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A noted scientist in an address unwittingly broke out in the following eloquent language: "All along the untrodden paths of the past we discern the footprints of an unseen hand."—Exchange.

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TROUTDALE.

Dr. Vincent and family from St. Johns, visited in Troutdale last Sunday.

Mr. Slatter has been ill and unable to attend to his duties the past week.

Mrs. Hastings and daughters of Hillsboro, visited here last week.

Mrs. Pelton from Sellwood visited her mother, Mrs. Johnson, the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Estes of Castle Rock, Wash., are visiting at the Johnson home.

Mrs. Johnson's son from Seattle is expected home Friday to make the home folks a short visit.

Mrs. Leight had the misfortune of having her chair tip with her, thus throwing her out and causing her to receive injuries which will probably confine her to her bed for some time.

Mr. Slatter closed a deal today whereby he goes out of business and a gentleman from Eugene takes his place in the shop.

Rev. Brickley and wife were Troutdale callers.

Mrs. D. Robinson of San Francisco is here visiting her brother, A. Fox.

Geo. Richardson has returned after several months' absence.

The Mt. Hood railway, & Power company has a franchise, has erected poles and strung wires and will soon be ready to furnish both light and power to Troutdale.

Wm. Hursel had his third run-away Tuesday morning. He was thrown from his buggy and suffered a broken wrist and cuts about the head.

SECTION LINE

Walter Ruhl has left for his homestead in Eastern Oregon.

Ross Udy is to be released from the penitentiary soon upon the condition that he leave the state. He was convicted and sentenced for a term of 15 years a little over a year ago for robbery at the Seven-mile house and other places.

An inmate of the sanitarium at Russellville had escaped a few days ago and went around to several houses inquiring if "This is the moving picture show," but otherwise doing no harm.

Raspberry picking is at its fullest. Much hay that was cut before the rains is entirely spoiled, but the farmers are now rejoicing over the nice sunshine which will be welcome for a few weeks at least.

SANDY.

Misses Waunda Hoffman and Edna Walker have sold their interest in the Sandy hotel to Mr. and Mrs. Schminkey, who will conduct the hotel with Mrs. Geo. Wolfe.

W. R. Crabtree and Charles Crabtree of Portland passed through Sandy on their way to Fossil, where they will take up a homestead.

Sandy is on the boom. The first train left Bull Run Wednesday morning and the Mt. Hood will give a service of two trains a day from now, which will be a help to Sandy. We hope to have the line through here in a short time.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY NEWS.

The work of the County assessor and his deputies is about completed. It is stated that the valuation will be about the same as last year, \$24,000,000. The board of equalization will meet on the third Monday in October to hear complaints and correct errors.

Do You Know.

When is a man a thief?
When he hooks his wife's dress.
How can a man make his money go the farthest?
By giving it to the missionary society.

Why does a pig eat as he does?
To make a hog of himself.

Why was the first day of Adam's life the longest?
Because he had no Eve.

What may a man have in his pocket when he has nothing?
A hole.

What kind of a bat flies without wings?
A brickbat.

Why should the Spaniards have Admiral Dewey's picture on their postage stamps?
It would give them a chance to lick him.

Why should Ireland be the richest country in the world?
Because for many years its capital has been Dublin (dublin).

—Selected.

Esperantists of the Northwest will meet in Portland from July 19 to 21 under the auspices of the local Esperanto club. The meetings will be held in the convention hall of the Commercial club. Special entertainment will be provided while the linguists are in the city.

THE REAL SITUATION

Up-to-Date Farming of May 15 contains a number of articles which are good food for thought and will no doubt help any reader to get at the real situation in regard to the cost of living at the present time. Among others we note one on the price of coffee.

Coffee is an article of as universal use as any other product of the soil, perhaps, unless we except the crops that produce bread. It is not, however, a necessity, and the human family could live without it—possibly as well as with it. But so long as people are able to buy it they will have it unless there should come a revolution in human taste and habit.

