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The answer to an outside establish-

ment that sought printing in Portland

was, "The city of Portland does not

go outside of its own city for anything

in the printing line." Still, says the

Journal, there are Portlanders who

go east for furniture and draperies.

There are Portlanders who seek east

for clothing, millinery and other at-

tire. In numerous lines many are

went to buy abroad the things easily

obtainable at home. The profit to

the dealer and the wage for the work-

man they thus bestow upon outside

dealers and outside workmen. The

way to stimulate the establishment of

industries in Oregon is to buy things

made in Oregon. That method invites

new capital. It affords wages and

employment for more labor, skilled

and unskilled. It sends more money

through the channels of industry and

trade. We raise more than fourteen

million pounds of wool every year.

But we ship almost all of it to Boston,

and buy later the finished fabrics,

paying the transportation cost twice

across the continent; paying a profit

to Boston capital, paying wages to

Boston textile workers and, in addi-

tion, keeping capital and skilled labor

out of Oregon. We do not even use

our own geological material, but buy

it elsewhere. We imported \$12,000,000

worth of geological products in

1911 and, as shown by the Oregon

bureau of mines, we could have man-

ufactured at least \$8,000,000 or

\$9,000,000 of it at home affording a

profit to Oregon capital and wages

to Oregon labor. Instead we bought

California made products and Wash-

ington made products giving the profit

to California and Washington capital

and wages to California and Washing-

ton labor. In addition we increased

the cost of these products to ourselves

by paying freight charges over long

distances on materials that we could

have made at home and saved the

freight charges. We are extravagant

in the recklessness with which we

lavish our money on outside manufac-

turers and outside workmen. We

are profligate in our carelessness about

buying things made in Oregon.

The Canyon City Blue Mountain

Eagle relieves the hired man is really

entitled to a little write-up. Often

he is the power behind the throne

and the boss is given credit for being

wise simply because he has a good

hired man. Often the hired man is a

creature of varied experience, who has

worked for many employers. Often

he does not have the talent to direct

his own work. Many times he tells

the boss what should be done and after

the boss tells him to do it he can get

along very well. It is impossible for

him, however, to plan all of his work

and he must get the word from some

one before he can perform. But the

hired man is an indispensable part

of our daily routine. He generally knows

just what to do, when and how to do it

and advises the boss out of many com-

plex and difficult situations. Many a

business would fag without the

hired man and many a ranch

would go to wildwood and blossom

in the hands of the sheriff were it not

for the fellow in jumper and overalls

we call the hired man.

Col. "At-'em boy" Wood was a pe-

culio visitor Saturday. With his usual

discreetness to be on the safe side of

everything, he huddled under the pro-

tecting wing of the Press man during

the afternoon. Suffice to say that he

left for his home in the evening skin-

whole and with renewed confidence in

his ability to enjoy a few hours of

metropolitan life without obstructing

Main street traffic or jumping into the

business end of an automobile

accident. The merry-go-round had a

peculiar fascination for Wood, but

for the reason that the cogwheel in its

mechanical construction appeared to

be sufficiently well lubricated, we

would not permit the Weston editor

to get any nearer to it than the base

ball park. We hotted him in the

bleachers until after the game, when

friends kindly towed him out of the

city in an automobile.

With a burden of \$30,000 indebted-

ness against him as the result of the

hard times in 1893, C. K. Henry for-

merly of Walla Walla, will retire

from the real estate business in Por-

tland, July 1, a million dollars to the

good. He is the second Walla Walla

to "come back" financially, speaking,

after having been pressed to the wall.

Edmiston, the banker, has also dem-

onstrated his ability in like manner.

Most of the states have now elected

their delegates to the national conven-

tions. There has been a whirlwind

campaign waged in most of the states

and nothing has gone by default.

Many states, particularly in the south,

have sent contesting delegations. For

the republican delegations to be held

at Chicago on the 18th already the

politicians are arriving and 100,000

applications for seats have been filed.

Not so long ago mules replaced hors-

es in draft work on many of the big

farms of Umatilla county. Now the

mule is being called upon to give way

to the gasolene traction engine. The

evolution of the farm progresses in

proportion to other vocations followed

by men.

