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The world is but an experiment station. Perhaps the future will be the reality.

A Missouri editor, who is a prospective candidate for congress, has filed suit against the Woodman Lodge for $10,000 for alleged injuries received while "riding the goat." The editor probably needs campaign funds.

President William P. Stark and three members of the Missouri State Board of Horticulture will spend two entire weeks in Oregon before they complete their tour of the State. The name of Stark is well known to every fruit grower in America, and the good opinion of these gentlemen is worth much to the state.

Clackamas county is turning out a good crop of teachers this year, eighty-seven applicants having appeared before the board of examiners. According to State Superintendent Ackerman, the average salary paid male teachers in Oregon is $65 per month, while the lady teachers receive a salary of $50 per month.

A fuller, sweeter melody
The meadow lark doth pipe,
When the prunes are turuing purple,
And the hops are getting ripe,

Note:- Just as we started to write a poem, of which the above is a fragment, the office devil began twisting the office cat's tail, and when we had succeeded in quelling the disturbance the muse had left us, so the loss falls on our readers.

Owners of famous horses, as well as breeders of fancy stock, are coming to Portland daily from all parts of the country to see the marvelous grounds and track of the Portland Country Club & Live stock association. The show will open September 21st and continue a week. Track and barns will be entirely completed by the opening day. No matter how much visitors may expect, they will not be disappointed, for the whole situation is ideal.

The night riders of Kentucky have precipitated an internal strife that amounts almost to civil warfare. The situation has become so acute that Governor Willson has been compelled to pardon men, charged with killing the marauders, without trial. Before Daniel Boone pushed over the Alleghanies and founded the first white settlement in what is now the Blue grass State, Kentucky was known as "the dark and bloody ground", and she bids fair to maintain her prehistoric reputation.

We are in receipt of the annual catalogue of the Oregon Agricultural College, and it is a pleasure to note the rapid strides of progress being made by the institution. Plans have been made for the extension of the various phases of industrial work in agriculture, horticulture, household science and arts, and commerce. The College now offers an excellent opportunity for the young men and young women of Oregon to receive a thorough and scientific training along these lines. Full information will be supplied anyone by addressing the president or secretary.

We had the pleasure last week of hearing the Honorable Alton B. Parker, democratic nominee for president in 1904, deliver his views on the issues of the day. He advocates the repeal of the tariff, publicity of campaign contributions, application of the anti-trust law, establishment of government savings banks, and some other things. He wants Bryan elected, and the trusts "busted". In view of the fact that Judge Parker is receiving $50,000 a year as a corporation attorney we cannot see how he can consistently work to put himself out of a job.

### Guaranteeing Bank Deposits.

Postmaster-General Meyer endeavors to advance reasons against the guarantee of bank deposits on the ground that it would lead the dishonest banker into juggling with public confidence, securing enormous deposits by offering 6 per cent on time certificates, and then absconding with the cash. A ten year old schoolboy with a normally developed brain would not advance such an argument. The demand of depositors that they shall be able to get their money from the banks is as just as the demand of the bankers that they shall get the money, or its equivilant, loaned out on securities. The banker demands that his money shall be protected by real property; the depositor should demand that his money in the bank shall be protected by a guarantee fund, the creation of which will not work a hardship upon any bank.

Mr. Meyer says:

"The guaranteeing of deposits by all National banks would mean nothing less than that the conservative and honestly managed banks would have to pay the debts of banks which have been badly and dishonestly managed. Under this system there would be nothing to prevent a not over-scrupulous banking officer in the competition of securing deposits by going to depositors and offering them six per cent for their deposits, claiming that they had no risks, as deposits are guaranteed. The bank, in turn, would have to make investments which would involve great risks in order to make any money.

"If successful this would tend to increase speculation, which is one of the evils of the present day, with the wild cat schemes and high finance that have been so much in evidence the past year."

Mr. Meyer proposes no remedy for the protection of the wage earner againt these "not over-scrupulous" bank officials. He is anxious, however, to protect "the honest banker" against the wild catter. He says in substance, let the depositor look out for himself, but protect the banker.

It is the people's money the banks are using to do business on. Why should not the bankers be willing to guarantee their depositors the same protection that they themselves demand? Why does Mr. Meyer fear the loss of the banker while he says nothing concerning the loss of the depositor?

A few huudred years ago our forefathers believed in the divine right of kings. They did not dream that they themselves had any rights, but with advanced thought and intelligence and an awakening public conscience, men are learning that one man or set of men have no more rights than another. This is the only true republican doctrine, and those who advocate any other doctrine do not represent the ideals of government bequeathed to us by the founders of the Republic.

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Mrs. Peter Cooper Haines, has turned against her husband for killing Editor Annis, whom Haines accused of stealing Mrs. Haines' affections. Any man who has a wife whose affections can be "stolen" is a fool to kill any man for "stealing" them. If he is afraid someone will steal his wife or her affections he might adopt the plan of a man we knew in Texas. He built a high fence around his house, and every time he went away and left his wife at home he chained the front gate securely, locked it with a padlock, and put the key in his pocket. When he got back home wify was there, and the iron fence was so high that no one could get over it without using two ladders, which was not likely. There are various ways of keeping a woman and her affections from being stolen, and this was one practical way that has come under our observation, And we believe it is better to use a chain and a padlock than a gun.

As a result of the conference held between Gov. Chamberlain and E. H. Harriman at Felican Lodge last week announcement has been made by the Governor that a railroad will be built into Central Oregon at the earliest possible date. This will open up to settlement hundreds of thousands of acres of fertile land and more than double the population within the next ten years. The greater part of the country to be penetrated is composed of arid lands, tributary to water, and can be put under irrigation. An irrigated country with a mild climate is one of the most pleasant countries to live in, because of the continual sunshine and the absence of long and frequent rains. Every species of agricultural product grows abundantly in this favored country, fruits of the most delicious quality reach the highest degree of perfection and Nature, aided by science, does her perfect work. News of this new development will be hailed with delight by all Oregon.


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