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Mr. E. A. Dudley, one of our heaviest taxpayers, favors a high school in Athena. "If you cannot obtain a competent man to head the school for \$125 per month, get one for \$150 per month. Why, I pay \$65 a month for a man to work on my farm, and think it is money well spent, for he is worth the price." This is the proposition, exactly. Athena school district, free from debt, with an assessed property valuation of \$883,000, has been putting a crimp in its public school by offering low wages and trusting to luck and the forbearance of school patrons, in the matter of securing a principal and instructors in the high school department. The result is that this department has dwindled until it has been totally extinguished. With the passing of this department, patience has ceased to be a virtue, and surely very limited returns from the element of chance can be noted. The experiment has been characterized with utter failure; this too, in face of the fact that the under grades for the most part have been under the supervision of capable and practical instructors. What is needed in Athena is the resurrection of the high school department, at the head of which should be a man who is strong enough and who is endowed with capabilities sufficient to give the school the moral, progressive uplift that is required to insure satisfactory results. Such a man would take the kinks out of present conditions. Pay the price and get him. Already other localities are securing teachers for the coming year. Last week Milton renewed her contract with Mr. Young, her principal, and raised his salary. Let us be up and doing. Pay the price!

According to many good soldiers the meanest thing about being in action is the noise one has to endure. It doesn't take the man with the gun very long to learn that there are not many chances of being killed by a bullet from the other side, but that ear-torture is a sure thing. It rattles a man until he can't shoot straight, think straight or even swear straight. A device recently exhibited by a noted inventor promises to put an end to this sort of nuisance and, "on the side," so to speak, allow a sharpshooter to pepper an enemy at short range without having his gun talk loud enough to let the other fellow know where to return the compliment to. The "silencer," as the device is called, is a tube of about the length and diameter of a phonograph cylinder; it is attached to the muzzle of a rifle and prevents noise by dissipating the gas caused by the burning powder. Men who saw and heard the demonstration declare that a full-charged Winchester, Springfield or other military rifle made no more noise than a bottle of beer blowing out its cork. It might have been heard a few

yards away, but not at even the shortest distance at which soldiers ever use men as targets. If this device will work proportionately well when applied to artillery, there will be fewer deaf men among gun crews afloat and ashore, for despite of all time-honored precautions, such as cotton in ears, standing on tiptoe and keeping the mouth open, the noise of a big cannon attending to business is something that is most enjoyable when the hearer is several miles away.

Monday was an extremely important day in the growth and advancement of the state of Oregon. It was the opening day of the lowest-priced one-way tickets to the state sold for years, and calculated on the basis of rate per mile. Oregon has the advantage of every other state in the Union. Tickets for Oregon points will be on sale until April 30th, at every ticket office in the United States and Canada, and if the buyer of the ticket is posted in advance he can get a ride from Winnipeg, Canada, to the farthest rail point in Oregon for \$25. This same fare applies from St. Paul, Omaha and Kansas City, while from St. Louis it is \$30.50, Chicago \$33, New York City \$50, and proportionate rates from every other place. To spread the knowledge of these rates the people of Portland are doing everything in their power, and leaflets are going out in almost every letter that leaves the city, advising that people can buy their tickets at any Oregon point just as cheap as to Portland. Every city, town and village in the state should get busy in its own behalf to tell Eastern people of this fact. There is every indication now that the travel will be very heavy—it should be enormous. Every reader of this paper should take this article as a personal appeal and do his full share toward adding to the population of the state.

In order that his wonderful discoveries may be more generally distributed and incidentally that his work of discovery may not be hampered by business worries, the brains and genius of Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, have been capitalized for several million dollars. The men who have secured the sole right to distribute to the world the marvelous plant discoveries of the Santa Rosa naturalist are millionaires of his home city. There is no limit to the rights which these men have secured except one or two small contracts which Burbank is now fulfilling. Working alone, Burbank has not had time to give the results of all his experiments to the world, but now a systematic effort will be made to distribute both his past and future products to the world.

Importations of potatoes from Ireland is necessary because of the shortage in domestic stocks. The latest cargo was from Nester, consisted of 45,000 bushels and was shipped by train from Baltimore to points west. Last years potato crop in the United States, including the Pacific Coast states, was short. Even the mountain farms east of town produced a light yield of spuds.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) celebrate what is known as their one hundredth anniversary at Pittsburg, Pa., October 11-19, next. It was near there, at Washington, Pa., that Thomas Campbell published a document known as the "Declaration and Address" in the autumn of 1809, which has become historic. The principles embraced in this document led

to a movement that has resulted in the existence of the "Christian Church," which now numbers about one million and a quarter members, with six thousand ministers, and forty schools and colleges, etc. It is a growing church and is one of the most aggressive religious bodies in the world.

In face of the action of the Oregon senate in killing all appropriations for maintaining the Normal schools, Weston's patriotic and loyal citizens have rallied to the rescue, and by generous donations of money have made it possible for the school there to finish the present year's work. This is not the first time that Weston's vein of generosity has been bled that life might be instilled in Eastern Oregon's only state institution. In fact, for Weston, it has been one continual round of sacrifice since the Normal school was established there.

It took just twenty minutes for the citizens of Milton to raise \$2,000, the sum for her share of the Walla Walla valley publicity fund. This money will be used to advertise that section of the valley tributary to Milton, though in a way the plan will be connected with the movement originated in Walla Walla, by Tom Richardson, the Portland booster. Milton certainly has the goods to deliver to the home seeker, and she can spend \$2,000 on no better advantage than in buying oil for her publicity lamp.

About the rankest breach of newspaper ethics that ever came under the observation of the Press, was the action of the Pendleton Tribune management, in permitting the vile attack on C. A. Barrett in the paper, over a pseudonymous signature. Such practice may be the proper caper back in Indiana, but in the west there is an attempt made among newspaper men to maintain a code of honor.

OUT OF THE GINGER JAR.
It doesn't pay to bully-rag a bull. A thin purse makes a person feel fat. Common sense always brings fancy prices.

Of what trade are all of our Presidents? Cabinetmakers. There are some folks too cowardly to lick a postage stamp. The jelly gets in a tremble without being the least bit scared.

He who pursues two rabbits will succeed in catching neither. Men who spend all they make often don't make all they spend. "I am down in the mouth," said the pancake, as Johnny took a big bite. The horse is the most contrary creature alive. He says neigh to everything.

Adam had a right to think his wife the prettiest woman in the whole world. The foolish man can ask twice as many questions as the wise one can answer.

There are some folks so liberal that every time they speak they give themselves away.

Another fact to take note of—a horse may pull with all his might but never with his mane.

The last thing a woman does before leaving a house is to gaze into a mirror to reflect.

Odd as it may seem, three tongues are required in hitching a span of horses to a wagon.

Johnny, looking at the specks on the potatoes asked: "Mamma, are those specks for the potatoes' eyes?"

Eight drams make an ounce, but often half that number will make a man a foolish and disreputable spectacle.

Many a man has paid a lawyer \$5 and \$10 for poorer advice than his wife would willingly have given him for nothing.

A farm journal club bears no relation whatever to the president's big stick, further than that those who join it are pretty sure to stick to it ever after.

Talk about woman's vanity! Note how few the number of men who can pass a mirror set up in any public place without a smirk and a curling of the mustache and an adjustment of the necktie.—Farm Journal.

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