Well, everything conspired to make

the fourth annual Farmers' Picnic a

glowing success at the City Park Sat-

urday. Warm sunshine, splendid crop

prospects and full lunch baskets, pro-

duced that gladsome feeling which

insured enjoyment of the occasion.

Here's to the pioneers and their

picnic at Weston. Their ranks are

depleting, but their gatherings are

an annual event that is looked for-

ward to with pleasure.

"What so rare as a day in June,"

and what more beautiful than the

billowy whiteness of the myriads of

loouest blooms in Athena at the present

time?

**MUSIC AND MISERY.**

Ills, Aches and Pains With Which Per-

formers Have to Contend.

Pianist's cramp is more painful than

writer's cramp and is the bane of all

virtuosos. It is caused by the constant

contraction and expansion of the mus-

cles controlling the fingers. It becomes

chronic when not guarded against, and

many a promising virtuoso's career has

been blighted in this way. The only

remedy is to rest the overtaxed mus-

cles and then work them up gradually

to meet the strain of constant playing.

All concert pianists are subject to

split finger tips. The constant stroke

of the balls of the fingers on the hard

ivory makes the flesh so delicate and

tender that frequently playing becomes

acute agony.

Violinists suffer a great deal of phys-

ical inconvenience. Most of us have

an idea that the violin is held against

the neck and shoulder by the player's

left hand, which grasps the arm of the

instrument. All great viola teachers

insist that the left hand be left en-

tirely free, and to achieve this the vi-

olin is actually held by the player's

chin. In this attitude his head is held

in a distorted position, and this, work-

ing against the elevation of the left

arm and shoulder, causes compression

of the heart and lungs and curvature

of the spine.

Performers on wind instruments suffer

many inconveniences, and in some

instances their work leads to perma-

nent physical disability. Bulbar paral-

ysis from continued use of the tongue

and lips is an ever present danger.

Doctors have a fensome name for the

commonest result of wind playing. In

plain language it is overdistention of

the lungs. This stretching of the lungs

from constantly heavy inflation tends

to engorgement of the blood in the

right cavities of the heart, and this

produces dilation of the heart and hy-

pertrophy.

Mental peculiarities of oboe players

are traditional in the orchestral world,

in spite of the fact that most oboe

players are normal. Some explain that

the oboe player is mentally affected by

the fact that he is forced to blow

through an exceedingly small aperture

and the expiration is unusually pro-

longed. Others insist that the peculiar-

ity melancholy quality of the tone pro-

duced and the invariable character of

the music written for the oboe are re-

sponsible for any peculiarities display-

ed by its exccutants.

After this somewhat gruesome rec-

ital it is cheering to know that one

instrument at least can be counted on

to bring health and longevity to those

who practice it. This is the flute. Doc-

tors recommend it for incipient con-

sumptives, as the operation of playing

the instrument involves the precise

motion of the lungs of most benefit to

the consumptive—that is, full inspira-

tion, not too full or strained, followed

by slow and gentle delivery of the

breath.—John Warren in Washington

Star.

Simplify Your Home Grounds.

Don't inclose your property with

hedges. Irregular borders of trees and

shrubs are better. Hedges cut up a

landscape and ruin it with their hard,

artificial lines. Borders harmonize

with the environment, have variety

and give interest the year round.

Don't bisect your lawn with a drive

or avenue.

Don't set trees and shrubs in

straight lines except where absolutely

necessary, as on streets; group them.

Don't make a circle in the lawn

around every shrub. Plant bushes in

borders or beds.

Don't trim every bush into a ball,

cube or pyramid. Allow trees and

shrubs to assume natural forms.—

Country Life, in America.

Nearly Shot by Proxy.

In 1862 M. Clemenceau served two

months' imprisonment for shouting

"Vive la Republique" and in 1871 he

was very nearly shot by proxy. He re-

turned to Paris from a provincial

speechmaking tour on the day on

which Thiers and the Versailles suc-

ceeded in entering the city. Blood was

up, and his enemies were looking for

him. A young Brazilian who resembled

him was arrested in mistake for him

and conducted to La Pelissiere, he