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The man who can face victory with a confident smile does not show special courage or bravery, but the man who faces defeat and can smile, is the one who will take a new hold and make a success of life where all others fail. It is the same way, says an exchange, with a town or a community. The town that forges ahead while all the surrounding conditions are favorable may be called prosperous. That is hardly a true test of the spirit of the people living in the town. The true test comes when the conditions surrounding the town changes, till the life of the town depends altogether on the energy and spirit of the citizens and the business men. The town that can go ahead, or even hold its own under the adverse conditions is the one that shows the master spirit, the do or die energy that has built up so many cities from small towns and villages.

In every country town there is a sign at the railroad crossing like this: "Look Out for the Cars." Now everybody in these towns know that it was a railroad crossing the day the line was laid. When the sign was put up it took two days—not longer—for every inhabitant to become familiar with it. In a week even the small children could read and spell it backward. Did the railroad take it down? No. If they had the warning would have been forgotten in a week, and smash-ups and damage suits would have resulted. One-time advertisements act the same way. You must keep everlastingly at it like the railroad crossing.

The Chinese minister to the United States, Wu Ting Fang, paid a notable tribute to American educational institutions when, speaking of Chinese students in the United States, he said: "If you ask me who will exert the greatest influence on China's domestic and foreign policy in the next few decades, I answer, 'Our young men who have been and are being educated in the colleges of America,'" He added that the viceroys and other officials are so eager to secure the services of the Chinese educated here that they do not wait until they graduate before trying to engage them.

It must be that there are to be some strange exercises at Astoria on July fourth, for the Astorian says: Astoria proposes to celebrate the day that never grows old in America with due reverence and acclaim and hand down a new record in the manner of its observance. The deathless theme it stands for is just as vivid and potent as it was 132 years ago and inspires the same devout recognition it has had year by year, since the immortal cause of it all took place.

A twenty page magazine issued by the prisoners in the penitentiary at Salem, Oregon, which they call, "Lend a Hand," is current and, aside from being a typographical gem, is well edited. Not an advertisement appears in its columns. Its revenues are derived from subscriptions and donations. There is only one printer in the institution save those who are learning the craft through the agency of this publication and they appear to be making excellent progress.

Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, one of the most distinguished Catholic prelates in the United States, declares that drinking among women is on the increase. "During the early times," he says, "men were so bad that women were kept very busy trying to reform them. Men have improved and women have become worse, and the women should now devote their efforts to obtain total abstinence among themselves."

Charles A. Towne delivered a commencement address Thursday at the University of Nebraska on "Government by Parties." It is a subject he ought to understand. He has belonged to the republican, silver republican and democratic parties.

Taft's labor injunction record is bothering him considerably, and will probably compel the republican managers to declare in the platform against government by injunction, but that will hardly fool the wage earners.

It now appears that the republican "experts" of the United States senate "doctored" the record in order to defeat Senator La Follette in his filibuster against the currency bill. Now, the question is whether he will return the compliment by "doctoring" the republican party in Wisconsin.

There was a scare in England over the alleged cry of the people of India "India for the Indians." But nothing serious is likely to happen right away. The English have the upper hand of the Indians and they both know it.

Next year you will see 10,000 people living upon the irrigated lands under the Furnish-Coe, The Western Land & Irrigation company, and the government projects, predicts the Echo Register.

It was cruel in Henry Watterson coming out just now for Bryan, when Johnson's boom was getting bigger. He had no business to go back on the dark horse he discovered early in the campaign.

It is said that the typewritten copy of Senator La Follette's speech tipped the scales at 19 pounds. It evidently was a heavy argument, but paradoxically, it did not carry much weight.

With anti-local option in effect, water overflowing the river banks and the rain descending in copious showers, there's certainly nothing looking dry around here, says the Clatskanie Chief.

So far as known neither the republican nor the democratic platform framers have submitted for approval a plank pointing with pride to the overthrow of the campaign fund.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says she holds pain as her dearest friend. Ella ought to be supremely happy during the green apple season, observes the Spokesman-Review.

