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"GREED"—A NECESSARY TRAIT

The word "greed" is much in the condition of the dog that has been given a bad name. It is spoken of universally in terms of condemnation, and yet it is far from being a bad trait and certainly much farther from being an unusual one.

In discussing the lumber rates from Portland and Valley points at the conference held in Portland last week, this term was used by each side of the contention, sometimes with the adjective, "inordinate" prefixed.

As a matter of fact if it were not for greed, that is an eager desire for things, there would be no stimulus, and no effort made to get them. So the word taken at its real meaning, is the power behind nearly every effort to better one's condition.

It is, therefore, greed that moves the Portland lumbermen to increase the cinch they already have on the rest of the state as to rates, and to prevent the other lumbermen of the state from having the better of them in even that little section of the state of California lying north of Sacramento, and which really supplies most of its lumber wants from its local mills.

It is also greed, that is "eager desire" that prompts the lumbermen of the valley to insist on a preferential rate for this section. They reason that with a shorter haul they are entitled to this preferential, and also that as Portland has in practically all other sections a preferential rate that shuts them out of the markets, that they are entitled to claim this little section of California without any kick from Portland millmen.

It would seem to a disinterested person that there was merit in their contention. If the valley mills must pay more to get their lumber hauled to eastern markets, it having to be hauled from the valley points to Portland in order to ship it, why should not lumber coming from Portland through the valley to be shipped beyond it receive the same treatment?

There has been a disposition to jump onto Portland generally and call it all kinds of porcine names, yet Portland as a whole has nothing to do with this lumber contention. It is as much to the interest of Portland to have the whole valley prosperous as it is to have Portland so, for indeed she cannot be prosperous unless the balance of the state is in that condition.

At the same time Portland cannot afford to allow any of her industries, big or little, hog or pig, to throttle the industries of the valley. Our big metropolis, whether rightly or not we do not pretend to say, is "in bad" with the valley generally, and such disputes and contentions as this of her lumbermen is not going to make the situation any better.

A LAW THAT KICKS BACK

Lane county as well as Polk is having trouble of her own over bridges that are badly needed but that cannot

be built, because the legislature by limiting the county tax levies to not more than a six per cent raise over that of the preceding year has cut off the power to raise money for bridge work. Polk county is up against the same proposition with regard to the bridge across the Willamette here. It is realized that a new bridge is an absolute necessity, and the county is willing to put up its share toward building it but as the funds cannot be raised without violating the "six per cent law" (which is about what it is) the problem is a serious one.

The Saturday Evening Post some weeks ago had an editorial suggestion that certainly has considerable merit. It suggested that the legislatures take a look at their own shortcomings, and pass a bill preventing legislatures making "blamed fool laws."

PROPHECY OF THE PSALMIST

Psalms nineteen might have been written in the 20th century. The achievement of the wireless station at Arlington, just across the Potomac from Washington, in sending a wireless telephone message to Honolulu, 4,600 miles away, calls to mind the words of the Psalmist: "There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world."

It is evidently only a matter of time and further perfection of the instruments when we will be able to talk with people on the other side of the globe, and conversation all around the world will be as easy as it now is between Salem and its neighboring cities.

The day is rapidly coming when those other words of the psalmist will come true in a way far different from what he could conceive; "There is nothing hidden."

Portland is wrestling with a water rate case as well as that on lumber. In discussing the matter of making Astoria a common point Friday before the Portland Realty Board, Thomas C. Burke, Collector of Customs, said: "For 15 years Puget Sound has been artificially absorbing the commerce which nature intended should pass through the Columbia gateway."

Now the allies are trying to draw China into the war or rather into the alliance, though she would not be expected to take an active part in the war. At the same time the Germans are stirring the Hindus to revolt, and it may be that in the very near future India will be the center of the fighting.



GRUMBLING

I heard the farmer say, "The bean crop's far from fine, and I am short of hay—what rotten luck is mine!" He wore a dismal frown, and raised a bitter wail, and when he went to town, he told a hard luck tale. His wheat crop was immense, the corn was bumper, too; and by the old rail fence uncultured pumpkins grew.



