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How often a good illustrator has pulled a poor author into the ranks of the best sellers.

Those who labor for money know best how it is earned, and are usually best qualified to spend it.

Many a man is helped to the top of the ladder by the crowd that keeps pushing him from behind.

The cheerful one remarks that if everybody saved his cash the rest of us would have a hard time getting any to save.

Whatever the express companies may have to say in the line of defense the plea of poverty strikes the public as the least forcible.

So long as the philanthropist continues to be good after he has got it, the most of us don't consider that he was while getting it.

One of the industries in the Willamette valley which has been sadly neglected and which offers splendid remuneration for the grower is that of growing cucumbers for pickles. There are at present not enough cucumbers grown in five counties contiguous Salem to support one factory.

It is unlawful to kill or have in ones possession, dead or alive, any wild bird, (other than a game bird at the proper season) with the exception of the English or European house sparrow, crow or hawk. Violations of the law should be reported to the game warden, sheriff, deputy sheriff or any constable.

Hon. R. R. Butler, former circuit judge of this district, will be a candidate for the state senate, representing Wasco and Hood River counties. It elected, which he will be, Judge Butler will endeavor to suppress wild cat speculations in Oregon by having the Kansas blue sky law enacted. The measure was dubbed blue sky law because of the reputed ability of fake promoters to sell stock in the blue sky.

At a recent convention of bankers in Oklahoma an address was made by a delegate from Kansas on what Kaffir corn has done financially for his section. He said this plant of comparatively recent introduction had lifted the farmers in his region from poverty to remarkable prosperity, and that tillers of the soil with the aid of this new advantage had more money on deposit than any other former time.

The independent farmer is the one who has something to sell every time he goes to town. In furnishing such material the dairy stands first with perhaps the poultry as a close second. At any rate, the dairy can be depended upon to supply a means for ready money at all seasons of the year and in larger volume than most of the side lines. Pork and mutton in season beat the canned goods make shift.

SOME PERTINENT QUERIES.

When the tariff was under consideration, in the hands of Aldrich and Payne, reports have it that Mr. Bourne was so busy playing golf in Maryland that he really could not keep tabs for the interests of Oregon; that anyway he was always right if he voted as Aldrich told him to do.

To consider the criticism further where was Mr. Bourne when the money was being apportioned to the states for the different irrigation projects? His platform says more irrigation money for Oregon; but we once had a law of congress that gave Oregon its rightful share of that fund without fighting for an increase. That was changed; what reports we have seen concerning the amendment shows no vote by Mr. Bourne on the matter. Probably he was attending to his duties as president of his clothing mill in Rhode Island; forgetful of the salary paid him to watch out for the interests of the people of Oregon.

Since the strike of the mill hands at Lawrence, Mass., began we have curiously wondered what interest Senator Bourne had in this large mill owned by the clothing trust; or whether his clothing mill manufactures another kind of goods and is operated by a different sort of trust.

At Lawrence the mill company charges little children 5 cents each per week to pay for drinking water; the wages of a man, his wife and two children, was only \$9 a week—four people—and he was getting good wages, said the mill company, while they made a profit of 16 million dollars because of the tariff which Aldrich put through and which Mr. Bourne voted for because Aldrich told him it was all right.

Was it all right? Does your clothes cost less?

Every farm should have its horseradish bed; it is a big asset at the family table, and is a source of profit to the farm. The call for horseradish has been stimulated during recent years in Oregon by the great amount that is being put up in bottles. This demand comes from as far away as southern California and even British Columbia. The demand in the Portland market has not been supplied for several years; there is always a greater call than growers are able to take care of. Several men have become wealthy as growers of horseradish during recent years because the price is generally a favorable one and the trade always better than dealers can take care of; as a rule buyers pay 6½¢ a pound in big lots.

Mature sows can be kept breeding raising two litters annually, and can be carried from year to year after weaning their litters, quite cheaply, with little or no grain after the spring litter comes, if they can have fresh grass or other succulent feed. We should learn to produce as much of the feed as possible ourselves.

Arbor day comes this year April 12th. Supt. Alderman is arranging a pamphlet for the benefit of the school children for that day; and in addition to the regular pamphlet a chapter will be inserted on birds and the manner in which birds protect the forest and trees.

The sooner a hog is sold after he has reached 200 pounds, the more profit he will make for his feeder. This is the conclusion arrived at as the result of an extended investigation at one of the leading western experiment stations.

Spring has come to spend three months with us. She has sent forerunners in occasional spring-like days the last month. Now she herself is here—somewhat cool and fickle and finical to be sure, but herself and here to stay.