Measured with previous years, the price of coffee is high, and it is going higher. Ask a Democratic dealer why, and he will tell you it is on account of the tariff; a Republican dealer will tell you there has been a failure in the crop. Neither is correct. There is no tariff on coffee, and there has been no shrinkage in production. Nearly two-thirds of the world's coffee is produced in Brazil, and any Brazilian grower will tell you that, for several years past there have been unnecessarily large crops of coffee in that country, amounting to a real over-production, and that the growers have been compelled to accept any price offered, prices to the growers ruling extremely low.

Why is it, then, that prices in this country are so high? A combination of capitalists, concentrated wealth, has each year for the past three or four, bought the entire crop, stored it in their warehouses on the two sides of the ocean, and have sold only when the demand would pay the price greed put upon the commodity. The surplus is held off the market as firmly as if there were no surplus, making the effect the same as if there had been a series of crop failures.

The trust, until very recently, had in storage, 6,200,000 bags of coffee. This was held until the market was considered by the profit grabbers sufficiently bare to justify a release. Consequently 1,200,000 bags were put on the market, one-half in Europe. Of course this quantity was eagerly taken at the prices named by the trust. More will be released when this is consumed, and so on; each crop being taken in as it is harvested. Of course, the trust don't want large crops, and they have warned Brazilian planters to reduce production or prices to them will still go lower. In selling, the trust can charge whatever the managers please, because they own the world's supply, and the producers must sell for whatever is offered as the trust is the only buyer.

This is very much like the tobacco situation at home, and the opening up of this country of the farm products of Canada is but paving the way for a like control of the bread and meat products. So long as the trade of Canada and the United States was separate, prices could not be forced low enough to justify an attempt to buy up and hold the total output. Flood our wheat and other farm crop markets with the products of Canada, producing the same effect as Brazil's excessive coffee crops, and the speculative syndicates will quickly get in their work.

This problem is not only up to the farmers, but it ought to be a matter of serious consideration for the government, and it would be if we had a "government of the people," as we boast.

The best of us seem to be always in quest

Of something that's novel and new
And the things we are sure we can
always do best

Are the things that we don't have
to do.

—S. Scott Stimson.

"Can you tell me what steam is?" asked the examiner.

"Why, sure, sir," replied Patrick confidently. "Steam is—why—er, it's wather thot's gone crazy wid the heat."—Tit-Bits.

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THINGS NEW AND OLD.

"C. H. Spurgeon once said that a youth was leaving his aunt's house after a visit, when, finding it beginning to rain, he caught up an umbrella that was snugly placed in a corner, and was proceeding to open it, when the old lady, who for the first time observed his movement, sprang towards him, exclaiming:

"No, no; that you never shall! I have had that umbrella twenty-three years, and it has never been wet yet; and I'm sure it shan't be wetted now."

Painting the story with a moral, Mr. Spurgeon said that he feared some folk's religion is of the same quality, none the worse for wear. It is a respectable article, to be looked at, but it must not be dampened in the showers of daily life. It stands in a corner, to be used in case of serious illness or death, but it is not meant for common occasions. We are suspicious that the twenty-three year old gingham was gone at the seams, and if it had been unfurled it would have looked like a sieve. At any rate, we are sure that this is the case with the boarded-up religion which has answered no useful turn in a man's life."

The trivial round, the common task,
Will furnish all we ought to ask—
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

—Keble.

God Wants the Boys, the Girls.

God wants the boys, the merry boys,
The noisy boys, the funny boys,
The thoughtless boys;
God wants the boys, with all their joys—

That He as gold may make them pure
And teach them trials to endure.
His heroes brave He'd have them be,
Fighting for truth and purity;
God wants the boys.

God wants the girls, the happy girls,
The lively girls, the romping girls,
The cheering girls;

God wants the girls, in tresses or curls—
That He may make them all His own,
To love, and serve; each duty done.
His daughters fair as pillars to stand
In temples holy, pure and grand.

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