MRS. MENEFEE DEAD. Wm. Menefee. Subsequently she lived in eastern Oregon, then in Denver and Salt Lake City, where she died. Burial took place at Denver. She leaves a brother, John White, in Colorado, and one sister, Mrs. A. B. Giesy, in Salem, and other relatives here.—Aurora Observer.

READY FOR OLDER BOYS CONFERENCE

All Arrangements Made For Taking Care of Four Hundred Visitors

Plans are being rapidly completed for the entertainment of the 350 boys who are expected to attend the tenth annual Older Boys' Conference to be held in this city three days, beginning next Saturday.

The following is the program for Friday, November 26th. 1:00-5:00 p. m.—Registration and Assignment of Delegates to Homes.

7:30—Song Service. Preliminary Organization. 8:00 p. m.—Address: "The Marks of a Man," Dr. Carl G. Doney, president Willamette University, Salem.

Saturday, November 27th. 9:00 a. m.—Bible Study, The Manhood of the Master—J. C. Meehan, Boys' Work Secretary, Y. M. C. A., Portland. 9:30 a. m.—Is the Bible a Man's Book? 9:50 a. m.—Business Session, Murkin Parks, 1914 Conference President, Presiding.

11:00 a. m.—Leonard Hopfield, McMinnville, Presiding. Paper, The Place of Recreation and Amusement in the Making of Manhood. Paper, The Place of Work in the Making of Manhood. Open discussion of each paper.

12:00 m.—Noon Recess. 1:30 p. m.—Bible Study, The Manhood of the Master, J. C. Meehan, Leader. 2:00 p. m.—Features in Boys' Organizations that are Worth While: 1.—Bible Study. 2.—Friendship. 3.—Service. 4.—Athletics. For this period the Conference will divide into three groups as follows:

Sunday Schools—Charles A. Phipps, General Secretary Oregon Sunday School Association, Presiding. High Schools—E. K. Miller, General Secretary, Eugene Y. M. C. A., Presiding.

3:30 p. m.—Recreation Period, Directed by O. B. Gingrich, Physical Director Y. M. C. A., Salem. 3:30 p. m.—Leaders' Meeting, Standards for the Year, I. B. Rhodes, State Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Leader. 6:00 p. m.—Father and Son Banquet, followed by live toasts by both Fathers and Sons.

Address—Governor James Withycombe. Sunday, November 28th. 9:00 a. m.—Bible Study, The Manhood of the Master, J. C. Meehan. 9:45 a. m.—Delegates at Sunday School. 11:00 a. m.—"The Marks of a Man"—Leaders and Boys in the Various Church Pulpits. 3:30 p. m.—Mass Meeting for Older Boys, Tracy Strong, Boys' Work Secretary, Seattle Y. M. C. A., Speaker. 7:30 p. m.—Union Service. Address: "The Marks of Manhood in America," President W. J. Kerr, Oregon Agricultural College. 8:30 p. m.—Closing Exercises.

GERVAIS NEWS

Ed Krause, now employed in St. Johns, visited over Sunday with his wife and baby. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Mars and son, Leo, spent Sunday in Mt. Angel at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Barr. Miss Greta Bingham left for Benavon Friday for a week's visit with Miss Geneva Melvain, formerly of Gervais.

Mrs. Orville Smith and daughter, Yvonne, and Anna Choquette, spent the week end with Mrs. June Drake at Silverton. Mrs. Dora Krause and children left for their home in St. Johns Sunday after a two weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Krause.