Anyway, John Hayes Hammond is entitled to have his pictures printed on the ground that he was the only man who admitted he wanted the vice presidency.

Dr. Krause of Berlin has discovered a serum which cures the viper's bite. Senator Jeff Davis need no longer advocate muzzles for the money power.

A good way to teach Uncle Joe the science of forest preservation would be for his constituents to send him to explore the Tall Timbers.

It seems a little awkward that all the heavy rains are in the rum districts and that the prohibition states are having a drouth.

Count Boni's threat to disgrace Sagan may mean that he proposes to proclaim their relationship.

Liquidation of the banks seems to be still going on, especially the banks of the Missouri and its tributaries.

The sheath gown has been seen in several cities lately. From all reports there is considerable to see, too.

"THE OREGON PLAN."

Illinois citizens would do well to give consideration to the "Oregon plan" of enabling voters to express on election day their preference for United States senator. Under the Illinois direct-primary law the party voter henceforth will be permitted at primary elections to indicate his choice among the different candidates of his party. The Oregon plan goes further, giving the voter on election day the right of choice among the candidates of all parties.

Oregon held its state election last Monday and the Republicans were generally successful. The legislature will be largely republican on joint ballot. Under ordinary circumstances this would be expected to insure the election of a republican as United States senator. At Monday's election, however, Oregon's popular governor, Mr. Chamberlain, the Democratic candidate for United States senator, received about 1,000 more votes than Mr. Cake, the Republican aspirant for that office. It is probable, therefore, that Governor Chamberlain will be chosen by the Republican legislature to represent Oregon in the senate.

The legislature, of course, is not legally bound to act in accordance with the popular desire as expressed at the polls last Monday. By the constitution of the United States the legislature is made the agency for choosing senators and therefore from a legal point of view it is free to follow its own inclinations in the matter, regardless of any restraints imposed by popular opinion, however manifested. A majority of the newly-elected members of the Oregon legislature, however, pledged themselves before election to choose as senator the candidate receiving the largest popular vote for that office.

Any state can put the Oregon plan into operation by enacting a law providing that the names of the various candidates for senator may be placed on the ballot to be voted on election day. Its successful operation, however, requires in addition a public sentiment which will oblige candidates for the legislature to pledge themselves in good faith to carry out the popular will as expressed at the election.

The direct advantage of this plan is that it enables the people actually to choose their representatives in the national senate. There is an indirect benefit which probably will prove even more important. If the voters choose the senator they will feel free to cast their ballots with little regard to partisanship when supporting candidates for the legislature. No voter then will support an unworthy aspirant for legislative office on the ground that his success is necessary to the election of a particular man as United States senator.—Chicago News.

MONEY DRAIN FROM OREGON.

It is not only Oregon, but all other states, in a greater or less degree, that are being drained by the eastern life insurance companies. According to a statement made before the "150,000 club" of Spokane recently, the people of Washington are annually sending away $10,000,000 for insurance, more than $10 for every person in the state, or two fifths of the value of its great wheat crop last year.

The people of Alabama, estimates the Birmingham Age-Herald, sent out last year a like amount for insurance, $10,000,000, and received in paid losses and matured policies $3,781,496, a premium to Wall street of over $6,000,000 in one year. In other of the southern and western states the record is much the same. But, the Age-Herald says, "the home life insurance companies are gaining ground. There is no better way to keep southern savings at home than by promoting in every possible way the business of the home companies. The scandals of three years ago in the big New York companies boosted the home companies, and the hope is that they will be honestly and intelligently managed until they are able to serve the entire south. This consummation would cut off one great drain of southern money."

