal company. \$10,000,000, went to the merry little republic of Panama for the strip and in two appropriations about \$25,000,000 has been provided for construction work. The sundry civil bill has just made provision for \$25,000,000 more for the work of building the canal. There is a stipulation in this bill that the amount named shall be reimbursed to the treasury through the sale of bonds already authorized for canal purposes. The evident intent of congress is to throw the remaining burden of the canal upon the future by paying for it with interest-bearing notes rather than with cash.

The stove foundry at the Oregon penitentiary could be profitably supplanted by the substitution of a jute mill, such as operated in Washington state penitentiary at Walla Walla. Grain sacks made by convict labor in this state would greatly lessen the cost of sacks to the farmer. Besides the manufacture of the product would not come in competition with the private enterprise to the extent that the manufacture of stoves does.

Why should the American citizen or citizen who pays \$500 in good money to be enrolled in an "America's smart set" be made a target for the mordant jeers of the inconsiderate populace? How are we going to have an American aristocracy if the crowd in the bleachers are permitted to paralyze exalted ambition by hooting at the patient performers in the field?

If we are not to have a "Burke's Peerage" edited by society writers and sold on subscription to people who want their names mentioned, we are left with no standards of aristocracy whatever. It is very evident that a permanent social distinction can never be established in the United States if grand juries are to be forever prying into the circumstances by which the title to social standard is acquired.

Whenever a lot of greedy "skippers" or would-be monopolists find themselves checked by beneficent laws, in the schemes for devastating the forests, absorbing the water rights, "fencing in" the public range for their private herds, or monopolizing the lands which the nation has sought to preserve for the small farmer and home-maker they at once assume the attitude of special champions of what they call "the right of the people." This is the attitude in which Senator Heyburn would like to be viewed as he eloquently pleads for the rights of a few lumbermen to devastate the mountain forest reserve of Idaho.

The Secretary of the Interior has made a ruling upon section five of the reclamation act, which provides that no sale of water from a government project shall be made to any land owner unless he is an actual bona fide resident on such land, or an occupant thereof residing in the neighborhood. In the ruling the secretary fixed the limit of distance of residence from the land at twenty miles in a direct line.

Smoking cars for women are now being run on English railways. The future hubby over there may complain that his wife's cigarettes are not as good as those his mother used to roll.

A London man recently paid \$600 for an orchid. He might have bought an entire prune ranch in Arizona for that price. Some people seem to have queer ideas of the value of things.

The life insurance McCurdys still have one claim to distinction in being about the only persons who are made defendants daily in suits from \$3,000,000 up.

Mails are carried on deer routes in Alaska. There are some deer routes here, too, if the post office appropriation bill is to be depended on.

An English author says that he wrote a story in his sleep and received pay for it. He simply lies in a peculiar way.

A SIMPLE COMPARISON.

From an Exchange.

Charles M. Schwab, the young millionaire, who was once the head of the steel trust and is now completing in New York the costliest private residence in the world, has once again remarked that education and culture nullify young men for success in life. Perhaps this is true as far as Schwab's observation extends. But it must be understood that the brain of Charles M. Schwab has a very limited horizon. Great successes are being achieved every day for the development and betterment of humanity, which a Schwab can no more appreciate and comprehend than a pig can understand art. The pig—come to think of it—has a tiny little brain. But every fraction of its intellectual energy is devoted to the welfare of its stomach. You see a lot of so-called human beings that seem to be built on the same plan. There is a sort of fatality lead-

ing them to the accumulation of money. They have marvelous cunning in getting rich, but if you touch their minds on any other question you find them blank. The man who thinks of nothing but making money may not be capable of realizing that other people can think of nobler purposes. Like the pig, with its snout so deep in the trough that its eyes are buried in the slop, its human prototype may also be unable to see or think of anything in the world but the one business of getting all that's to be got. It is right and proper that the pig should have no thought but for his stomach—it is made that way. But with man it is different; to have a pig's mind he must acquire it by killing the best there is in him. By will he renounces manhood and debases himself to the level of the animal. He spills no blood, but he murders a man to make a pig. It is the basest of suicides, and perhaps the commonest. It is right and proper, too, that a man should make all the money he can honestly and use wisely. The man who makes money, as a means to an end, is not to be despised. He is doing his part of the world's work, and the part is no small or ignominious one. But there are other duties in the world besides making money. There are qualities in the human mind and soul infinitely more important than those which make large accumulations of money possible.

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Of course we're proud of our big church from pulpit up to spire; It is the darling of our eyes, the crown of our desire, But when I see the sisters work to raise the cash that lacks, I somehow feel the church is built on women's tired backs. And sometimes I can't help thinking when we reach the regions blest, That men will get the toil and sweat, and the Ladies' Aid the rest. —From the Reformed Church Herald, Lisbon, Ia.

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| 12:30 p. m. | Mixed, Walla Walla to Pendleton. | |
| 4:53 p. m. | Post Mail for Pendleton, LaGrande, Baker City, and all points east via Huntington, Ore. Also for Umatilla, Heppner, The Dalles, Portland, Astoria, Willamette Valley Points, Chiloquin, Tacoma, Seattle, all Sound Points. | 4:53 p. m. |
| | Mixed, Pendleton to Walla Walla | 7:05 p. m. |

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FACTS IN NATURE.

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