

Whenever the citizens of any town have organized and gone to work good things have followed. Let the business men of Lebanon organize and go to work for new enterprises. They will march and can easily be obtained. They will make the effort. Other towns are waiting for them, and why can't we.

Control of the Oregonian Railroad Company, known better by the name of the Narrow Gauge, has been sold by the Southern Pacific, for which they paid \$1,300,000. This is a big thing for the people along that line of the railroad, as it will now be under some plan and on some time for their own. And probably go into Portland.

At parties are fashionable in Lebanon. Six girls stand in a row and a young man pays ten cents to guess as to which one it was. The guesses right he gets to kiss the girl, but if he doesn't he is on duty to kiss the one with the loudest breath. This amusement is highly popular with Nebraska folks.

There is no question but that the most effective possible agency for the development and prosperity of a city and influence of either individuals or organizations are at best spasmodic and transient, but the newspaper works on steadily and incessantly. The individual agitator reaches only a comparative limited field of opportunity—only those to whom the particular effect may be extended—but the newspaper reaches out in every direction and carries its influence to parts of unknown and unsuspected quarters of opportunities.—Ex

There are now 265 convicts in the Oregon state penitentiary. This is the largest number ever before confined there. There were, however, the same number there a few years ago. The latest arrival came this morning in the form of John McCormack, sentenced to a one year term from Coos county for larceny. The roster at this rapidly filling up institution will soon be in excess of 300, as there are a large number of criminals awaiting trial over the state. Astoria is almost certain to send fifteen prisoners within a few days. Two were sentenced yesterday from Baker City and the rolls are sure to contain more names than at any time previous in the history of the institution.—Capital Journal.

There is satisfaction in keeping accounts of the expense of any business so as to be able to judge how it can best be conducted and made to realize good results. The farmer, especially, should know what his expenses are for living and for the farm, so he can realize the most from his time and his outlay. If he sows a field of wheat, he can charge the seed and cost of putting it in and of harvesting it and know what the receipts were above expenditures. He can keep his affairs in such shape as to know the cost of every department and the income of each, the dairy, garden, field, meadow, grain field, in every thing should be kept in such shape as to afford a satisfactory idea of what was done that gave profits and what, if any, caused loss.

The newspapers of the country for the past few weeks have been called upon to convey to the world a series of disasters. The last to be recorded is the disastrous conflagration to our neighboring city Vancouver, W. T. which burnt last Saturday morning. The fire, undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, swept through the business portion of the city, causing a financial loss of about \$20,000. People were compelled to flee for their lives, not having time to save but what they had on their backs. The losses fall mainly upon the poorer class of shop keepers, who by this fire have lost their all.

We do not think that in any section of our code there is punishment sufficiently severe to act upon to any dastard who will steal upon a sleeping city in the dead hour of midnight to apply the torch. Should these hands be caught, any sympathy displayed towards them would be misplaced.

A beautiful city is now being built upon a more substantial manner than before, and no doubt will soon open a new era of prosperity.

WISDOM ABOUT BOTH SEXES.

Their Wants, Ways and Weaknesses Plainly Set Forth.

It isn't much wonder that young women palut, powder and bleach, when it is known that the average young man is more readily attracted by these tricks than by true womanly graces. This is probably not true of the wife hunter, but it certainly is of the young man who is merely desirous of being entertained.

The average young woman is fond of being told that she is good looking, that she is of good form and carriage. She takes it as a higher compliment to be considered attractive than to be regarded as sensible, intelligent and practical.

Men like to preach down extravagance, and style and dress; but the woman who bangs her hair, hides a blotch or scar under a piece of court plaster, who uses pretty gloves or stockings, trim slippers, perfumes, balms, cold creams, finger curls, and fancy notions to increase her charms, is the woman who is admired by them all. Common sense and ugliness may be morally wholesome, but they're not alluring, and art is apt to triumph over nature unadorned.

Young women may deny it, yet the fact remains that their chief object in life is to win husbands. It is their nature, and it is right. If you ask a married lady how she captured her husband she will tell you she does not know, and probably all that heaven tells is that it was her winning ways.

