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Those little Yamhill and other western Oregon hammers are tapping against the proposed state jute mill at the Oregon penitentiary. Eastern Oregon farmers would be benefitted by a few cents saved on sacks. This would never do, you know. Better to safe, so kill the jute mill proposition in the bud; keep the 65 cents per day each convict earns in the stove foundry; say nothing about the state not having to erect buildings for a jute mill; keep it quiet that the state has its own power for operating the mill; sound it good and strong that it will cost the state \$350,000 to establish a jute mill—but don't bring into the controversy the \$500,000 tax the people of Oregon were required to pay that Portland might gain the benefits from a one-town show; back up the Oregonian in its assertion that diversified farming is taking the place of wheat raising, and that wheat is sooner or later to be shipped in bulk, anyway—only be careful not to intimate this is the case in the valley, where long ago wheat raising was supplanted by other crops, for the reason that the production of wheat was not profitable; say nothing of the millions of sacks required for the millions of bushels of wheat raised in Eastern Oregon—that would be in favor of the jute mill, and would help the fellows up there; hammer away against the Washington state penitentiary figures—but don't mention the fact that Washington's next legislature will be asked for a \$300,000 appropriation for the enlargement of her jute mill; and last, but not least, bring out the hammers and tap, tap, tap.

The appetite of the Salem hog must be satisfied. That the experimental farm at Union was to go to fill up this ever yawning maw, was known when the seal of approval was launched forth by the Yamhillers in their successful holdup of state appropriations. The people with their ballots came to the rescue of the normal school, but the farm gave up the ghost.

The powers that be west of the Cascades, among other things, have decreed that Eastern Oregon is not a fit location for an experimental farm. The Union Republican, concluding that the farm is a "goner" believes in making the best of it, and says: "It is perhaps just as well to not cross the river until we get to it, but in the event that the land embraced within the big state farm at Union should be offered for sale, it will probably not go at a very low figure.

Much of this land would be cheap at \$200 per acre, and if the tract were cut up into five and ten acre tracts, it would probably bring more. What the people of Union are interested in, in the event of a sale of this land, is to have it cut up into small tracts and sold to small farmers. There should be a family on every five or ten acres of that land. But it will probably be time enough to discuss this matter when it is decided to sell the land."

Wilhelm's magazine, "The Coast," for November will be found of more than ordinary interest to its many Umatilla county readers. In the current number Mr. Wilhelm has a splendid descriptive article on Pendleton and her resources. His article is preceded by an Indian legendary sketch "Elephant Rock," by Miss Lala R. Lorenz, of Pendleton, illustrated with a Moorehouse picture of the rock. The next installment of Mr. Wilhelm's witeup of Umatilla county, will pertain solely to Athena, after which in time, Weston and Milton will be written about. The co-operation and support of the residents of these places is expected in the collection of data and views of each section.

The time has come again when you must light the fires in your furnace and set up your heating stoves. How many people make it a habit each fall to examine their stove pipes and flues carefully before the first fall fires are lighted, and then to watch closely the effect of these first fires. Every householder should do this, wisely suggests an exchange.

**THE WILD'S CALL**  
Detroit News.  
The method by which a Marquette County wolf hunter secured \$54 in bounty was to buy a quantity of meat in the snow of the early winter, and above the meat to place traps, which were also covered by snow in the regular course of precipitation.

In due time the meat ripened sufficiently to give hints of its whereabouts, and was then sought by the wolves, which, digging downward, sprung the traps, and—the bounty. One, more cunning than his fellows, avoided the trap by tunneling under it and securing the bait without exchanging his hide for it.

The method of catching the wolves by trapping is a fair one, but what shall be said of the L'Anse man, who, capturing a female wolf, taught her to become a decoy for the gallants of her tribe? With a long chain about her neck made fast at one end, she was allowed a wide range of captivity. She sang for company, and when admirers appeared, flirted desperately with them.

The wolf slayer took position outside of his cabin door, in his jaws the stem of a cob pipe, across his knees a long range rifle. A sneaking grey form from the woods, a coquettish salutation from the captive, the crack of a rifle and the whistle of a bullet, forged each link in the chain of tragedy that placed \$175 in the purse of the cabiner as the profits of a few weeks. The gay deceiver who stood for this treachery was a fast friend to her captor and seemed to enjoy the havoc wrought on the chivalry of her race.

