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Why should we not feel proud and gay,
With bumper crops of grain and hay?
We jump and shout with boyish glee,
When all the goodly things we see
That once was far beyond our reach,
And could not get with love or speech:
But now our wallets can unfold,
And gratify our wants with gold.
We walk the streets with vim and grace,
And look the merchant in the face.
With city folks we've made a hit,
And seems as though we're strictly it.
But listen here my farmer friend,
Some good advice I want to lend;
Because one-half the teeter-board,

On which you sit by chance has soared,
And seems to nearly reach the sky.
Don't think that all are just as high.
Remember that in nature's law,
There is no such a thing as flaw.
To raise one-half the teeter-board,
The other half by law is lowered.
And thus it is in human life,
That causes envy, grief and strife.
Although you crown the upper end,
Those down below are still your friend.
And while you gently upward go,
Accept the cause from those below.

Services At Methodist Church South.
There will be preaching services both morning and evening at the Methodist church, South next Sunday by Rev. R. H. Lewalling, the new pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock and evening service at 8 o'clock. There will be a meeting at 10 a. m. for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School.

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THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY HAS LIMITATIONS. (Spokesman-Review)

For workers in many lines an eight-hour day is a reasonable standard, and in every case where the investigated facts show that longer hours in given lines of employment are detrimental to the strength and health of men and women, public opinion has supported and will continue to support an eight hour day for such workers.

The question should be weighed in a spirit of judicial fairness, and a mere desire to establish ideal conditions should not lead organized labor or the general public into an attempt to achieve the impossible, or into the lines of action that would recoil disastrously on the very class or classes we are trying to benefit.

Most workers (using the word in its broad and truest meaning) would like an eight-hour workaday and a carefree remainder. The farmer, the dairyman, the fruitgrower, the men who cut and supply our firewood, the merchant and a host of others would be glad if economic conditions made it possible for them to succeed on an eight-hour basis. Independent workers in these and many other lines are free to adopt their own eight-hour day, and the fact that they do not stop at eight-hours' work or attention of business is proof that they are convinced that economic conditions will not yield to their wishes.

These economic conditions also govern many industries in which labor finds large employment. World competition fixes prices of their products. The workers of other countries are putting into these industries 10, 11, 12 and even 14 hours of work daily. It is a condition not pleasant to contemplate, but a condition wholly beyond our control. It is competition that we must meet or give up our foreign trade.

In many lines we can not meet that competition with an eight-hour working day. The great war in Europe makes it easier just now for the United States to meet it, but that war can not go on forever. When it ends the United States must face the fiercest competition it has ever known. The warring nations will do precisely what an individual person would do who found that misfortune had injured or destroyed his home or property. The individual would meet his misfortune by buckling down to harder effort. Labor in the warring countries will find it necessary to speed up production, to work longer hours, to accept lower wages. Germany, France, Italy, Great Britain, when peace comes, will turn resolutely to the work of repairing the waste of war by speeding up production, by selling more goods in foreign markets.

They will be our competitors, and they are going to set the pace. There will be no Alfonso and Gaston business about the coming struggle for world markets.

We must face the situation with courage and intelligence. We should not, in mere desire and misdirected pursuit of an ideal, bring disaster to American industry and labor. If we attempt the impossible, the wage-earner will be the chief sufferer. If we make the cost of manufacture excessive we shall only end in cutting off our markets; glutting our warehouses and forcing the shutting down of factories.

The piece of road commonly referred to as the Hendrick's Mill on Heppner Flat, has been greatly improved recently by strawing. This road was one of the roughest in the county before the straw was applied. Now it is a pleasure to travel over it. Jas. Gentry, working the roads for the county at this time, did the work. Cason Canyon road is very dusty at this time and if the straw could be placed thereon at once it would be a means of preventing the road cutting up badly when the big wagons with their heavy loads of wheat start hauling over it.

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Mrs. Anna Williams underwent a serious operation at the Heppner Sanatorium Saturday and her condition at the present time is announced critical. Drs. Winnard and Chick have charge of the case.