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Having just returned from my visit to the fat stock show, and my sojourn in Egypt among the Pyramids of the old world, and being requested to contribute something for your Thanksgiving edition, I again make my bow to Aunt Polly and all intelligent readers of the Reporter, whether business men producers or laborers; and for want of a better topic upon which to found this article I gather the following thoughts from things lately transpiring in and around McMinnville, the business center of old Yamhill, and trust that in handling the subject it may be in such manner as to prove alike interesting to the business men, producers and laborers of this county, and applicable to those of other sections of our state. First, this being a Thanksgiving issue, we should all be thankful for the bountiful harvests, the general good health of all, the beautiful weather, our exemption from blizzards and cyclones, the favorable conditions promising so well for future crops, even if at very low prices. We should be thankful for the progress that has been made in the development of our state, our county and our business centers. We should also be thankful for our churches and our schools. Even through adversity much has been accomplished, yet much remains to be done. Let us one and all, instead of constantly complaining of hard times, the depression in values, and business "which cannot and will not always exist," make the best of the surroundings, and with united effort do what we can to improve the condition of all. Great good and great events can only be achieved by united and well directed efforts of the many. We want you one and all to attend these churches, to patronize these schools, because they are the best known and best rated institutions for the imparting of that information and knowledge which is so necessary, and calculated to advance progressive ideas. Their mission is a high and exalted one, and is not, or ought not to be, a selfish or seclusive one. It is here, as well as at our homes, that our boys and girls are to be taught in those theories that they at some future time must of necessity apply practically to the various relations in life. In fact, the future of this state and this nation depends upon the proper education and development of the children. These institutions were built for use, not mere ornaments; they are not infallible or perfect? Whose fault is it if they are not? Have we been dealing with them in such manner as to make them just what we would like? Have we not mistaken, in many instances parsimony for economy? Are we not getting from these sources good value for the money invested? Can you rightfully expect the best of talent in teachers at the salaries you pay? Can you expect the best results from poor farmers or poor farm implements? If not why should you complain so much of them when you refuse or fail to provide apparatus in your schools so necessary in order that they may properly instruct and advance their pupils. If you want better teachers and better apparatus in your schools, furnish your directors with the necessary funds to accomplish such results. If your farm is too poor, or your machinery is bad, do the best you can with it until such times as you can get better. When you have got far enough on the road to enable you to determine definitely these facts. Does not this suggest to an intelligent mind the only remedy

possible, to-wit: do the best you can with what you have, and make the most possible out of it, and work with an aim single to the accomplishing or procuring at no distant future a better farm and better machinery. Having once started on this road if you have sufficient of unadulterated grit or pluck, you are pretty sure to get the other combination requisite and necessary to your success. This is, I think, alike true and applicable to not only churches, schools and farms, but business men and laborers of all kinds. Before leaving this subject permit me, having intimated that our churches and schools were the best known and best rated institutions of the day for the business or purposes for which they are founded; don't for a moment think I am objecting to the investigation of any other doctrine that may be presented, on the contrary, recognizing the right of one and all to be governed by their own judgment, I would have them investigate one and all, before letting go of the old farm or the old reliable business firms whom they are acquainted with and know so well, and accepting the new and untried concerns, that they furnish you with sufficient collaterals necessary to make you reasonably safe here and hereafter. In other words, if you let the old farm go, see that you either get its value down, or an iron clad mortgage upon it that will make you safe hereafter. Following this thought farther, would say to the farmers and producers, after having secured and garnered the golden grain, and are ready to store it away in your own or some one else's granery or warehouse, be sure you are reasonably safe. If you want information regarding its safety from fire, go to some old and reliable insurance company for such information. Why; because they have had the largest and most extended experience, and are the best judges of the risks from fire, from the surroundings. If their rate of insurance is high, it is because the risks are considered great, no matter whether its surrounded by stone, brick or wood. The best thing to do in such case is to insure, or move that wheat to a safer place, and keep yourself as safe as possible from loss. If you want information in relation to the standing or reliability of the parties you are dealing with, go to your bank, or business men, your mercantile agency, Bradstreets, Dun & Co., or Pickens, Fulton & Co., the best known authorities on such subjects, and inquire into these matters. Let the investigation be far reaching and searching; not only as to the financial conditions of the firm or persons, but also as to their record and rating for fair and honest dealing. If you find they have no rating, or if they are absconding debtors, coming here from abroad without standing, you better stick to your old reliable institutions until they make rating for themselves. Until you one and all do this, you may expect to be caught dealing with irresponsible and bankrupt men and concerns, and sooner or later you will be the losers thereby. Have not this community had enough of such experiences, and paid enough for it? You cannot judge of the business ability of the man by his plug hat or kid gloves, or the clothes he wears. You will be afflicted and the loser by them just so long as you expect or exact something for nothing, and deal with those who are irresponsible in their agreements with you. Among shrewd careful business men he who contracts to build a house, to store your grain, or perform any service for you for nothing, or who will recklessly buy town

lots, grain, wool, or other commercial commodity, paying more therefor than the prevailing rates of the country; I say, to careful business men these are signs of irresponsibility and approaching bankruptcy to those who practice it for any great time. This is not to be confounded with good healthy competition in the various affairs of life. The latter you want, the former you do not want; you have had too much already. A word to the laborers. Can you afford, in these times of depression to sell your individuality, your birthright, to any one person, league or organization? Who is to say, or exercise the right to say to you when you shall or shall not work? For whom you should or should not work. Is it you or them that is most interested in what concerns you and your family the most. Is it to them, or to you that your family look for support? Is it not far better for you, for your family, and for all concerned, if you have employment on one of these farms at one dollar a day, which is probably all that any farmer can pay for your labor, in view of what he gets off from it, to stick to it, and get that dollar a day until something better offers? If any labor organization can pay you more than one dollar per day, of course be thankful and take it. But when the order comes to strike, from your Labor King, or one of his subordinates; or, when an organization demand that you become a member when their practices and actions carry out that doctrine, is it not an insult to your intelligence? Would it not be as well, or probably better for you, when you admit your inability to maintain your own business affairs to apply to the court to have a guardian appointed for you. This is the best known and authorized source for relief in such cases. In all seriousness are you not drifting out into that condition which you denounced so bitterly on this coast, to-wit: the six Chinese companies who were importing Chinese here under the contract system. How long will it be before your leaders will be contracting your services in the same or like manner. Business is one thing, sentimentality another. These two will not unite or harmonize. It has been tried and discarded.

UNCLE EZRA.

LAFAYETTE.

Jas. McCain's little girls have been quite sick the past few weeks with scarlatina and throat troubles, but are now on the mend.

A public school entertainment will be held in Littlefield's hall on Friday evening, Dec. the 10th. An admittance fee of 25 cents will be charged, and the proceeds used to buy singing books for the school.

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