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He told his 12-year-old son to milk the cows, feed the horses, slop the pigs, hunt up the eggs, feed the calves, catch the colt and put him in the stable, cut the wood, split the kindlings, cream, pump fresh water, amery after supper, and study his lessons before going to bed. Then he called the farmers club to discuss the question "How to keep on the farm."

Let that your neighbor differs from you be just as honest as you, that the country where freedom is one of the broad foundations of our government, and would be an end of that form of government without it, tolerant, therefore, or rather not tolerant but rational, patriotic and good natured. Stand by your convictions and let your neighbor stand by his if so disposed. Keep cool. Argue politics if you will, but do it calmly and reasonably, and bear this fact always in mind, that just as you have made up your mind unalterably as to the way in which you will vote, ninety-nine hundredths of the voting population has done the same thing.

In Albany the tax rate will be 29 mills. It beats all how the tax rate will climb up in a progressive town. If the people of Albany would investigate the subject of taxation they would find that the tax rate does not crawl up because of public needs and improvements, but because under present law the assessing authorities permit assessed values to remain stationary, or nearly so, while actual values go up enormously. In Albany it would be easy to find land values in the business part of the city escaping its just proportion of the public burdens to more than reduce the levy 50 per cent. The kickers at high taxes do not compare the rolls of the assessor with the price lists of the real estate agents. If they did there would be something doing.

The man who edits the average country newspaper cannot well avoid treading on somebody's toes continually; must expect to be censured often for unintentional failures; must expect hard work and little thanks; must expect

to be called a coward because he does not "pitch into" everything that somebody thinks is wrong, and a fool if he speaks out too plainly on public evils; he must expect to grind other people's axes and turn the grindstone himself. Still we think it is one of the noblest professions on earth; the one in which the earnest man can do the most good to his fellow men, and in which an honorable man can wield much power for good.

A couple of weeks ago a cranky sort of an old man came into our office and stopped his paper because something in it did not just suit his fancy. We have frequently met him on the street since then and it is amusing to note the look of surprise on the old fellow's face that we are still in existence regardless of the fact that he stopped his paper. Some day, and it won't be long either, that old gentleman will turn up his toes. His heart will be stilled forever. Neighbors and friends will follow his lifeless clay to the silent city and lay them to rest among the flowers. An obituary will be published in these columns telling what a kind father, a good neighbor and beloved citizen he was—which the recording angel will overlook for charity's sake, and in a very short time he will be forgotten. As he lies out there in the cold, cold graveyard wrapped in the silent slumber of death, he will never know that the last kind word spoken of him was by the editor of that paper which in life he so spitefully "stopped." Did you ever stop to think that your editor, whoever he may be will probably write your obituary some day.

LETTERS FROM OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

Santiam Farm Topics
(Omitted last week.)

Jackson Griffin of B. C. is here on a visit with his mother, Mrs. S. W. Gaines, and also to visit with brothers, sisters and old time friends as he was a resident of Scio in his boyhood.

Stanton Laury of Miles City, Mont. is here on a visit with his old friends, Isaac and John Crabtree who recently moved down from there.

Ernest Long was here during the last week gathering up a bunch of beef cattle for his shop in Salem, paying fancy prices for the same.

Scott Turner is still pursuing his regular occupation, trapping those striped cats that are so numerous in our woods for the pelts and perfume. He is quite liberal with the perfume as he keeps the neighbors well supplied free of charge.

Old Crabtree creek has had her Sunday suit on for several days owing to our long rains and warm temperature, 55 to 60 deg. which is unusual for January.

Roe Shelton has bargained his farm off at last as he was anxious to sell on account of poor health, but it seems the buyer crawfish-ed him.

The Pie Eater was in Scio Saturday of last week for the first time in two months and attended the Fair meeting, which he great-

ly enjoyed after being housed up for so long.

The high water has filled our road to the Crabtree bridge so it is impassable and has also undermined the pier on the south side so the bridge has settled about six inches on one corner, making it dangerous for traffic.

S. W. G. is now able to be out but not to do more than attend to his chores, after being laid by two months for repairs.
PIE EATER.

School Notes

Were you exempt?

Today and tomorrow are examination days.

Pupils having no unexcused absence or tardiness against them and whose deportment is 90 per cent or more are exempted from taking the quarter's examination in as many subjects as their class standing is 90 per cent or more.

The entertainment given by Mr. Kirk last Monday evening was the last of the series which Supt. Gooding had arranged for earlier in the year.

A financial statement of the proceeds and expenditures of funds raised by the series of school entertainments will be published next week.

The fourth and fifth grades earned a quarter holiday which was given them on Wednesday after recess.

Beautifulizing the City. "Mister" inquired Dusty Rhodes, "would you contribute a dollar to help beautify your thriving city?" "What's the idea?" "A dollar will buy me a ticket to the next town."—Kansas City Journal.

Took Her Order.
Frank A. Munsey, the newspaper and magazine publisher, frequently visits his big plants, exhibiting particular concern that the furniture in the buildings shall be kept in good and neat condition. One morning as he was leaving an office in which a girl was working he stopped at her desk and put his finger on an ink stain on the wood. "That won't do at all," he said. "Tell the janitor to wash that off right away."
As he went toward the door the young woman said calmly: "You're going out in the hall. Tell him yourself."
The big publisher stopped, gulped—and then went after the janitor.—New York Tribune.

Easier to Carry.
There was an old Scotchman in Glasgow who was moving from one house to another on the same street. Being of an economical turn of mind, he had moved his bits of furniture on the wheelbarrow himself. The last thing left for him to carry was one of those



"BUY YERSEL' A WATCH."
old grandfather's clock. It was rather heavy and awkward to handle. As he toddled up the street to his new home with grandfather's clock over his shoulder he met a friendly Scot who had been imbibing. "Tak ma' advice," said the intemperate one, "buy yersel' a watch."

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