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With good crops of wheat, with excellent yields in other agricultural and horticultural products, and not overlooking the good prices prevailing, southeastern Washington and eastern Oregon is one section that is bound to experience prosperous times this fall, says the Up-to-the-Times Magazine. With such conditions prevailing this end of the Inland Empire must once again be proclaimed the best interior agricultural section of the entire Pacific Northwest. And this thought: May our agricultural friends invest wisely the profits made this year; let 'em pass up entirely the foreign investment field and avoid being skinned by fooling with another man's game; rather let 'em take and use their surplus to further improve their own farm properties by installing a modern power plant, erecting new farm buildings, planting a few trees or engaging in a little private road building, etc. A country that provides the opportunities for one to make money should be good enough for one to invest in it.

One Bert Walker, philosopher, writes as follows in the Kansas City Journal: "My friend, you have worked during the past thirty years and have accumulated a pretty good tank account. You have plenty to keep you in ease and luxury the balance of your days. Are you going to stop toiling now and enjoy it, or are you and your wife going to slave on? You want to leave a lot to the children, do you? Well, let's see. Aren't the boys now much better off than you were at their age? Or perhaps you think the boys are of inferior caliber and can't make their way in the world. Don't you know that is putting a premium on laziness? Why don't you and your wife pack up and take a trip back East to the scenes of your childhood? Or if you don't care to go there, what's the matter with a little jaunt to the mountains? People are beginning to call you an old tightwad and to wonder if you think you can take your money with you when you cross the dark river. You really don't know what to do to have a good time. Blow yourself a little. B-sport and have a few things; you will live ten years longer."

As part of its campaign to better the agricultural conditions throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho, by showing settlers how it is to their advantage to put in diversified crops and especially to grow corn and alfalfa, a special train bearing a party of twenty or twenty-five agricultural experts who will lecture to the farmers at different points, will be sent over its lines in the three states by the O-W. R. & N. company in the latter part of September. Of especial interest to farmers in connection with the announcement was the further announcement that Professor P. G. Holden of Chicago, considered the greatest authority on alfalfa and corn raising, would head the party. The itinerary of the train has not been made out in detail, but it will stop at principal points along the O-W. R. & N. lines.

The Chicago Tribune has been showing up the dark methods of the Illinois Manufacturers Association, and the commercial grafters are after its scalp. The association is backed by Leslie's Weekly, the subsidized organ of Geo. P. Bent, manufacturer of Clow pianos, and others of the commercial piratical band. He advises through printed circulars that Illinois manufacturers and their friends boycott the Tribune. The Tribune has \$13,000,000 in its coffers and will weather the gale all right.

It is stated upon good authority that out of 700 hotel and restaurant employees employed in San Francisco as dishwashers, 100 are college graduates. These statistics were compiled by two members of the union, one of whom, it is said, was a former instructor in mathematics in an eastern college. The scale is \$10 per week.

Those who wish to vote at the special election this fall will have to register in their various respective precincts unless they were registered for the last general election. All women voters must register. Unless you get six freeholders to swear you in at election time, you cannot vote without registering.

All heat records were broken in Kansas during the recent hot spell

when for ten or twelve days it was from 100 to 110 above zero in that afflicted state. Not only are crops ruined, but stock is starving and people suffer for want of drinking water.

The Hermiston Herald puts its home town on the map as a peach shipping center. Fruit, alfalfa and milk are the principal products of the reclamation project, and they are good ones.

The swine of Iowa are worth more than all the farm crops of any of the eleven mountain and Pacific coast states except California.

Don't forget the county Fair. It will pay you to go and to exhibit your products.

Fugitive Gives Up.
 Clarence Stevens, a convict who escaped from the Meskill, Lewis county state rock quarry July 23, amid a fusillade of rifle shots, and who was supposed to be lying in the brush nursing his wounds, has called up Warden Henry Drum at the state penitentiary at Walla Walla and offered to return voluntarily. Stevens used the long distance telephone from Seattle. A total of nine shots were fired at Stevens when he made his dash from the stockade to the brush, and from the fact that he wavered and flinched, guards reported they had struck him three times. A section laborer on the railroad, watching the escape, confirmed this view. Apparently however, Stevens was uninjured, as he made no mention of any wounds to the warden, expressing merely a desire to return to finish his sentence and asking the warden not to hold his escape against him. Stevens said he had been in Seattle practically all the time since he escaped.

Brave Girl Injured.
 Two young women near La Grande have been seriously injured by horses recently. Miss Ethel Miller, a cook with a hay baling crew, was trampled under the feet of two horses when she grasped the bridle of one of the plunging team which was giving the driver a hard battle near the cookhouse. One of the young woman's knees was torn off and her feet and limbs were badly lacerated. Miss Katherine Riddle, of Maypark, is recovering from injuries received in a runaway Wednesday. Miss Riddle and a companion were driving a young horse which ran away. Her companion jumped from the buggy. Miss Riddle held to the lines until she was thrown from the buggy.

