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FROM AN OLDER GERMAN-AMERICAN HEAD.

A German-American citizen of the United States who has lived in this country a number of years, contributes an article addressed to German-Americans who have not lived here long and more especially to those who are inclined to forfeit their American citizenship. From it the following timely observations are taken:

"Do you remember why you left Germany? It was to escape a narrow, restricted existence under the domineering, swashbuckling rule of an oppressive military aristocracy. You were tired of being elbowed off the sidewalks by superior young beings in uniform and upturned mustaches. You were so unhappy that neither your passion for German Kultur nor the ties of blood could keep you there.

"You swore allegiance to our flag and institutions. You were warmly welcomed. You shared in our government. Your new freedom was glorious. You loved it—wallowed in it. And you prospered in it.

"And now you are preparing to smite the hand that succored you when you were starving for freedom and a fair chance in life.

"You have heard your master's voice. You have not been American citizens long enough to breed out this spirit of subservience to aristocracy and the rule of divine right.

"Get the notion out of your head that American conscience and sense of justice is in your keeping; that you alone possess the wisdom to guide our country in this crisis. Resume your allegiance to the Stars and Stripes and be quiet, for you will not be permitted to influence in the slightest degree the foreign policy of the American government."—Boise Statesman.

There is a sense in which the action of the stockholders of the Morrow County Creamery & Cold Storage Company, at their meeting on Monday, it to be regretted. The effort to get such an industry started off in this city was worthy of highest commendation, and that it has failed of its purpose at this time is a serious setback to an enterprise that ultimately means much to the people of the town and tributary territory. Why it has failed is not a question to be discussed at this time, for there are a number of causes, perhaps, contributing to this result. But it is, nevertheless, a serious blow to getting what a very great number of our people feel is a splendid enterprise for the community, and it may be a long time before the necessary enthusiasm is again aroused that will give us this industry.

But as things have transpired that make it a very uphill task for the Company to proceed along satisfactory lines, there was nothing left for it to do. It had served its purpose and it will quit with honor. Peace to its ashes.

UNDESIRABLE CITIZENS.

"Undesirable citizens of foreign birth are those who hiss the flag, despite our American institutions, remain anti-Christian, and are cruel in their domestic relations."

Such was the comprehensive definition given by the Rev. John Thompson, secretary of the Chicago City Missionary society, at the Swedish conference of the Methodist Episcopal church held in that city the other day.

"Such undesirable citizens," the speaker further said, "ought to be told that this country will treat them better than any other, will give their children better advantages, but if they do not obey our laws and uphold our institutions, will send them back to the country from which they came."

Patriotism cannot be too early instilled in the minds of the coming generation and in the public school is the place to do it.—Portland Telegram.

SELF-HELP ON ROADS.

The Blue Mountain Eagle, published at Canyon City, in Grant County—the heart of Central Oregon—is much wrought up because the Columbia River Highway is—so it says—not to be extended as a state highway through Central Oregon, but is to take the devious route through Pendleton, La Grande and Baker, in order to reach the ultimate state boundary. The Eagle calls attention to the entire feasibility and greater directness of the route up the John Day River through Wheeler, Grant and Malheur counties to Vale and Ontario, and wants to know why it is not better to save 120 miles and traverse a country that is "varied in its scenery from timbered mountains to rich and fertile valleys." The Canyon City paper also indulges in sundry admiring remarks upon the "sagebrush semi-deserts of Morrow, Union and Umatilla counties."

It appears to be expedient to say that there is no such thing in Oregon as a state highway. All roads are built by counties or road districts, and the state in certain cases gives incidental aid through its highway commission.

If the people of Central Oregon desire direct connection with the Columbia River Highway, it is up to them to father the movement to get it. There need be no antagonism between any plan to build a road from The Dalles to Pendleton, La Grande and Baker, and another road up the John Day to Malheur County. It is a big state and it must have many roads, great and small. Some day there may be a more generous scheme of state aid, and then the road through Central Oregon may get substantial help. But just now the only practicable way is for every county to build its own roads, either by itself or in conjunction with other counties.

Let Wheeler, Grant and Malheur devise a consistent and workable plan for a through road, and there will be no difficulty about getting it to the attention of the state at large.—Oregonian.

Welcome to our city.

You will be glad you came.

A look at the exhibits convinces us at once that the slogan, "Bigger and Better than Before," was a well chosen one.

In fact, from present indications, Morrow county should have no trouble in taking first prize for the Eastern division at the Oregon State Fair again this year.

And it is gratifying to note that the exhibitors of last year have come again with larger and more complete displays. The displays of individual exhibitors are becoming more numerous and of a better quality every year.

COMMANDMENT FROM MOUNTAIN TOP.

Farmers and lawyers are not supposed to have much in common, either in their habits of life, habits of work or habits of leisure. Yet it is true that farmers and lawyers are equally subject to certain broad lines of success or failure.

Knowledge and ignorance are two factors which determine largely success or failure. No one has all knowledge, nor is anyone wholly ignorant. Even the poorest farmer has accumulated a lot of knowledge about farming and the brightest farmer finds himself walled in by ignorance. The shabby lawyer also has absorbed much legal lore, while those at the top of the profession often are called upon to thank their stars that the opposing counsel or even the judge missed a point.

Then, again, the lawyer is supposed to have to do more largely with books and book knowledge. When the lawyer gets up against the jury or in the preparation of witnesses for the trial he finds the outside knowledge of men and manners quite as valuable as anything that he digs out of his library.

Likewise, the farmer is supposed to derive the larger part of his knowledge of farming from facts of soil and plants and animal life, first hand yet the successful farmer knows that book knowledge which has to do with soils and with animals and with plants and with market conditions has as much to do with his own suc-

cess as his immediate experience, plus the past experience of his fathers and the present experience of his neighbors.

It is plain that in the game of shuttcock between knowledge and ignorance the farmer and the lawyer are equally engaged and that both are subject to certain axiomatic methods of business—punctilious attendance to details, scrupulous attendance to intellectual as well as moral honesty, the spirit of neighborly service, the smile instead of the frown, and so on.

The humorist may compare the honest farmer with the honest lawyer, yet the humorist makes no head-

way against ultimate results, where-in truth counts for more than falsehood and honesty more than suspicious dealings.

A man's a man for all that, whatever his occupation, wherever he lives and to whatever race he belongs.

There are fundamentals. "Thus saith the Lord" applies to more than the ancient Hebrew. It is the commandment from the mountain top to all the world.—Spokesman-Review.

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Wm. Cronk and Frank Engleman were Heppner business visitors from Lone on Tuesday.

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