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THE WOMEN AT WORK

That more than a million Englishwomen have offered to take the work-places of men who go to the front and that a like condition exists in France, Germany, Austria and Russia is a fact of tremendous significance. It means far more than loyalty and patriotism.

When the war ends untold numbers of the women of Europe will find themselves without their masculine bread-winners, or with crippled men helpless to take their former places as wage-earners. Upon the women will rest the burden of the entire industrial structure of their countries.

The day of the wage-earning women in industrial occupations has fully dawned, in America as well as in Europe. Of far greater importance to women than the ballot in asserting their equality with men is their ability to support themselves and to lead independent individual lives, if need be.

W. D. Howells has thrillingly depicted the struggles of an educated and accomplished woman suddenly left penniless. She sets bravely to work to turn her accomplishments to account for self-support. First she tries decorating pottery, but her work is not finished enough to bring the needed income; then she tries coloring photographs, then writing for magazines, then fine millinery—always with the same result. She could do many things fairly well, but nothing well enough to be well paid for. At last she comes down to making cheap bonnets for servants, and by that coarser work she manages to eke out a slim existence, till the novelist, as the only way of getting her out of the unbearable situation, is compelled to marry her off.

This may be fiction, but it is not a stranger to fact. Our cities are full of heroines of this sort.

Parents are neglecting a serious duty when they fail to train their daughters to make a living for themselves. Well-to-do and even very wealthy fathers are wisely giving their daughters sound experiences in their own offices.

Every woman should be trained to do some useful things to support herself by it if necessary. The exigency often occurs where least expected, and the helplessness of many a woman of education and refinement under such circumstances is painful to contemplate.

The disparity between men's and women's wages is not always an arbitrary discrimination against woman because she is a woman; it is very often due to difference in the grade of work.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE CAPITAL CITY

That was good news brought back from Mount Angel by the delegation of business men who visited that town yesterday. It was in brief the assurance of another railroad for Salem in the near future.

Judge Grant B. Dimick, president of the Willamette Valley Southern railway, an electric line recently completed to Mount Angel, from Oregon City, stated that it was the positive intention of his company to extend the road through Howell prairie on to Salem. The money was available, or would be, as soon as the first unit had been placed on a paying basis. Bonds sufficient to cover the cost of the extension had already been taken care of with that understanding, and he was confident that this condition would be realized by early fall. Then Salem would be asked for no more than to secure the right of way—bonds, stocks or bonuses would not be required.

This electric line will greatly extend Salem's trade area and tend to develop one of the richest agricultural sections of Marion county. Already this is quite a railroad center and each additional line will add to its importance as the commercial hub, the distributing point, for the most thickly populated section of the Willamette Valley.

Salem has only just begun to grow, and no city in the state, no matter how enterprising and energetic, will ever threaten its hold upon the second place among the cities of the state, both in respect to population and volume of business transacted.

A former Roseburg man appeals to his old Oregon neighbors to help him get out of a Mexican jail. And yet if the aforesaid jail has gone thick walls it is probably the safest place below the Rio Grande just now!

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The following paragraph is published in the Prison Mirror of the Minnesota penitentiary: "Why is it that from the first inception of our paper to the present time we have never had an editor to sojourn in our midst? Other professions have been well represented. Of preachers we have had sufficient to have furnished subsistence to an African chief for a year; of doctors sufficient in numbers to depopulate a state; and of lawyers enough to establish a good sized colony in hades. But of editors—not one."

Abraham Lincoln died fifty years ago today—but he still lives in the hearts of his countrymen and history will keep his memory alive through all the centuries to come. The United States have already handed down to posterity three undying names, Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln—soldier, statesman and exemplar of universal freedom and justice.

Gen. Fred Funston is down on the Mexican border and if he should take a notion to swim the Rio Grande and stop that eternal foolishness there will be a lot of scared Greasers breaking all known sprinting records in the direction of the equator.

Seward, Alaska, is having a genuine, old time boom—all because of the coming of a railroad. Down here a new railroad or two scarcely creates a ripple, which shows that even important things may easily become common.

Portland's health officer has issued an edict against promiscuous sneezing. Thus one by one personal liberties trampled upon by the iron heel of higher civilization.

The allies bombarded the Dardanelles again yesterday. Evidently the attack amounted to little—not even the Chicago wheat pit was hit.

Salem is the only city of importance in Oregon not actively engaged in campaigning for a bigger commercial club membership.

HILL-BORN.

I grew up in the quiet hills, a solitary child,
I learned to love the drooping pines,
And all that haunts the wild;
And came to know the woodcraft of
all the hidden hills
That goes to make a greater thing—
the spirit of the hills.

And something in the solitudes has led
me far and near;
Of evenings, when the moon was low,
and mountain air was clear,
I've listened on the gleaming heights
that look on many a space,
And drunk in all the poetry of Nature's
roughened wastes.

I've wandered in the passes while the
snows lay shoulder-deep,
While under myriad winter-stars the
white earth lay asleep;
And brooding there alone of nights
the country came to be
For every spot of all the earth the
Gods had made for me.

The air tenses wine-like through the
vine, and makes one sturdy,
start.
The silver threads cut at noon; at
sunset fringe the links;
And all the music of the earth seems
pressing down Jordan
Upon the leading silence of each gentle
mountain-crest.

A lyric robin calls strident from some
where in the trees,
The sparrow and the mavis mock my
inmost secret.
I know their errand whines and ways,
and each one's gentle nest;
Perhaps for this the hills have
climbed down to my heart.

