

LETTERS FROM OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENTS

LACOMB NEWS ITEMS

Mrs E P Clark is visiting at G W Soule's.

Mrs W L Burton visited her sister, Mrs Custer Ray at Crabtree last week.

The Mesdames Yeoman and Johnson have both been in Lebanon the past week for medical attention.

Miss Pearl Waddle came up Friday for a short visit with relatives.

The last of the silos in this neighborhood are now filled.

H C Pyle had the misfortune to get one of his thumbs against a planer bit losing most of the first joint of the digit.

A number of the relatives from this way attended the funeral of Mrs Clement Turnidge Friday.

Clarence McClintie has rented the place just vacated by George Jadwin and has taken possession.

The new Union hall is fast taking on the appearance of a hall and gives promise of a building we can all be proud of.

Bert Cather helped Henry Nolan last week in building his "new house." HS expects to move his "old hen" into it soon.

M W Yeoman has had the old Green Mt. school house moved to the site of his residence which burned last summer, and will fix it up to live in this winter. The school district has had the High School building moved to a new site on Mr Yeoman's west line, to be used for district school purposes.

Is there not something wrong with the Oregon school system that fixes the minimum term for high school at eight months and for district schools at six months? Some districts are giving the largest part of their school children only six months schooling that the few may have eight. Would it not be better if they were reversed?

SANTIAM FARM TOPICS

George Bilyeu and wife who are at the hot springs, will return home as soon as their grub fails, as there are only 10 people there now.

Mr and Mrs Kalina were up Sunday looking over their new home as Mrs Kalina had never been over the place. She seems highly elated over it.

David Horsburgh is hauling large stones and filling in the bend in the creek near the bridge to save it as well as the county road. This is a bad place and the County ought to join in and help complete the job before the high waters.

Mrs M C Gaines, who is making regular trips to Albany to be treated by a rubbing doctor, does not seem to be improving.

School No. 77 seems to be progressing fine with Prof Lytle in the chair and a roll of 19 scholars.

Henry Ray who has been in poor health for a long time now seems to be on the road to recovery.

Our Farmers Union is progressing fine as they have made up two large orders for flour, several barrels of coal oil, a large order of shoes and will soon have an order for another 100 sacks of sugar, which is going some. They have come to stay.

Hunting now seems to be all the rage as a China darning either light or fly as there is some one ready to bring him down. I hope they will soon finish them up so as to stop the experiment and save so many shots being fired among stock, which is sure to hit somewhere.

Farmers are tearing a bone out now getting their work and chores all rounded up while this fine weather is paying us back for our rainy spring which lasted until the 4th of July.

The old one eyed Pie Eater has in his usual amount of vetch 25 acres, and his big ditch all cleaned out to drain his farm, so he will be in the swim next fall for vetch seed as he now runs his own little ranch.

PIE EATER.

DETECTING A FORGERY.

Each Person Has His Own Pen Scope, and That Guides the Expert.

It is a very clever forger who can deceive the up to date expert in chirography. Many experts base their investigations of possible forgery on the belief that every one has a pen scope, just as they have a special finger print. This technical term describes the average stretch of paper that one may cover without lifting the pen off the paper and shifting the hand to continue the line.

It is a peculiarity of handwriting that in a written letter, for instance, the pen scope throughout may show an average stretch of one inch for the text of the letter, while in the signature, if the whole length of the name, twice as long may be covered. If the writer covers the full stretch of his name in this way the expert may prove by the shorter pen scope of the copyist that the studied copy is a forgery. On its face, therefore, however free of stroke a forger may naturally be, his effort to produce a facsimile of another signature will render his scope shorter than that of the original signer.

A common means of reproducing a signature is to place the original on a piece of glass, lay another piece of glass on top of it and fasten the paper that is to receive the forgery on top of that. Then by holding the glass strips to a bright light the original signature casts a shadow through, and this may be traced in pencil, from which an ink forgery is made.

