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Will travel to the Pacific Northwest from eastern states during the coming summer break the record made during the Exposition year, 1909? is the question which railroad men and commercial organizations are asking this spring. The railroads are preparing to spend more money in advertising this year than last, and believe they will get a bigger traffic. The Great Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific are taking the lead in boosting the Northwest country, and these two roads will spend close to a million dollars in the east, advertising the Northwest. Washington, Oregon Idaho and British Columbia are the sharers in the benefit of this publicity. The railroads must feel pretty certain that they will greatly develop the country through which they pass, before they undertake such a campaign, and every Commercial club and booster organization in the Northwest is sharing in the belief of the railroad men. Every community should get its share of the newcomers and the new capital which will be invested in the Northwest this summer.

At this time the Press is receiving a gift of literature setting forth the advantages of creating the new county of Nesmith, down in Western Oregon. The people are always well enough informed on public matters when they have some means of informing themselves. In the matter, however, of the division of a county as is suggested in the formation of Nesmith county the people of Umatilla county have no means or inclination to inform themselves on the local conditions that enter into such a matter and under the circumstances it is better that they leave the matter alone with those most interested. This is by no means an insinuation on the general intelligence of the average voter but on this particular question we do not believe that the people of the state have information sufficient to pass on the question any more than the people of Astoria could in justice or in right be called upon to pass upon an ordinance for the town of Athena.

Oregon is pre-eminently a hog country. No section can excel this state for quality of production when properly finished on home-grown feed. Barley or wheat are the ideal fattening feeds for hogs. At the Oregon Experiment Station in feeding experiments conducted for the past ten years the average amount of wheat or barley required to produce one pound gain was four and one-half pounds. It was also ascertained that it cost approximately from three and one half to four cents per pound to grow a pig to fattening age. This must be done, however, largely in the open field on

alfalfa, vetch, clover or rape. Pigs grazed on clover during the summer have given a return in growth of over \$40 per acre and from alfalfa even higher than this. Estimating that it costs four cents per pound to grow the hog and when ready to be fattened he weighs 150 pounds, makes a total cost of \$6. After consuming 450 pounds of wheat or barley he should weigh 250 pounds and worth at seven cents per pound \$17.50, or giving a return for 450 pounds of wheat or barley of \$11.50. This gives a gross return to the farmer for his wheat of \$1.53 per bushel, and for his barley \$1.28 per bushel.

Some of the republican insurgents who joined in the vote of confidence to Speaker Cannon seek to justify their conduct by the statement that they could not be expected to join with their democratic allies in assuming the responsibility for legislation. The Chicago Record Herald, a republican paper, makes complete answer to this absurd excuse. The Record-Herald says: "What pending legislation that is really progressive and popular are the democrats fighting? When and where has the party line been drawn in recent years to the injury of the people? Did not the democrats support the Roosevelt measures when they were being pushed through congress? Did they vote against the railroad bill, the pure food bill, the income tax amendment? Are they not prepared to vote for conversation, for additional commerce regulation, for tariff revision downward?"

A Utioa boy died while laughing at the comic supplement of a Sunday paper. Of course, this will be taken as a terrific retribution by the acidulous portion of the population opposed to the comic supplement and the Sunday paper. But with so much cause for sighing in the world, the majority will still take chances of laughing themselves to death.

A joint committee of students and faculty members will investigate the problem of the high cost of living for the students at the Oregon Agricultural College with the purpose of making recommendations tending to the improvement of conditions.

One of the big wheat farms of the state was sold the past week when the lands of the J. A. Woolery estate, in Morrow County passed to a syndicate of North Dakota bankers. The sale includes 19,000 acres and the price paid was \$150,000. It will be cut up into small farms.

A man 70 years old has made application for admission to the University of Missouri as a student. He must be one of those who subscribe to the theory that a man is never too old to learn.

A New York actress has been arrested on a charge of stealing diamonds. But possibly her press agent can prove an alibi.

The story that a girl contracted leprosy from hair imported from Europe may be false. The hair certainly was.

Next month three important events will be held in Athena—Athletic meet Caledonian picnic and Ministerial convention.

## A TENDERFOOT AT POKER.

He Knew How to Play a Good Hand When He Got It.

"Pat Sheedy," said a sporting editor, "used to entertain me when I visited his art shop with gambling tales.