The 1912 mohair market has a 30 cent look to most goat producers. Perhaps the owners of Angoras may become bullish and change conditions; they should have the highest price possible for their fleeces.

Speaking of tricks of the memory in connection with the personal identity Sydney Smith once forgot his own name when he presented himself at the door as a visitor.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OREGON

One of the few great opportunities that occasionally come to an individual or community is at hand this year for the advancement of the state of Oregon by the nomination and election of Ben Selling United States senator.

Not everyone appreciates the cumulative energy of a personality like Mr. Selling; transferred from an active business career into a legislator for the people of Oregon as a whole.

With the election of Mr. Selling to the United States senate, he has said, not as a pledge, but as a demonstrated fact, that no one can serve two interests; that he would proceed to close his business affairs so that he could devote all his time to the interests of this state.

This means that he will not be like Senator Bourne who has been reported so busy with presumably his clothing mill interests in the east that he can only spare a few hours each year to visit Oregon and ascertain first hand the needs of the state.

SHERMAN COUNTY BETTER MENT

Farmers Meet at Moro to Consider Better Farm Methods.

C. L. Smith, O-W-R & N Ry agriculturalist, was in Moro by invitation March 8-9-10. The afternoon of the 9th was given over to a meeting in Rudolf opera house. A delegation of fifteen headed by Col. C. A. Buckley and Fred Krusow being present from Grass Valley.

Mr. Smith at the beginning of his speech wanted it known that he was by training a plain farmer, not an expert, or professor, or college graduate, but that his knowledge was gained by observation and experience of a large number of years.

He said the railroad company did not employ him for any sentimental reason but strictly as a matter of business; to help any farmer who wished to better his condition and increase the product of his farm; thereby giving them more freight to haul.

Mr. Smith said he himself had farmed worse land than Sherman county; lighter soil and less rain fall, and got good crops. He told how he did it. 1st, roll the stubble as soon after harvest as possible with such a machine as a Brillen, Durham or Newton; then disc by setting the disc to cut straight; in the fall, if very weedy, harrow; in the spring harrow to warm the soil and sprout weeds; then straight disc and harrow; plow as late as possible and not loose too much moisture. Average temperature of 60 to 70 degrees is best; follow the same day you plow with a straight disc carrying at least 1000 pounds to settle the underground.

The idea was to break the stubble while brittle; then it would turn under thoroughly; the last discing is to break up the air space under the top.

Mr. Smith said that in Sherman county the average farmer was not doing as well as the best farmer because too much credit was given to fool luck instead of ordinary business sense applied to farming and also not giving credit to those who were doing better than the average for having better farm methods.

Regarding summerfallowing he said he had followed that system to kill weeds, and it failed; the fields were weedier each year; to conserve moisture, and the land was more dry each year; to rest the land, and crops show it got rest regardless; and also because the other fellow did that way.

Now the proposition was to do more work on less land and do it at proper season.

In conclusion the speaker said any one was a fool to contract summerfallow at \$2 and less and expect better than a third of a crop. That is one thing that is at fault for a considerable part of our trouble in this county. A farmer is tied up in his lease to take \$1.25 for summerfallow and the land lord is surprised and pained when he gets a \$1.25 return on the work performed.

Mr. Smith also said that the pig, the cow, and chickens were three money producers for any farm. Easy to maintain and costing but little time and less money when attention is given them along with the other farm work.

Dates to be Remembered.

April 4th. Last day for candidates to file nominating petitions.
April 9th. Registration closes.
April 19th. Primary election, at which election parties will nominate the candidates for their ticket and in addition will express their choice for president and vice president, and elect ten delegates to each national party convention.
April 29th. Registration re-opens.

May 15th. Registration closes for last time.

November 5th. General election. At which time will be elected president, vice president, one United States senator, three congressmen for Oregon, secretary of state, justice of supreme court, dairy and food commissioner, railroad commissioner, district attorney, state senator, two state representatives, water commissioner, county judge, county commissioner, sheriff, clerk, treasurer, assessor, coroner, surveyor, one precinct committeeman, justice of the peace, constable.

Dates of Pacific Northwest Fairs.

Following is a schedule of some of the leading fairs and race meets in the Pacific Northwest during the coming season:

Livestock show, Union Stock Yards, Portland, Or. Mar. 18-20.
Vancouver, B. C. August 11-17.
Seattle, Wash. August 19-24.
Portland, Or. August 26-31.
Salem, Or. State Fair, Sept. 2-7.
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Walla Walla, Wash. Sept. 16-21.
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