Highest Award Won.
 That he had received the highest award attainable at Oxford was not told by Cecil K. Lyons, an Oregon boy who returned a few days ago from England, but it became known when President Campbell of the University of Oregon gave out a letter he had just received from George R. Parkin of London, president of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust Fund. Mr. Lyons is the first of the American Rhodes scholars to receive this high honor. Lyons graduated from the university in the class of 1910, and was considered one of the brightest men in his class.

Elk Increase in Yakima.
 The herd of 48 elk, brought to Yakima county last fall from the Yellowstone Park and turned loose high in the Naches Valley, has increased 60 or 70 per cent, according to reports from rangers in the foothills. W. L. Stevens of the Buckeye ranch while hunting horses Saturday saw about 40 elk, of which 16 were calves. The animals were in excellent condition and quite tame. Three bulls and 45 cows were in the lot brought from Montana. The elk will be protected until 1925 and it is expected the original 48 animals will have increased to 4000 or 5000 by that time.

Grain Shipping Record.
 All records for the largest shipment of grain by one farmer will be broken this year if the estimates of C. S. Noble, of Noble, Alberta, prove correct. Mr. Noble has notified the Canadian Pacific railway that he will have 350,000 bushels of grain, chiefly barley and oats, ready for shipment yet shortly.

A prairie schooner, transporting to Southern Oregon a colored man and his family, passed through Athena Wednesday morning. The outfit started from South Dakota.

One Kind of Fame.
 Authorities who have in charge some of England's ancient treasures try to discourage the habit of carving initials on these relics. A fine of \$15 was recently imposed on a man who had chipped his name in letters six inches high on one of the stones in the "Druids' Circle" near Keswick. Close to the giant stone globe at Swanage a special slab is provided for the harmless reception of the names of all who are addicted to this self advertisement. On popular Alpine summits it is customary for names to be left on cards in emptied wine bottles.

Varying the Old Story.
 "I had him right up to the side of the boat—a beauty—the biggest one I ever hooked—was just getting my landing net under him—he gave a flop, and"—
 "Yes. I know the rest. He gave a flop—broke his hold—and away he went, and"—
 "He gave a flop—cleared the landing net—and landed plumb in the boat."—Browning's Magazine.

No Encouragement.
 "Gerald, have I ever given you reason to think I would marry you?"
 "No, Gwendolen; you never have, and if you don't want me to bother you any more I won't. Just give me my regular good night kiss and I'll go."—Chicago Tribune.

Inquisitive.
 "Well—I declare! That woman asks out everything I never knew any one so inquisitive. Belle—That's right. I believe she would even pump an organ."—Philadelphia Record.

CURIOUS ALASKAN BIRDS.
 Male Ptarmigan Woo in Two Tongues and Butly Their Mates.
 The ptarmigan an Alaskan bird, is a wonderful imitator of man. If Belmore Browne, who contributes an article on Alaskan game to Outing, is to be believed. To begin with, the author finds that the ptarmigan is a linguist of no mean ability. The male does his wooing in mixed French and English: "A pleasing side of their mating is the habit of the males of uttering their call while on the wing. They commence with a guttural cackle, which they utter faster and faster until they alight, when they end their song by repeating slowly a call that sounds like ged up, ged-up, ged-up, or parlez vous? parlez vous? parlez vous? as they strut proudly about."
 In addition to singing in two languages, the ptarmigan conducts his personal and domestic affairs in approved fashion. Could not the following observation apply to human beings as well as to this remarkable bird: "The males fight constantly, and the hens seem to enjoy these battles and sit about cackling among themselves. "But once a hen has decided on a mate she comes into her own share of troubles and is beaten and bullied by the mate she has promised to love and obey."

Inexpensive Monotony.
 "When I got the order to design a big wholesale house for a firm that has stores in six cities I was elated," said an architect. "I'll plan a building that is bound to be satisfactory," I said to myself, "and then they will give me the commission for those new stores they expect to put up in those other five cities."
 "Well, I did turn out a splendid store, a store that was admired by everybody in the wholesale trade. My patrons were pleased, too, but instead of giving me an order for those other buildings they simply used the same plans over again and built all their houses alike. That's what I call playing a low down trick on a fellow."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Psychological Moment.
 Frances is only a little girl, but she has a quick mind and the gift of language that sometimes distinguishes children who associate much with their elders. The other day Frances came home to her mother with cheeks like roses and eyes like stars.
 "Oh, mamma," she exclaimed, happily, "I've had the best luck this morning! I got downtown just at the psychological moment!"
 "Did you, dear?" was mother's pleased inquiry. "And what happened?"
 Said Frances solemnly: "I saw a parade."—Chicago Record-Herald.

His Cleverness.
 "Don't be so lazy. There's plenty of room at the top, and you're clever enough to get there."
 "But," replied the lazy genius, "think how clever it is of me to find a place at the bottom, where there isn't so much room."
 Many There Who Could Do It.
 "It is said that the devil never takes a vacation."
 "Well, if he doesn't it isn't because he can't find anybody to run the place in his absence."—Judge.

He who follows two hares is sure to catch neither.

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