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In his lecture Edward Payson Weston, the traveler, tells his audiences that it is possible to walk off any trouble. Will walking become now the popular fad?

Now is the time to set afoot a move to dispossess cringing, plotting, conniving, malicious mafletors, of their unearned land holdings within the state of Oregon, and clean the fossilites off the wheels of progress.

The only manly cure for dispondency is the exercise of a little will power. You may be down, way down in your luck, but no one is ever too old or too poor, either in health or purse to try harder than he did the last time.

After looting a house in Chicago the other night, burglars started up an automatic piano in the place and made their escape, which again shows that the Chicago burglars are of the most cruel and heartless variety.

Sherman county is credited by leading grain dealers with a per capita income for the year 1907 of one thousand dollars. So far as we can learn this is the heaviest average that has been reached by any agricultural county.

If the people outside could be brought to realize the wealth of this county, Sherman would immediately enter upon an era of prosperity hitherto only dreamed of by her contented citizens. When we were having "hard times" the per capita income for the county was far above the average.

The per capita income for Sherman county is about ten times as great as the average for the United States. With diversified and intensive farming our soil could be made to produce double the amount of wealth it now yields. Come all ye that labor and are heavy laden and you shall find wealth.

As yet the city council has been unable to find an efficient business man who is willing to fill the remaining vacancy in that body. It is not for want of material. No other community has more public spirited, able business men than this. But that fact does not help the council so long as none of them will serve. The people themselves are partly to blame for this condition. It is easy to find fault with the council and people forget—the same people who refuse to serve—that these men are giving their time to the city without remuneration, that they expect the chronic growers to find fault with them, but realize that the duty must fall to some one and so respond to the call of the people. The pity it is that there are not more men who have sufficient interest in the community at large to serve on the city council.

FARMERS OF COUNTY ASK SQUARE DEAL

Want no More of One-sided Contracts Offered By Land Hogs

The principle involved by the controversy between a large number of Sherman county farmers and the company leasing to them the E. O. L. Company's land is, whether the farmers will agree to unfair contracts now offered by the company or stand on their honor as free men and unitedly demand a square deal at the hands of the land owners. A number of the renters have declared their intentions to have nothing to do with the land if more satisfactory terms are not offered than those at present in vogue. Others have already refused to sign new and more avaricious leases. If a vain hope for personal gain leads part of the farmers to

make the agreement proposed by the company the latter will win their point; if they stand together and demand justice the farmers will win.

The same method which is now being pursued has been the steady course of the land owners for years. In the first place the old Military Road Land Company procured their holdings fraudulently. The land was turned over to the state as payment for the alleged building of a military road from The Dalles to a point on the Idaho line. The road was never servicable. The present holders, the Eastern Oregon Land Company, are "innocent purchasers," having bought the land from the former possessors for \$1.25 per acre. When the land was first tilled in this county the rent demanded was one-fourth of the crop. Then prices were low and crops were light so the farmer could only come out even if he retained three fourths of the product of his labor. By the gradual introduction of more efficient methods of tilling the soil and by greater frugality and industry on the part of the farmer the yield per acre has been greatly increased. At the same time prices paid for wheat have advanced. Today the old rental of one-fourth the crop would bring the owners of the land one hundred and fifty per cent larger income on their investment than they were able to obtain fifteen years ago when the sod was first broken. With the years since the grant was made in 1864 the country has been settled up, the soil has been improved, railroads have been built to market, farming has been raised to a science, and consequently, the price of real estate has advanced. It is proper, therefore, and just, that this military road land should return its owners a larger revenue than it did formerly. They should have one-fourth of a good crop at high prices as well as one-fourth of the poor crops at low prices. They are entitled to no more, they should receive no more.

This is not a matter of sentiment but a business proposition. Weakness on the part of the farmer at this time will deprive them of future profit from the land which it is their natural right to lease and till. Firmness will insure their retention of this right. It will unite them for a legal or political battle and insure their ultimate success. The company now demands two-fifths of the crop raised. If a half million dollars worth of wheat is produced on this land the owners want two hundred thousand dollars for their share. In addition, the demand that the farmer bear all of the expense, even requiring that he pay for the feed used in harvesting the crop. This is a demand hitherto not made by any renter and would seem almost intolerable. They maintain two or three men in this county, otherwise they spend scarcely a dollar here. For this reason they stand alone. Their financial interests are as foreign to those of the local bankers or merchants as they are to those of the farmer. They have never been of any material benefit to the country. The leases under which their land has been farmed have always been framed entirely by themselves—a one-sided contract.

