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Local interest in the industrial movement of the school children was evidenced in a meeting held in this city Tuesday evening at which F. K. Welles, county school superintendent, was the principal speaker. This industrial movement pertaining principally to agriculture, is sweeping the state with intensive interest, one county superintendent stating that 4000 school children from his county alone will have exhibits. Prizes totaling thousands of dollars have already been offered to the children of Oregon for industrial exhibits at the state and county fairs and school fairs. State Superintendent of Schools Alderman, cooperating with the county superintendents, the State Fair Association, the Portland Commercial Club, the Oregon Development League, the State Bankers' Association, and the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural College, will organize and conduct contests in corn growing, poultry raising, manual training, domestic science, potato growing and other industrial work, and every child in the state will have opportunity to compete for the prizes. The State Fair association has agreed to furnish \$1,400 in cash prizes for school exhibits, and promises of other prizes amounting to \$2000, have also been made, while other interests which will doubtless contribute have not yet been approached. The commercial clubs all over the state will push the work, and a committee on agricultural education from the Bankers' Association has agreed to raise at least \$1,500 to assist in the work.

Washington dispatches of last week indicate that the railroads are to get another Supreme Court judge at the hands of President Taft. The particular individual this time is Judge Hook, whose strong-arm judicial work for corporation interests in the lower courts naturally enough commends him to the corporation President for promotion. From different directions come testimonials to Judge Hook's fitness, from the corporation point of view. One of his exploits was in the Oklahoma railroad rate case, in which as a Federal judge he granted an injunction against the State in behalf of railroads. In order to arrive at a conclusion as to the reasonableness of rates, he took the average assessed valuation per mile, added 25 per cent in order to show a capital value large enough to explain his injunction against the reduction of rates required by the State law. The value of one railroad which without proof he fixed at \$61,000 a mile has since been reported by the road itself to have cost only \$31,000. Other roads costing less than \$30,000 a mile, rolling stock included, were valued by Judge Hook at approximately \$50,000 a mile. Still another performance of this interesting Federal judge in the Oklahoma cases was the bundling together of the earnings of two roads, one of which was making between 3 and 4 per cent on his valuation, and the other between 7 and 8. As the owners of the less profitable road owned the corporation that owned the more profitable one, and as the aggregate net earnings of the two were less than 6 per cent under the rate law, Judge Hook granted an injunction against the enforcement of that law in respect of both roads, this notwithstanding that they were operated as well as owned by separate companies distinctly officered, and that each had brought its own suit for the injunction separately from the other.

The boldest tree "graft" that has been pulled off in along time is being worked by a bunch of get-rich quick chaps in several eastern states. They are selling cyanide of potassium, a deadly poison, at several dollars a pound to be used in vaccinating trees for the cure or prevention of the diseases from which they may be suffering. This or any other dope injected beneath the bark of trees can have not the slightest effect in curing or preventing tree ills, and so far as doing any good is concerned, such dope might just as well be put in a hole in the ground.

The consensus of opinion of those who have had experience in dry farming is that land sloping to the north or northeast is best suited to the purpose. This is due to the fact that land

with such a slope is not exposed so directly to the rays of the sun, loses less moisture from evaporation and is less likely to suffer from hot winds.

**Feats of Archery.**  
In the days when the buffalo was found in vast herds on the western plains there were Indians who, while riding at a gallop, could send an arrow through a buffalo's body. Remarkable as this archery was, yet it did not equal that reached by the archers of ancient times. It is of record that the MacRaes of Gairloch, Scotland, were such skillful archers that they could hit a man at the distance of 600 yards. In 1794 the Turkish ambassador at London shot an arrow, in a field near that capital, 415 yards against the wind and 452 yards with the wind. The secretary of the ambassador, on hearing the expressions of surprise from the English gentlemen present, said the sultan had shot 500 yards. This was the greatest performance of modern days, but a pillar, standing on a plain near Constantinople, recorded shots ranging up to 800 yards. Sir Robert Ainslie, British ambassador to the sultan's port, records that in 1798 he was present when the sultan shot an arrow 972 yards.—New York Press.

**Mark Twain's German Coffee.**  
German coffee must have given Mark Twain a pain, judging from the following recipe which he gave for its concoction:  
Take a barrel of water and bring it to a boil; rub a chicory berry against a coffee berry, then convey the former into the water. Continue the boiling and evaporation until the intensity of the flavor and aroma of the coffee and chicory have been diminished to a proper degree; then set aside to cool. Now unharness the remains of a once cow from the plow, insert them in a hydraulic press, and, when you shall have acquired a teaspoonful of that pale blue juice which a German superstition regards as milk, modify the malignity of its strength in a bucket of tepid water and bring up the breakfast. Mix the beverage in a cold cup, partake with moderation, and keep a wet rag around your head to guard against over excitement.