Such a forgery, however, is easy to detect by an expert. If the original has a strong down stroke on the capital letters the movement will be free and will leave the pen lines with smooth edges. The individual who has traced such letters cannot trust himself to the same free movement of the pen, and the result shows under the glass hesitancy and uncertainty.—Pearson's Weekly.

No Escape.

Some time ago an esteemed citizen was rambling along the boulevard when he was approached by an enterprising young man who was selling flowers.

"Here you are, sir!" cried the salesman, extending a bouquet. "Buy some beautiful flowers for your sweetheart?"

"Nothing doing," responded the esteemed citizen. "I haven't got a sweetheart."

"I see," was the prompt rejoinder of the salesman. "Buy the flowers for your wife."

"Wrong again," came back the other. "I am not married."

"Fine!" exclaimed the resourceful salesman. "Buy the bouquet to celebrate your luck."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

OTTO KAHN,
On Financing Farm Loans.



Every citizen who desires to become capable in business should study banking, and every farmer who wants to see the business of agriculture properly financed should study diligently the financial systems of other industries. All other lines of industry have developed financial facilities adapted to their needs. We have all sorts of financial syndicates authorized by law or custom to deal in a certain line of securities, but in none of these financial channels will farm securities travel without a bonus in the way of an excessive rate of interest or heavy discounts.

The most powerful financial institutions in America are private banks, and they are the most important to the financial life of industry. In no line of business does honesty, efficiency and stability make more imperative demands than upon private bankers, whose greatest asset is the confidence of the buying public in his business judgment and integrity. Mr. Otto Kahn of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, when asked to state the relation of the private banker to the business of the nation, said in part:

"One of the most important functions of the private banker is to be the instrument for providing the money needed for the efficient conduct and development of railroads and other industries. He does this by buying securities in bulk from those needing capital, for which purpose he usually associates himself with a large number of other financial houses, great and small, thus forming what is called a syndicate. Having in this way concluded the buying transaction, he offers to the public the securities purchased by means of advertising, circularizing and through the facilities of the retail houses, included in the syndicate, many of whom employ traveling salesmen. Of course, the banker and the syndicate count on a reasonable profit for their services; on the other hand, they run the risk of the securities, which they have definitely bought and paid for at a fixed price, remaining on their hands wholly, or in part, if the public, for one reason or another, should be unwilling to buy them. The selling of securities is a highly specialized trade, requiring much experience, organization, machinery and scrutiny. This is one of the reasons why corporations do better in offering securities to the public through bankers than if they offered them direct. The willingness of the public to buy depends upon their confidence in the integrity and the judgment of the banker who makes the offer, and a banker who attempts to mislead the public, or who is deficient in care or judgment, would very soon find himself without customers and, therefore, out of business. In many European countries, the functions of the private banker include the placing of bonds secured by farm mortgages. Bonds of this nature are issued in large quantities by mortgage banks who buy mortgages on farms and other real estate and deposit them as security for their own bonds, which in their turn are sold to bankers. It is to be hoped that similar institutions will, in course of time, be created in America, thus placing the farming industry on a par with other important industries in facilities to obtain capital.

A traveler, finding that he had a couple of hours in Dublin, called a cab and told the driver to drive him around for two hours. At first all went well, but soon the driver began to whip up his horse, so that they narrowly escaped several collisions.

"What's the matter?" demanded the passenger. "Why are you driving so recklessly? I'm in no hurry."

"Ah, g'wan wid' yer," retorted the caddy. "D'ye think that I'm going to put in me whole day drivin' ye around for two hours? Git up!"—Chicago News.

Tarring and Feathering.

The first recorded instance of tarring and feathering a human being was in 1189, during the time of the crusades. In that year, the first of the reign of Richard I, a law was passed that "any robber voyaging with the crusaders shall be first shaved, then hot pitch shall be poured upon him and a cushion of leathers shook over him." After this the criminal was to be put ashore at the first landing place the ship reached.

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