"There was one tale about a sandwich that I rather liked. It seems, according to this tale, that a bartender in some mining town, connived with three sharpers, and dear help tenderfoot that ever ventured to sit in a little poker game among that crew.

"One night the tenderest tenderfoot imaginable, after a half dozen drinks in the saloon, agreed to take a hand in a dollar limit game.

"Things went along in the usual way for awhile. Then an amazing series of nods and winks began to pass about. The bartender had signaled that the tenderfoot held four kings on the draw. There were more nods and winks, and betting began.

"In the midst of the betting a waiter brought sandwiches and whisky in order to distract the tenderfoot, and while the poor dupe was tossing off his drink the sharper next him slipped a sixth card on to his hand, thus, of course, nullifying it.

"The unconscious tenderfoot took up a huge sandwich, bit off a large mouthful and began to bet again. Right and left, of course, they raised him. He ate on and bet away calmly. An enormous sum lay on the table.

"Then suddenly the bartender resumed his nods and winks. He was terribly excited. Something was wrong. The sharpers, a little anxious, called the tenderfoot.

"The tenderfoot finished the last bite of his sandwich, took a long drink of whisky and laid down his original five cards. Then in silence he gathered in his vast pile of winnings and with a cool nod took his leave.

"After his departure there was a terrible time.

"What the dickens did he do with that sixth card?" the sharper cried.

"Didn't you see? Didn't you see?" cried the bartender, dancing up and down with rage. "He ate it with his sandwich!"—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## A CURE AND A FEE.

Peculiar Experience of a Doctor With a Business Man.

In conversation one day about the peculiar views that commercial men sometimes entertain about professional services Dr. S. Weir Mitchell told the following story:

"A very wealthy man came to consult me about an attack of vertigo. He said that he had just returned from a trip to Europe, where he had consulted eminent specialists, but that they had failed to afford him any permanent relief. 'A physician in London,' he said, 'asked me why I did not make an attempt to be cured nearer home. I thought on my way out west I would stop over to see you.'

"Has any physician you have visited looked into your ears?" I asked.

"No," was his reply.

"I made an examination of his ears, removed some wax and a substance that appeared to be hardened remnants of cotton wool. I sent him away then and told him to come again in a day or two. He did so.

"Well," he exclaimed, 'I am cured. How much do I owe you?'

"About \$50," I replied.

"As he drew a check he asked, 'Did you know when you first examined my ears that you could cure me?'

"When I told him that I had a very fair conviction that I could he said: 'Well, you are a blundered fool! You should have said to me, 'I think I can cure you, and I will do so for \$10,000—no cure, no pay.' You would have got your money without a murmur.'

"Oh," I said, 'if you feel that way about it there are several little charities in which I am interested, and—'

"No, no!" he interrupted. "That is not business. I have my cure, and you have the price you asked. The transaction is closed."

## An Instrument of Torture.

In the Isle of Man the wedding ring was formerly used as an instrument of torture. Mr. Cyril Davenport in his book on jewelry remarks that there once existed a custom in that island "according to which an unmarried girl who had been offended by a man could bring him to trial, and if he were found guilty she would be presented with a sword, a rope and a ring. With the sword she might cut off his head, with the rope she might hang him, or with the ring she might marry him. It is said that the latter punishment was that invariably inflicted."—London Standard.

## Humoring Him.

"Oh, I forgot to tell you to bring down my scissors, too," said the spoiled wife. "They're on the table in the bedroom. Won't you get them for me?"

"See here," complained the indulgent husband. "I'm tired of waiting on you in this way."

"Are you, dear? Well, just be patient, and I'll let you wait on me in some other way."—Catholic Standard and Times.

## Contradictory.

"Mrs. McManus, you're a lady and your husband is a gentleman, but that son Molke of yours, be hivin', he comes from a family of robbers, so he does."—Boston Transcript.

Defer not till tomorrow to be wise.—Cosgrove.

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## People of Oregon

The railroads have done their part; now it's up to you. The colonist rate is the greatest of all homebuilders. Do all you can to let Eastern people know about it, and encourage them to come here, where land is cheap and homebuilding easy and attractive.

Fares can be prepaid at home if desired. Any agent of the roads named is authorized to receive the required deposit and telegraph ticket to any point in the East.

Remember the rates—From Chicago, \$33; from St. Louis, \$32; from Omaha and Kansas City, \$25. This reduction is proportionate from all other cities.

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