This applies to Oregon, and to all states remote from New York. Why not stop this drain of money to that city? In this connection, though there is really no direct relation between the two cases, the Spokane Spokesman-Review deprecates the fact that "on top of that we are sending away additional millions for dairy products, millions for packing-house products and still more millions for eastern manufactures. Only a state of extraordinary wealth and resources could endure this drain. These are spendthrift methods, and if they are not abandoned we shall have to pay a hard penalty. The world is taking the cream of our mineral wealth, our forest resources and the fertility of our matchless soil. We are in an era of riotous waste of our marvelous natural resources."

This also appiles to Oregon. This state, too, is sending away millions annually for products that it ought to raise at home. Of dairy and meat products, poultry and eggs, at least, this state should produce all it consumes and have a surplus for export. Oregon will never see "her own wings" sufficiently until she does this. In these ways the outflow of Oregon money that never comes back can be gradually decreased, and millions now annually sent away can be utilized in the development of our resources and the building up of Oregon industries. —Portland Journal.

COMING INTO OUR OWN.

The official photographer for Sunset Magazine, who has been taking pictures in the east end of the county for the past week, has discovered some fine illustrations of the productiveness of Umatilla county soil and has laid bare some excellent opportunites for poor men to make a start and establish a home quickly.

One apple orchard in the east end of the county which has never been known to any one outside of a few neighbors and of which but little care has been taken, last year netted the owner $800 per acre in fine winter apples.

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Another thing revealed by the camera in the east end of the county was an orchard of peach trees averaging about 5 years old, with 160 trees to the acre, which last year netted the owner $3 per tree or $480 per acre.

Another unknown resource found by the same camera was a field of three acres of young strawberry plants which last year netted the proud owner $310 per acre. This year it will do better.

And then the best part of the story is that hundreds of acres of the same kind of land which is producing these apples, grapes, peaches and strawberries can yet be purchased at prices ranging from $100 to $300 per acre, according to location.

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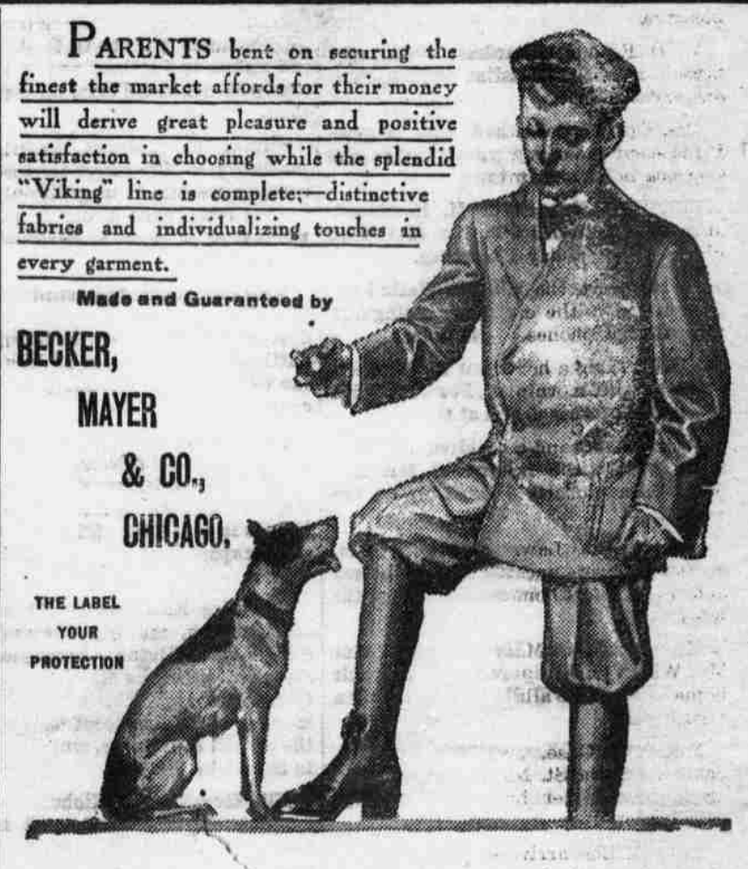

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