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Perhaps the most sound advice which has been given to the people of the Northwest in many years was that conveyed in the message of James J. Hill, the "empire builder," read at the Portland Fair and Livestock exposition last month. A keen student of national economic problems, Mr. Hill in his paper sounded the cry of "back to the farm," but in a more logical and practical manner than it has been presented by any one in the Northwest. He pointed out the falling off in the production of cattle and hogs as one direct cause of increased prices. He showed that the export of food stuffs in this country has decreased by half in the last ten years and that it will not be long under present conditions until the United States will not be producing enough food for its own people, not to mention for export. He pointed out that the raising of livestock was not only becoming more profitable each year, and more necessary to the food supply of the country, but by the scientific use of the fertilizing agents produced, the raising of good crops is directly benefited by the raising of livestock. He expressed the belief that the acreage now under cultivation in this county would produce almost twice what it does now if properly farmed, and pointed to the raising of livestock as one means toward the desired end. His advice is summed up in the words: "The cattle and hogs and sheep that are needed for home use and export, to feed the world and reduce the prices that impair our standard of living, are needed equally to diversify our farm industry and maintain the fertility of the soil. Nature makes no mistakes; and to follow her leading is to walk toward prosperity and peace."

For the first time since the populist days of 1896, a fusion ticket has been nominated in the state of Washington, the ticket in question being that of five judges for the supreme court, which will be supported by democrats and insurgent republicans against the ticket named by the regular republican convention. The five candidates comprise three democrats and two republicans, and the fusion ticket is a protest against the action of the republican legislature in taking the nomination of judges out of the direct primary and placing it back in the conventions. The Non-Partisan Judiciary League first named the ticket, and the democratic convention chose the same men. The Non-Partisan league is an organization of insurgents, headed by the managers of the Poindexter campaign. With the combined support, the ticket is expected to beat the nominees of the standpat convention.

The following from the Elgin Recorder would indicate that Editor Tuttle is capable of doing an occasional stunt himself, in the way of popularity. "For several years the fight to determine the most popular editor of Eastern Oregon, has been waged between Editors Wood of the Weston Leader, and Boyd of the Athena Press, but since Saturday's election the Recorder editor has knocked the popularity of both into a cooked bat. The two Umatilla men have been appointed delegates to various conventions but the Recorder editor received one vote for the nomination of joint senator for Umatilla, Morrow and Union counties and Boyd and Wood are no longer in the race. Neither can the Recorder man be accused of voting for himself, as he was bear hunting on the day of election. Shutt of Joseph, Galloway of Enterprise and Eekley of La Grande, have been stirring about a little for popularity, but are not considered in the race any longer. Dennis of the Observer, was a delegate to the assembly, but since the election has been receiving but little attention."

A new market for the lumber and the salmon of Washington and Oregon will be created in the cities of the Atlantic seaboard by the establishment of a line of steamships between Seattle and San Francisco on the Pacific and New Orleans and New York on the Atlantic, transferring at Panama on the railroad across the isthmus. When the new line starts operating its first ship sailing from Seattle, October 10, it will be as cheap to send salmon from Seattle to New York as it now is by rail from San Francisco to New Orleans. The operations of the California and Atlantic Steamship company are expected to prove a valuable asset to the Northwest in the marketing of its extensive resources on the other side of the continent.

Aside from the gubernatorial contest between Bowerman, the assembly candidate, and Oswald West, the democratic nominee, political interest in Umatilla, Union and Morrow counties will be centered in the race for joint senator. By nominating Dr. M. K. Hall of Union county, the democrats have placed before the people one of the most brilliant and capable men in the state.

A good story is told of two great Irishmen, the late Archbishop Plunket and Father Healy, the well known parish priest of Bray. Making their way together to Bray railroad station one morning, the priest urged that they should hurry, but the prelate's appeal to his watch convinced him that they had ample time. They arrived to see the train for Dublin disappearing. The archbishop's apologies were lavish. He pleaded that he had always had unbounded faith in his watch. "My dear Lord Plunket," was Father Healy's rejoinder, "faith won't do without the good works."—Blackwood's Magazine.