**TIMBER LAND**  
Pilot Rock Record.  
Work has not yet commenced on the Umatilla Central, the proposed branch of the O. R. & N. from the mouth of Birch creek to Pilot Rock, but if all other signs fail the activity shown in the requirement of timber lands south of here, would indicate that the proposed branch is not altogether "hot air," as some are inclined to believe.

Already nearly all the timber lands bordering on the Blue mountain reserve, commencing at a point half way between this town and Alba, and extending along the North Fork of the John Day, down as far as the Strawberry mountains, gives assurance of not only the building of the Pilot Rock branch line, but the extension of this so called branch line south as far perhaps as the California line. That it is the intention to reach the timber belt the haste with which the timber land is being searched out and filed upon is given as the strongest argument in support of this claim. The Record is informed that already all the timber land outside the reserve, in the vicinity of the Middle Fork of the John Day is in the hands of private parties. What is left between here and there is being secured as fast as the La Grande land office can take in the money.

A road through to the John Day will be of incalculable benefit to Eastern Oregon. With timber and water at hand a comfortable living can be made from small holdings, and the fame of that county has already gone abroad as a dairy and live stock country. With a railroad we predict a larger population in Camas prairie than in any other section of equal size in the entire state. With wood and water a man need not starve to death, nor freeze to death, on 160 acres. Give us a railroad to Camas prairie and the John Day and we will hold our own in point of population with the sand dune country soon to be irrigated in the neighborhood of Echo. In addition we will furnish them with wood at \$5 per cord.

**WHAT ONE DOESN'T OWN.**  
Oregonian.  
A decision handed down by the supreme court calls attention to a form of contract often made by farmers, with unsatisfactory consequences. A cattleman entered into a contract for the sale of a specified number of cattle of a specified kind, and accepted part payment on the contract. When the cattle were driven up for inspection the buyer rejected a large percent of them upon the ground that they did not come up to the requirement of the contract. The cattleman thought they were as good as the contract called for, and a lawsuit resulted.

Possibly the buyer was unjust, perhaps he was mistaken in his judgment, and maybe he was right and the cattleman overestimated the quality of his stock. But whatever the merits of the controversy, it serves to show the folly of that form of contract. If the buyer must go and inspect the stock, as he did, why not let him inspect them before a contract is made and then purchase only such as meet his needs? The same controversies have arisen over the purchase of hops, wool, sheep, and all kinds of fruit. When a hopgrower contracts for the delivery of a choice hops he puts the buyer in an advantageous position. If prices go up the buyer can demand delivery. If prices go down, he can find fault with the quality. Not all buyers act upon such business principles, but the grower gives them the opportunity. Quite likely the grower, if he really delivered hops of the quality agreed upon, could enforce his contract in the courts, but he will suffer loss rather than throw himself into the uncertainties of litigation. The point to be emphasized is that the grower should avoid a contract that leaves room for litigation. If possible, the crop should not be sold until in the bale. Then the buyer can inspect it as to quality before buying. Very frequently a farmer will secure a better price by selling a crop he has not yet produced, but he takes the chance of controversy over the quality of his goods. The man who sells what he does not yet own, or who sells goods of a guaranteed quality, invites trouble and must not be surprised if he gets it.

**THE GIRL OF NINETEEN-SEVEN.**  
Milwaukee News.  
A typical girl of 1907 stood inside of a drawing room the other day. Her hair was parted and allowed to ripple over her temples. Around her head were bound two great flat Dutch braids so heavy that they made a great halo around her brow. A great, beautiful bow of ribbon crowned her head. The effect was too simple and too sweet for anything.

The girl of 1907 will be very tall. She may have to resort to Cuban heels and to stretching exercises, and she may want to pile braids on top of her head and to wave her hair high. She will be tall and she will be slender.

Living skeletons were the fashion last summer in London. They looked healthy and they acted as if happy, and while they were lean, yet they were not angular. To attain this means art was combined with science. The best professional models are now taking a double set of lessons in massage. There are two kinds of massage. One kind develops and the other kind reduces. Women who are wide awake are practicing both kinds.

It costs a professional model something to live and keep her figure these days. She must have two sets of massage operators. She must have one masseuse who understands the art of pounding away the flesh and another one who understands the art of putting it on.

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