Other contracts are mutual agreements. Where equals treat with equals the demands of both parties are blended and a just contract is the result. Men have been oppressed before. The cowards have submitted, the courageous have resisted and become heroes. And as long as the sun shall shine, the indifferent, the weak, the careless, will be oppressed, but the thoughtful, the determined, the preserving, shall be the reapers of victory.

Portland Correspondence

The second session of the Trans-Missouri Dry Farming Congress is to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 22nd to 26th. The proceedings of the congress are of especial importance to a vast area of Oregon and Washington, and every commercial body in the two states is asked to appoint at least one delegate. The whole territory east of the Cascades should be represented and both Governor Chamberlain and Governor Mead are anxious that large

delegations should be present at the convention. The executive committee from the Pacific Northwest are Hon. W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College, and Hon. R. G. McCrosky of Washington. President Fisher Harris of the organization requests that delegations be appointed and names sent to him at once at Salt Lake City.

Hon. Ed. E. Webster, chief of the Dairy Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, has notified W. L. Crissey, Secretary of the Oregon State Dairy Association, that he will arrange to have one or government representatives in attendance upon the state dairy meetings of both Oregon and Washington during the present year 1908. December 10th and 11th have already been chosen as the date of the Oregon meeting.

The immigration to Oregon and Washington this year ought to be double that of last. In no other two states has every character of crop yielded so enormously and commanded such high price. People in the older communities are disposed to move, and the Pacific Northwest should get more than its proportion of new citizens. But to accomplish this all commercial bodies must work in harmony and individuals must participate through private correspondence, which is the strongest influence of all.

The people of Eugene and Lane county are beginning a campaign in behalf of the appropriation for the University of Oregon, in which they are meeting with the heaviest support and co-operation from all portions of the state. The horticulturists of Lane county have just passed a resolution in which they urge the people of the state to study the question impartially, and then act for her best educational interests in casting their votes at the June election.

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Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County.
In the matter of the Estate of William R. Fowler, Deceased.

To All Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the above entitled court administrator of the estate of William R. Fowler, deceased, and all persons having claims against said deceased, or his estate, are hereby required to present the same, duly verified with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the law office of J. C. Bright in Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated at Wasco, Oregon, this 27th day of December, A. D. 1907.
51jy24 J. S. FOWLER, Administrator.

Notice of Administrator's Sale.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE of Oregon for Sherman County.
In the matter of the Estate of Margaretta J. Lamborn, Deceased.

To Jerome Madden, and to Mrs. Luell Lamborn, widow; Mrs. Melva Royce, Wilda Lamborn and Willie Lamborn, heirs-at-law of John Elwood Lamborn, deceased, and to all other heirs of Margaretta J. Lamborn and to all heirs and interested parties unknown, and to each and all of you, greeting:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you, each and all of you, are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Sherman, at the court room thereof, in the court house at Moro, in said county and state, on Monday, the 31 day of February, A. D. 1908, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, then and there to show cause, if any there be, why the petition of Frank S. Lamborn, the administrator of said estate, for an order of sale of the real property thereof should not be granted and an order of sale, as prayed for, granted by this court authorizing and directing him, the said Frank S. Lamborn, to sell the said real property, described as follows, to-wit: the northeast quarter of section twenty-one (21), in township one (1) north, range seventeen (17), east of the Willamette meridian, containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres, more or less, according to government survey, at private sale, in the manner provided by law, upon the following terms, viz: not less than one-half of the purchase price to be paid in cash and term of credit not exceeding one year to be allowed in the discretion of the administrator, purchaser to execute and deliver promissory note and mortgage of approval form, such mortgage to be the first lien upon said premises for the deferred payment, and which said payment shall bear interest at not less than 8 per cent per annum.

Witness, the Hon. Geo. Bourhill, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Sherman, with the seal of said court affixed this 30th day of December, A. D. 1907.
U. S. McDANIEL, Clerk.

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Come in and bring in what you have to sell. If you have nothing to sell, come and see if you can't find something that you want to buy. If you do not want to buy or sell, come and mix with the people that do buy and sell and keep posted on prices.

The object of this sale is to get buyers and sellers together. Bring what you have to sell or trade to the Phalemont Barn and you will find plenty of others there.

There will probably be an auction sale in the afternoon, and if you wish you can place all you have to dispose of at auction at a small cost. O. H. Rich will be there to do the auction work.

Wasco intends to have a Market Day every month. This will interest the farmers more than anything else.

This is a new thing here, but it has been in practice in many states and in England for years. They have a Market Day in all towns of any importance at least once a month. Come in and give this scheme a fair trial.

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