**Clever Crows.**  
In a garden a dog was eating a piece of meat in the presence of four covetous crows. They evidently said a great deal to one another on the subject, and now and then one of them tried to pull the meat away from the dog, which he naturally resented. At last a big, strong crow succeeded in tearing off a piece, with which he returned to the tree where the others congregated. A long paragon now ensued, which ended in all four crows flying down to the dog, the leading crow dexterously dropping the small piece of meat within reach of his month. The dog immediately snapped at it, unwisely letting go the big piece, which was seized by two crows and carried to the tree, where it was devoured with much fluttering and hilarity, while the cheated dog walked away with every appearance of discomfiture.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

**A Notorious English Spendthrift.**  
Among the customers at Long's, the famous hotel in Bond street, was the last Marquis of Hastings, the most notorious of mid-Victorian spendthrifts. Hastings, according to one who knew him well, "gambled so that not even the Bank of England, backed by the Rothschilds, with the mines of the Transvaal as additional supports, could have withstood the strain."  
Yet even he protested at Long's when charged 2s. 6d. for a whisky and soda. The proprietor declared that this had always been the charge. "About time it was altered, then," retorted the marquis. Just before his death Hastings remarked to a friend: "I've made a pretty hash of my life. About all the good I've ever done was to bring down the price of a whisky and soda at Long's."—London Express.

**Henley and Stevenson.**  
W. E. Henley once met Robert Louis Stevenson and found his friend distressed because he was not a Voltair or a Dumas, though he had an equipment which ought to have made him their peer. Stevenson put his "failure" down to the weakness of his lungs. "Perhaps you are right, Louis," said Henley. "I've always felt that if I had not been a blessed cripple I could have taken the earth in my hand and hurled it into the sun."

**A Suspicion.**  
"I declare," said Mrs. Comrow after making a round of calls, "all these butlers must have umpired baseball games."  
"Impolite?"  
"No; polite, but positive. They seem to have got into the habit of saying everybody is out."—Washington Star.

**Professional Pride.**  
The Judge—Then you acknowledge having robbed the safe. Were you assisted by any one?  
"No, indeed, yer honor. I've bin in the perfumery for nineteen year, an' I ain't never collaborated with nobody."  
—Life.

**Just a Shade.**  
"I come of a very old family. We have a family ghost."  
"We have two."  
"I guess that gives you a shade the best of it."—Washington Herald.

**A Sure Cure.**  
"Doctor, I have for years been addicted to walking in my sleep. Is there any cure for me?"  
"Yes. Adopt a baby."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**The Blame.**  
He—Oh, but you mustn't blame me for my ancestors, you know.  
She—I don't. I blame them for you.  
—Boston Transcript.

**The Loret and the Snake.**  
Every one has heard of the remarkable combats of the Indian mongoose with venomous snakes, in which little rikki-tikki-tavi comes off victor. The fact that the mongoose invariably survives has led to the suggestion that it is immune to snake poison. Other au-

mals said to be immune are the pig and the hedgehog. The experiments of British naturalists show that an animal of the dormouse family must be added to the list of the immune. This animal is known as the loret and is said to fight fiercely with vipers. Large doses of viper's poison were injected into one loret, from which injection no ill effects followed. On one occasion a loret was bitten badly in the eye by a viper, and no signs of poisoning occurred. There can, it is thought, be no doubt that the loret is immune to snake poison.

**Gold Beaters' Skin.**  
A cheap substitute is much desired for goldbeaters' skin, which is prepared from the outside membrane of the large intestine of the ox. It is said that goldbeaters first tried paper for enclosing the metal, and mulberry fiber paper is still used in China and Japan, but animal parchment has been mostly employed for two or three centuries at least. While a thinner leaf can be beaten out between paper parchment sheets, it is damaged by adhesion. A special German paper is coated with isinglass or albumen, and paper parchment of some kind is much used in the first stages, but goldbeaters finish their product between goldbeaters' skins, still pounding an ounce of gold into 200 square inches of leaf.—New York Tribune.

**History Repeats Itself.**  
"Can't say that the world is getting a bit smarter," asserted cran'pa. "My grandson asks me the same silly questions that his father asked at his age."  
—Lippincott's.

Wise books for half the truths they hold are honored toms.—George Eliot.

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.**  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.  
In the Matter of the Estate of James S. Henry, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Elizabeth Henry, executrix of the last will and testament of James S. Henry, deceased, has filed her final account and report in the administration of said estate; that the County Judge, by order duly made and entered, has appointed Monday, the 18th day of March, A. D. 1912, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, as the time, and the County Courthouse of Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place, where all objections and exceptions to the said final account and report will be heard and the settlement thereof made.  
Dated this 16th day of February, A. D. 1912.

Elizabeth Henry,  
Executrix.

Peterson & Wilson,  
Attorneys for Executrix.

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