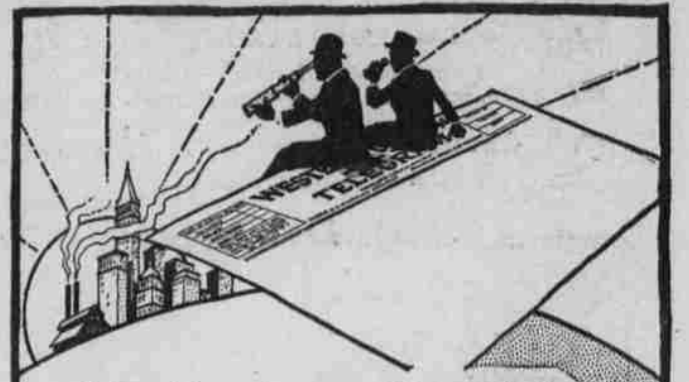
E. C. Chemberlain, who was taken seriously ill last week, is improving and his many friends hope to see him amount in a short time. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Cutsforth and Grandma Cutsforth left for Riddle, Ore., Wednesday, where they expect to spend the winter months.

Paul Closius, of Chicago, Ill., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schindler for a few days. He left Tuesday morning to take in the Panama exposition before returning home. L. K. Siegmund left for Lone Pine farm Monday where he has been spending the week with his relatives, assisting them in butchering and telling stories around the old home fireside.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shields, of Cheney, Wash., stopped off on their way home from the Panama exposition for a few days visit with Mr. Shields' brother, E. E. Shields, and family, of Parkersville. Word reached here of the marriage of Miss Vesta Van Horn, a former Gervais girl, now of Lodi, Cal., to Mr. Frank Devine, also of Lodi. At the present writing they are honeymooning in San Francisco, enjoying the P. P. I. E.

John Alexander, who had been suffering for a year or more with tuberculosis, died at The Dalles last week and was buried at Claggett cemetery Sunday. He was 29 years of age and was born near Brook. His parents are living on the Judge Hubbard place.

The S. F. company still have a big gang of men at work on their tracks and aside from laying new rails and new ties, have raised the track eight inches and are filling in with crushed rock making their track better equipped than ever for their large amount of traffic. Mrs. Elizabeth Kautson, mother of Mrs. Joseph Mangold, of this place,



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Splendid Book Exhibit At the Public Library

The library was the scene of great activity last week with the book exhibit in the educational room. Many of the most beautiful children's books have been shown. Nothing can surpass in beauty the Mother Goose with Jessie Wilcox Smith illustrations, The Volland edition of Mother Goose attracted considerable attention with its gay pictures for every rhyme. The best inexpensive edition of Mother Goose is, however, the one edited by Charles Welsh.

There were books illustrated by such well known artists as Maxfield Parish, Arthur Rackham, Boutet de Monvel, Howard Pyle, etc. Some inexpensive series which are recommended for children are the "Every Child Should Know Series," embraces many different subjects, such as Birds, Animals, Legends, Fairy tales, Poems, etc., and are all good

died in Portland November 11, 1915, aged 52 years. Funeral services were held at St. Lawrence church Friday at 9 a. m. Interment Mt. Scott Park cemetery. Mrs. Knutson has been a widow for many years and Mrs. Mangold was her only child. She has the sympathy of many friends here.—Star.

selections. The Appleton Publishing company with the co-operation of the Boy Scouts of America and some prominent literary men are issuing what they call "Every Boy's Library—Boy Scouts Edition" for fifty cents. All the books in this series can be given to boys with the assurance that the boys will like them and will be reading good, wholesome stories. The titles in the "Everyman's Library" are all good and standard for forty-five cents.

In addition to the beautiful editions shown in the exhibit these less expensive good editions were shown, too. If you were unable to see the exhibit and want any information about any books ask the librarian.

UNDERGOES AN OPERATION. D. Morgan, who three months ago had his leg badly crushed and broken by a bull and spent some time at the Willamette Sanitarium in Salem, but who has been at his home near Parkersville for several weeks was again taken to that institution on Tuesday morning where an operation was performed by Dr. H. O. Hickman.

On account of the fact that both bones of his leg were so badly broken, there has been difficulty in getting them to unite; and as but one of them had united, the doctor found it necessary to perform the operation and is making all possible efforts to save amputation.—Gervais Star.

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