There's gold, they say, along the
creeks; there's silver on the
creeks;
But more than these are adugled in the
purple-canyon wastes.
See can all the precious galluses of
mountain remote.
There a single pallid warbler of the
poor Nature wastes.

The associated columns, the yagons, the
trailing deeps,
The swarming purple chasms, where a
thousand of silver creeks,
Have adorned a thousand singers to
their fascinating breaks,
Where the gay birds brew their
nest, and the song of poet drunks.

Yet more can wrap in life words the
pearl of the rills enflow,
Nor breathe in trill the sophistry the
low hilltop lanes—
I think I would be a sacrifice to
even try repeat.
Perhaps it is the silence seems to
take the mountains sweet.

And death desires no mortal more grand
than in a globe
To trouble in the sepulchre the Titan
hills have made.
Not yeans profounder region than
lovely words that wall,
Nor fairer wealth or grander than a
lily of the vale.

For could a future be so fond, or de-
stined real so sweet,
As just to lie eternally in reverence at
the feet
Of some lofty mountain which the
Gods have built so high,
A pagan satire-worshiper, who did
not fear to die?

The throng-enchanting cities, the treas-
ure-seeking marts,
And all the merry places very dear to
human hearts,
Have conspired to rob the human of
the peace the mountains bring,
And men are old at dawn of life.

STATE NEWS

Canyon City Eagle: Why must Canyon City be annoyed with the cow nuisance? Why should the town be made a cow pasture? There is not another town in the state of Oregon that puts up with such a nuisance. Last Tuesday a cow tackled a load of groceries on the delivery cart of a local store and destroyed about half the load while the delivery man was calling on a customer.

Chewaucan Press: The usual number of mad animals have been killed in and around Paisley this week. Reports are constantly coming in that dead coyotes are being found in great numbers on the desert everywhere. Sam Farr reported that he had seen ten in one day. Others have brought in similar reports. It is believed that this will shortly rid the whole country of the pest, and stamp out the epidemic of rabies.

Albany Herald: Six different varieties of apples are grown on one tree in the yard of the residence of David Froman, a prominent local merchant, who resides at the corner of Perry and 7th streets. And every year there is a bountiful yield of each kind. From the same tree, Mr. Froman harvests apples from early in June to late in October. Several years ago the tree was grafted with six different varieties and each graft in the trunk developed into a system of limbs.

Port Rock News: Jackrabbits are again dying from an unknown disease, as has been the case for the past three years in the district south and south-west of Port Rock. Each year the area in which these deaths occur has increased, and considerable benefits would derive from it, let us hope that they will die throughout the entire valley this year.

Cleanup day's results at Stanfield affected the standard like this: "Stanfield is all cleaned up and we feel a great deal like a small boy who has just gone through the hands of his exacting mother, not very comfortable, but a little proud of the way we shine. We have also resolved that we are going to keep shiny and on the good side of the chief cleaner, Marshal Beavert."

"In spite of hard times and scarcity of money," says the Union Scout, "real estate is selling in Union. There have been a number of changes in the last week and other deals are pending. As real estate is selling in Union today it is much cheaper to own a home than to rent. Many former renters are taking advantage of the situation and are securing homes while the property is to be had cheap."

Operations of snarling killers in Lake county as reported in the Lakeview Examiner, covering March 8 to March 31: The total number of coyotes on which bounty payments were made was 7113. The largest single catch was that of W. H. Martin, located above Paisley. He brought in ten coyote pelts. Bounties to the number of 145 were killed. Jessa O'Connell brought in 21. The total bounty payment for the period was \$1943.50, and never learn to sing.

Maybe you have not found the little, thin, tiny, not tarry lung,
Nor just upon the burden of my aimless life-long,
Last sometime you should find yourself in love with them you see,
And think the fruit of loving them a sin to lay to me.
—Ernest Everhart Baker.

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PRATUM NOTES
(Capital Journal Special Service).
Pratum, Or., April 15.—Many of the Pratum young people attended the basketball social at Willard, last Friday evening. The teacher, Miss Davis, had an excellent program prepared, which was appreciated by all. The sale of the baskets netted the school over \$30. This money will be used to purchase a ball for the school.

Miss Hortense Nolan is spending a few days at home.

Mr. Martin McAllister is very ill, at the home of his son, W. R. McAllister. Mr. McAllister grows steadily worse and is not expected to recover.

Miss Alice Wiley is sick with the measles, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Will Graham, in Silverton. Her mother, Mrs. John Wiley, went to Silverton, Tuesday, to see her.

Mr. Ferris Steiner is busy training boys on the Peckro ranch.

Miss Lena Runmeyer and her brothers Ben and David, moved home from Salem last Saturday. The boys have been attending business college during the winter season and their sister has been keeping house for them, but the opening up of spring work has brought them home.

Miss Mary Gerig who has been visiting at home expects to return to Salem this week.

Miss Mary Schupp visited relatives near Salem for several days last week.

Mr. John Tread is busy assessing the people in this vicinity.

Miss Gertrude Maurer spent a day at home this week.

Miss Myrtle Harper was a Salem visitor last Sunday.

Miss K. Pooler spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Salem. Her broken arm is so far improved that she will soon be able to remove the splints.

DOCTOR PRAISES GALLUSES.
Rochester, Minn., April 15.—Appendicitis has increased from 300 to 400 per cent, because of the increased use of belts instead of suspenders, according to Dr. W. J. Mayo, world-famous surgeon, who has been called to wait on the royalty of Europe. Minneapolis surgeons, however, differed from this statement, alleging that the increase of

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