**Alkarazza.**  
Alkarazza is the name given to vessels of very porous earthenware which when filled with water are always moist outside and owing to the evaporation of the water on their surface always keep their contents cool. Alkarazza can be made from any good potter's clay by mixing with it 10 per cent of its weight, dry, of very fine sawdust and then working it. On burning the sawdust is destroyed and the clay thereby left porous.

### The Sting of a Bee.

An eastern fable tells of a potentate who demanded that there should be brought to him the stings of a thousand bees killed because one of their colony had dared commit lese majesty by stinging the hand of royalty. When they were brought in a tiny golden thimble the king was so amazed to find that a thousand of the hypodermic points made such a little mass that he issued a manifesto to the effect that thereafter no person within the bounds of the kingdom should complain at the sting of a bee. The lesson of the fable is that petty annoyances hurt because they are exaggerated in the mind; that when they are seen in their actual proportions they are so slight as to merit only contempt. How much comfort would come to the majority of persons if they could but see the tiny size of the bee stings that lead them to acts of petulance, words of anger, expressions of reproach. The bee sting annoyances have caused lifelong breaches of friendship. They have broken up families and caused anger and resentment to take the place of love and fealty.—Baltimore American.

### The Mississippi of Streets.

A street is like a river, with its human current carrying all manner of drift between its banks of residences or shops on either side. And if this simile be appropriate then New York's Broadway is the Mississippi of streets. Probably no other avenue in the world presents so many contrasts in the flotsam and jetsam it carries from Harlem to the Battery. Every type of humanity—uprooted saplings from farms and orchards, proud hulled craft in silks and satins—may be described in the surging mass. Banker and boot-black, the swaggering swell and the dragged derelict, walk shoulder to shoulder—rush, rather, for Broadway is a maelstrom, the embodiment of New York's bustle and hurry, the place where nothing can stand still. Richard Harding Davis once said that everybody "seems to be trying to reach the bank to have a check cashed before 3 o'clock."—George Seibel in Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

### Queer Collateral.

"Here is a fact as strange as it is true," said an Egyptologist. "Mummies in ancient Egypt were used chiefly as collateral."

"When an Egyptian wanted to borrow he gave his father's or grandfather's mummy as security. Sometimes, if he required a large sum, he gave his father and both grandfathers, and he would even throw in the mummy of his mother-in-law if she fortunately happened to be in a mummified state."

"Joking aside," the Egyptologist continued, "what I tell you is the truth. An Egyptian was not permitted to borrow without pledging the mummy of some near relative. It was deemed in Egypt both impious and infamous not to redeem so sacred a pledge as that, and he who died with a family mummy still in pawn was himself buried in unconsecrated ground."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### The Postage Stamp.

Consider the postage stamp. It says nothing regarding the difficulty of the task assigned to it, but by dint of close application it usually gets there; also it delivers the goods.

Again, if one isn't enough to carry the thing through, two or more by working harmoniously together see the thing to a finish.

No matter if the (mail) matter be weighty, it puts a good face (of Washington) on it and goes directly to the point. It gets licked and stamped upon, and men besmirch its fair features and oftentimes give it more to carry than the (postal) union allows. But, in spite of all this, it sticks unflinchingly to the matter in hand by virtue of the fact that it knows that it has good backing.

Its stick-to-it-ivity is worthy of emulation by you.—Judge's Library.

### Water Colors.

Water color painting was gradually raised from the hard, dry style of the eighteenth century to its present brilliancy by the efforts of Nicholson, Copley, Sanley and others. The Water Color society's exhibitions began in 1805 and may be said to mark the real beginning of modern water color painting. The great master, if not creator, of the art was the celebrated Turner, of whom we read so much in the works of John Ruskin.—Exchange.

### How Old They Were.

"I see you employ a number of old men."

"I do."

"How old are they?"

"Too old to be interested in canoeing or mandolins or race horses or girls or tennis. That makes them fine for work."—Washington Herald.

### Rather.

The subjoined item appeared in a French newspaper:

"There was found in the river this morning the body of a soldier cut to pieces and sewed up in a sack. The circumstances seem to preclude any suspicion of suicide."

### Customs and Habits.

Our customs and habits are like the ruts in roads. The wheels of life settle into them, and we jog along through the mire because it is too much trouble to get out of them.

### Why She Didn't.

New Employer: But why did you leave your last mistress? New Maid: Haven't I? Did you expect me to bring her along with me?—Cleveland Leader.

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