It is but little consequence how they were brought together so that the attraction was mutual. If it were the real man and the real woman were the attractive features it were well; but if beauty, dress or fortune attracted them, their happiness is far from being assured.

A man's heart is ensnared by a pretty hand, nice teeth, a round low voice, frank eyes, beautiful hair; by the way a girl walks, talks, rides; by her gifts, her smiles, her amiability, good taste, generosity, or the manner in which she greets, fascinates or abuses him. She may not know how she won him, but if she doesn't know how to keep him the best thing for her to do is to find out. There are many things we know by intuition; the rest have to be learned by experience. Conscious of her abilities and inabilities as a wife, a wise woman will learn to keep her husband just as she learns to keep house.

Men are susceptible; even more so than women. There is this difference: The average man inquires whether he is in condition to marry. The average woman doesn't. If the man pleases her fancy she is satisfied. She may not be able to play anything in the new drama except to hang upon his neck and coax to be petted.

Such a wife is a burden to any man. She doesn't understand him, neither does she know the chief constituents of a home.

The wife who takes an interest in her home, in her husband's affairs, and finds pleasure in contributing to his comfort and happiness is a treasure of greater value than a gold mine.

The wife who has no greater ambition than to be kept alive is a poor investment.

The average man has very little use for a smart woman. She is full of schemes, and is ambitious to shine. Her disposition is anything but domestic, and she is not the most genial companion for a man whose mind is taken up with business affairs. He doesn't care how intelligent she is, but he hasn't much use for her if she is smart.

Men like to be looked up at, dependent on, quoted and referred to. An ugly temper is a trial that few women are able to endure. The only cure is silence. You can't kiss a furious man, it only makes him worse. The thing to do is to keep still, let him cool, and let the matter drop. He will respect your sense and come to terms on his own accord.

Men must be taken as they are, not as they should be; they improve under the refining influence of mutual love, and he is a wretched specimen of humanity who cannot be counted on to shield his wife from the buffets of the world and be an anchor when beauty and youth have proved unfaithful.

To be born a woman is to be born a martyr; but the husband that is worth wedding is worth keeping; and if a little artifice, a pleasant smile, a contented heart, forbearance, devotion and tact will hold him, by all means let him be held.—Pittsburg Commercial Gazette.

HONORING HIS MOTHER.

We clip the following from a North Carolina paper:

A touching incident occurred a short time ago which brought out a little boy's deep concern for the welfare of his mother. A poor little newsboy, jumping from a city car, fell under the car and was fearfully mangled. As soon as the child could speak, he called piteously for his mother, and a messenger was sent at once to bring her to him. When the poor mother arrived, as she hung over the boy in an agony of grief, he whispered as best he could and said: "Mother, I sold four newspapers—and the money is in my pocket." With the hand of death upon the brow, the last thought of the suffering child was for his poor, hard-working mother, whose burdens he was striving to lighten when he lost his life.

An exchange asks why so many school teachers are old maids? The reason is evident; few women of good sense care to exchange a \$60 position for a \$10 man.

MONTAGUE'S COLUMN.

Montague's freight bills for the past month have been unusually heavy, owing to the large quantities of

New and Elegant Spring and Summer Goods.

Being received daily at his MAMMOTH STORE and at the One Price Cash Store controlled by C. M. Talbot as manager.

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In Montague's DRESS GOODS department will be found many new and elegant designs purchased at very low figures of one of the largest importing houses in America. The goods will be sold correspondingly low, and we respectfully invite the ladies to examine them before purchasing.

Montague has been selling a great many wedding dresses lately, and will take pleasure in furnishing complete outfits to parties contemplating house keeping.

Our CLOTHING DEPARTMENT needs but little advertising, as the goods sell themselves. We keep native Oregon manufactured clothing as well as fine lines just received from New York and Chicago. A look through our stock will convince you that we can fit you in any kind of suit you may desire at prices lower than a good many merchants can buy their goods. We have good serviceable suits at \$5.75, \$7, \$8, \$9 or \$10. These prices are 25 per cent lower than the goods are usually sold in any town in Oregon.

FOR THE BOYS.

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