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Portland has found the original man Diogenes was looking for, and the man is being regarded as a hero. This is not because he carried the flag on the battle field and waved it in the teeth of the enemy, nor is he in line for a Carnegie medal; he has merely asked the county board of equalization to increase his assessment. That is more glory than anyone else in Portland has yet earned. To make sure that no mistake will be made, and that he will not be under assessed, he has made affidavit in the regular form and appended a note to the assessor asking that corrections be made. He first finds fault with the assessment of his money, notes and accounts, which were placed at \$1,500 by the assessor. He says the true figures are \$2,500.

Ten millions growing moldy in the United States treasury suffering for an owner! What a burden to an overworked government to have to sit up o' nights and watch, and not know to whom it belongs! For something over forty years this vast store has been gathering dust, being the proceeds of "abandoned property" captured by the Union soldiers, sold for cash and the money turned into the treasury. To be strictly accurate, there still remains, after millions have been distributed to approved claimants, \$10,028,351.88 for which Uncle Sam has never been able to find a proper owner.

A forest ranger's cabin in Crook county on plans sent out from Washington is thus described by the Bend Bulletin: The walls are only one thickness of light boards, while the roof is so heavy that the walls bulge and it was necessary to prop them up with jack pine poles. But the strangest and most ridiculous part of all is that through the center of the building there is an open lot by large enough to lead a horse through, with the kitchen on one side and the living room on the other.

Impassable roads due to the protracted rains are directly responsible for closing the Amalgamated Sugar factory this morning to await the arrival of beets from the fields. The roads are in such shape that it is impossible to transport the beets from the

fields to the factory bins and last night the supply ran out.—La Grande Observer. Moral: Build good roads.

The gun of every man who uses it unlawfully, and of every hobo, drunkard or irresponsible person, or boy under 21, should be confiscated and destroyed; and there should be a strict law prohibiting the sale of a gun of any kind to such people.

A conservative is one who sees an evil but hesitates about removing it. A liberal is one who, seeing a wrong, is in favor of attacking it courageously and putting it out of commission.

The common law is not a code of written laws enacted by a legislative body, but consists of rules of action which have become binding from long usage and established custom.

The saddest sight in a nose too joyous world is to behold two "Merry Widows" trying to crowd under one umbrella and still call each other "dear."

The "nightmare riders" would appear to be a more suitable name for those Kentuckians who are committing so many depredations.

The present ruler of the district around Mount Ararat has ordered a motor boat. Gracious! hasn't the flood dried up there yet?

One comedian on the side-lines is worth five hundred dignified dummies in the grandstand, sagely remarks the Whitman Pioneer.

Odd that the simple life should be the most difficult to live.

WHEN TEACHERS GET THEIR DUE.

If the school board carries out its present purpose of advancing the salaries of Portland teachers the cause of education in this city will be well served. As the Journal has many times insisted, in order to attract the best talent and secure the best instructional service, there must be adequate compensation. If teachers must live a hand to mouth existence, they will only remain in the work as a temporary expedient, leaving it as soon as employment with a better salary is available.

The need of the schools is a stable corps of teachers who receive remuneration sufficient to fill them with appreciation of their calling and desire to remain in it. The spirit of permanency that results from such environment gives the teachers enthusiasm, inspires them to equip themselves most perfectly for their work, and to seek by merit to hold their positions—conditions absolutely favorable and the only conditions possible for securing the very best service. The ultimate of such a policy is to lift teaching to the plane of an honorable profession and to attract to it talent that would not otherwise be available. With such a standard established, the school board is at once in position to require the highest standard of work, to be

satisfied with no other, and to eliminate from the payrolls all who fail to meet the perfected requirements. Such is the policy for which the Journal has so often argued, and by reason of which it regards the proposed advance as completely justifiable.

The responsibilities of teachers in the public schools are almost equal with those of parents. Upon the influences of the home and school largely depends the destiny of the republic. With more than 90 per cent of the people of the country receiving in the public schools their sole educational preparation of relief work, the enormous responsibility that rests on the teachers becomes apparent. It is a responsibility that should not be committed to inexperienced and temporary persons, in the school work for the moment only because other employment is not available. Only to highly trained, highly interested workers, proud of their calling and purposeful in prosecuting it, should be entrusted a work so freighted with weal or woe for the future millions.

The school board of Portland is wise in its decision, and it will be well if its policy spreads to every district in Oregon.—Journal.

WORRY, NOT WORK.

A Boston neurologist of large repute has advanced a novel theory about nervous collapse, based upon a case in his own practice. He relates that a wealthy business man consulted his physician for relief from a nervous breakdown. He was ordered to go to Europe and rest, but it did him no good. He was sent to rest cures and sanitariums, where he was ordered to do nothing which would tire him. He was informed that rest was his only salvation. He rested week after week and month after month, and all to no purpose. At last he consulted this physician, who believed in doing something. After studying the case he decided that his patient was not in need of rest and was not in the least fatigued, but simply did not have enough to do. He accordingly advised him to go to work and quit worrying. The patient did so and was cured. The remedy and its encouraging result only go to prove the truth of the old axiom that work is the panacea for all evils. Cases of overwork, so often reported, are usually cases of overworry. Care may even kill the cat which has nine lives to man's one, but hard work without worry never killed any one. Work with worry may often produce nervous collapse and often leads to suicide, but good honest hard work without excitement or strain, and performed within reasonable time, is the best of remedies to guard against nervous breakdowns. It would be an excellent remedy in society, also, if society women, jaded and worn out by the incessant excitement, late hours, imprudent eating, and worries of social functions and rivalries instead of going to rest cures, would take the broom and flitron and put in several hours of good hard work in the house. They would be surprised to find how rapidly they would recuperate and restore their wasted energies.—Exchange.

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