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L. R. Alderman, superintendent of public instruction, is undertaking a campaign to interest all the children of Oregon in the cultivation of garden products, carpentry, sewing, cooking, poultry etc. He is planning to encourage the children to exhibit at their fairs in every county of the state. It is the plan to gather up the best exhibits at the county fairs and bring them to the state fair where at least \$1000 in cash prizes, thoroughbred calves, pure bred pigs and sheep and perhaps a Shetland pony will be awarded for agricultural, poultry and other exhibits. The State Fair Board has decided to make its prize list for children's exhibits much larger this year than ever before. Individual breeders are offering valuable prizes for such exhibits. The State Bankers association is standing back of the plan. The Portland Commercial club has already heartily endorsed the movement, and all other commercial organizations are to be asked for cooperation as soon as possible.

Wheat and fruit lands in Oregon are in a class by themselves when it comes to high valuation, but soil that will produce hops is also looking up. An English syndicate has just closed a deal for the Krebs hop yards, located near Independence, which comprises 400 acres. The price paid in a lump sum was \$130,000. Oregon lands have increased in value steadily for the last ten years and continues in the upward price tendency. Eastern capital is looking for investment in Northwest land holdings and so long as the price is paid the increase will naturally continue. A short while ago the cry went up that the price of fruit lands were too high, but when it was shown that two crops would pay for an orchard at \$1000 per acre, orchard tracts advanced in price and they have continued to advance with ready sales in every section of the state. Relatively speaking, the same can be said of wheat lands, where a recent sale in this vicinity, a 500 acre ranch sold for \$107 per acre, while a number of choice quarters have been disposed of at \$16,000.

Eastern Oregon papers persist in calling on Walter Pierce to become a candidate for United States senator. There is really no use in rehabilitating the statement here, but nevertheless it is a threadbare fact that Portland always has and always will throw its support to Portland or Western Oregon senatorial candidates of either party, in preference to any one Eastern Oregon might name; therefore, Pierce nor any other man east of the Cascades would have a ghost of a show to win. Pierce would have a good show for election to congress from this district and it would be worth the while of the fellows to support him for this office. At this particular stage of the game, it looks like Pierce is a stronger man than any other aspirant for congressional honors; but to coach him for senator is quite another game—a game in which Oregon's metropolis holds all the trump cards.

Klamath county is going in for agricultural education in its schools. A tract of 85 acres has been bought and an experiment station will be established, where students will practice agricultural methods under the direction of an expert who will be secured from the Oregon Agricultural College. With proper facilities every high school in Umatilla county could easily have an agricultural course. For instance, Athena, located in the best agricultural district of the Pacific Northwest could offer flattering inducements in this branch of education were an agricultural course included with the present high school course.

Massachusetts now has a law which places elopements under the ban. No person can be married in that state until after the prospective bridegroom has given five days public notice. The number of divorces in that state will probably shrink somewhat with the new law in effect.

Governor Hay in a speech before the members and employees of the Industrial Insurance commission of Washington, said that the highest efficiency in the work of the commission could only be secured by making the positions of the employees per-

manent and advancing those who showed unusual capacity for the work. He probably will favor the introduction of a bill at the next session of the legislature which will place the employees of this commission under civil service rules, as the governor is of the opinion that the work of the commission is on too high a plane to be dragged into politics. At the meeting it was shown that the law is proving of great benefit to the injured workmen as they can secure compensation for their injuries without engaging a lawyer and more than 5,000 firms have paid up their assessments.

In Tillamook county the discovery has been made of a new perennial clover which has set the experts at the government experiment station agog. Enormous tonnage yields per acre is claimed for the newly discovered forage plant, which grows prolifically the year around. It has no seed, bloom or sex and is propagated by cutting up the plant in pieces and sowing it in the soil in that manner.

Shipments of Athena cattle and hogs topped the Portland market last week, cattle bringing as high as \$6.15 and hogs \$7.05. More alfalfa acreage would mean more live stock in the Athena district, and consequently larger bank accounts.

From down Central Oregon way, come reports that the soil is soaked with winter moisture and the settlers' hearts are gladsome thereat. Winter moisture foretells of bountiful crops to follow in that section of the state as well as in old Umatilla.

**QUEEN VENUS.**

**Orbit, Mass and Gravity of the Planet Twin of Our World.**  
Mercury is the nearest of known planets to King Sol, but Venus comes next, and in eccentricity of solar orbit—an eccentricity having an average of about 67,200,000 miles—is the least irregular of the planets. The distance of Venus from our earth also varies, with an average or mean of about 25,700,000 miles at her nearest, the average distance of Venus from our earth being approximately 160,000,000 miles at her farthest.

Queen Venus may be called the planet twin of our world, since her mean diameter and that of our earth are nearly equal. Nevertheless the difference of some 200 miles in their diameters leaves Venus with about 92-100 of the terrestrial volume. Venus' mass or weight approximates 82-100 of that of our planet, and, dividing 82-100 by 92-100, we get 89-100, which is Venus' density compared with the density of our earth. Venus' gravity approximates 82-100 that of our planet, or, in other words, a terrestrial body weighing 100 pounds would weigh only eighty-two pounds upon the surface of Venus.

Queen Venus exhibits phases like our moon, but possesses no moon herself. She presents a bright and thickly clouded appearance and has an atmosphere which is estimated to be from one and one-half to two times as dense as our own. This beautiful planet has been seen, of course, by mankind in prehistoric ages, but the earliest known record respecting her was in 636 B. C., a record engraved upon earthenware now in possession of the British museum.—New York Tribune.

**MANSARD'S ROOF.**

By It the Architect Won His Son's Life From Louis XIV.  
The great hall of the Hotel de Ville of Arles, designed by Mansard, is the wonder and admiration of every one who has seen it on account of the groined roof.

In regard to this neighboring caferter tells a somewhat grim story. King Louis XIV, happened to be passing through the city just at the time Mansard was superintending the completion of his creation. The roof was supported by a powerful pillar. The monarch admired the work and congratulated the architect on his design. At that moment the architect was passing through great domestic tribulation. He had a son under sentence of death, so he thought it would be a good opportunity to intercede on behalf of the lad.

Mansard threw himself at the feet of the king and said: "Your majesty sees in the center that massive column? If you will spare the life of my son I will remove the slightly pillar, and the roof shall stand without support." "Mansard," replied the king, "if you accomplish that miracle I will pardon your son, but if you fail I will hang you with him." The architect removed the pillar without great difficulty and with the result desired. The caferter is a philosopher, and he concludes his story with the reflection that had not Mansard's son been a scamp the hall at Arles would be just like any other hall.—London Globe.

**Force of Habit.**

The professional humorist found himself in an open field with a mad bull at his heels. He was running for the fence. "Shall I make it?" he asked himself. Then a thought occurred to him. "I guess it's about a tossup," he muttered. As he paused to make a note on his cuff the inevitable happened.—New York Times.

**Wanted Some Praise Too.**

Tourist (to his landlady)—How lovely it is here—the green trees in the valley through which the stream glitters; in the background the mountains and over all the blue sky—Landlady—H'm, but you don't say anything about the vast pile and the coffee I made you.—Flegende Blatter.

The less heart a man puts into a task the more labor it requires.—Amiel.

**Force of Lightning.**  
It is hardly possible to use instruments for the purpose of figuring the forces of lightning, yet there are many other ways of calculating familiar to every mathematician. The amount of light given by a single lightning flash is enough to illuminate an area of two square miles. The bolt itself would be visible several miles further off, but the remotest part of the region mentioned would have as much light as would be given by a candle—quite enough to read by. To produce such a light it would be necessary to expend 13,000 horsepower for a second. These figures appear very large, but the time is short. The flash might be for only one-thousandth of a second, but the impression on the eye would continue for a tenth of a second anyway. Figured down to an exact hour this amount of force would mean only about four horsepower.—Electric News Bulletin.

**The Moral of the Story.**  
Professor John Spencer Bassett, author of "A Life of Andrew Jackson," in one of his lectures at Smith college, repeated a well known story in regard to Stephen A. Douglas, closing with a moral which aroused peculiar interest.

Douglas, as the narrative runs, was once sitting in a profound sleep in the corridor of the capitol when Adeline Cuts, a Washington belle, passed by. She did not know the sleeper, but was struck with compassion on seeing such a splendidly intellectual face under such conditions, and stooping down laid her handkerchief over it to protect it from the flies. Douglas on awakening found the handkerchief, sought the owner and eventually married her. There was a pause, and then the professor added: "Young ladies, the moral of this story is, have your pocket handkerchief marked."

**A Lion's Vanity.**  
The intricacies of a great man's character are often simplicities to his wife. Once, when the present poet laureate had paid a visit to Tennyson, his immediate predecessor, Tennyson walked with him as far as the gate which led to the highway. There, says Mr. Alfred Austin in his recent autobiography, while the elder poet stood leaning on the gate, a party of wide eyed sightseers appeared.

"What a vulgar people the English are!" Tennyson exclaimed. "They come here to watch for me, and when they see me they say, quite loudly, 'There's Tennyson!'" Mr. Austin afterward repeated this to Lady Tennyson, who smiled tenderly, but archly. "My husband would be much more annoyed if the people didn't come," she said.

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