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THE OLD, OLD QUESTION.

WHETHER it was that wrote the book of Job put into the mouth of that grand character the question that all through the ages has been asked: "If a man die, shall he live again?" The Bible answers affirmatively, and to the satisfaction of the true Christian, but as through the years past it has been asked, so through the countless years to come will the same question be asked, and asked in vain. There is no answer outside the realms of faith, of belief. The gates of the next world swing only inward, and through them there is no return. There is, however, in all of us a divine hope, an immortal esperance that we shall live again. We may doubt the proofs offered and find the evidence unsatisfactory, but we still hope and try to believe. In this regard the true Christian is indeed fortunate, for with his faith he sees, and with his heart believes. He has a soul-satisfying faith, a belief that admits of no doubtings and no fears.

There are countless thousands of so-called Christians, since they live in a Christian country, who have not this faith and this belief. They are doubters who want and demand some tangible proof.

This they never can get, for like Peter, they will not believe unless they can see for themselves. To them the mystery of the chrysalis opening to let out the butterfly, or the grain of corn sprouting green and beautiful from the earth carry no divine message. To them this does not point to a future state, but is looked upon as a reproduction process of Nature. Their system of eschatology permits the hope of a future life, and that when a man dies he shall live again, but it goes no further than that.

Yet to every life comes at due time when heart strings are torn and the fountain of tears touched to its depths. When the grave of some loved one whose presence was our delight and joy, we see the encoffined form lowered into the earth and hear the clods wake the dead echoes, the most heart-rending sound mortal ears ever heard, as they drop heavily on the coffin lid and shut in forever the form we shall never more see on earth, springs into being and faith sends its tender green shoots up through the hardened earth of our souls.

EDUCATION BY MAIL.

TEACHING by mail is no longer an experiment, although of comparatively recent origin. Correspondence courses as a means of state university extension work has proven immediately popular and successful. Where the mail schools are in existence, thousands of people all over those states are enrolled, and have the advantages of free college courses in their own homes. The wonderfully popular response of the people to these new opportunities is expected to result in practically unlimited college facilities.

In Oregon the state university established a correspondence course two or three years ago, and, although, until recently, hampered by lack of funds to carry on the work, has hundreds of students who may earn their degrees by home study, most of them being unable, because of the necessity of working, or lack of means, from attendance at the university. The course of study is thorough and comprehensive and the papers of the correspondence student are as carefully gone over and checked as are those of the students in actual attendance. In several of the larger towns of the state these mail students have been organized into classes, and the professors of the various departments visit them weekly, giving them the benefit of personal instruction and assistance.

In the state of Wisconsin correspondence courses similarly conducted are proving of the utmost importance to the state and its people. In Kansas the courses are taken collectively by classes in any city or town, large or small. In Kansas, also, it is now proposed to provide state university mail courses to penitentiary prisoners, a plan deserving general approval.

To the people of the cities, of the small towns and of the country, state correspondence courses offer unusual opportunities. By such courses, a state college may become in reality a state institution available to all, and especially to those of limited means, who need the state college most.

This idea of bringing the university and the college to the people in their homes is a splendid one, and it is a matter of

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real gratification to know that our own state university is a leader in the movement, fully abreast of the state institutions in older states, and even ahead of them in some subjects.

The Capital Journal has no desire to take part in the local school tangle. It would only make matters worse by taking sides with either faction, or any one of the apparently several factions to the controversy. A school fight in any community is always one of the most disagreeable troubles which can arise and frequently develops into a feud, the effects of which are felt for years, hindering the work and development of the system for years. We only hope that a satisfactory solution may be found, and wish to impress upon the public that the members of the board must be left to work out of the difficulty with as little outside embarrassment as possible. They are no doubt trying conscientiously to do their duty in a position which is thankless, and carries little hope of reward for them, even if they succeed. At least those who are not thoroughly informed regarding the situation, and all the steps leading up to it, can best serve the community's interests by adopting the somewhat famous "peaceful, waiting policy," and keeping their hands off.

Most of the newspapers which were nagging President Wilson because he did not mix in the Mexican muddle, excuse or no excuse, are criticising him just as severely now for demanding that the honor and integrity of this government be respected by the Mexican usurper. We always thought most of these warlike editors were bluffing, and now we are certain of it.

Some partisan papers are devoting a good deal of space to the split in the Democratic party over the Panama tolls question. However, they fail to note the fact that the Republican leaders and members of congress are divided just about half and half on the same question. It is apparently not a party issue.

THE ROUND UP.

Two carloads of dynamite have been received at Ashland for work on the Pacific highway.

Dallas will hold a special election June 10 to vote on issuing \$7,500 bonds for a site for an outlet for its sewer system, and also on bonds of \$5,000 for purchasing a permanent site for a county fair.

Mat Wettle, a dock hand on the tug Samson was drowned at Astoria Thursday when he fell from the gangplank while going aboard the tug.

Albany is to have a three days celebration with William Eagles in charge of the ceremonies at Fourth of July time.

A public market was opened on Yamhill street, Portland, Saturday under the auspices of the Producers and Consumers' Public Market association.

William Wanderosa, struck by an auto at Baker City Wednesday, died in the hospital there Thursday evening. He regained consciousness out for a few minutes after the accident.

A fishing tackle sign over a Shaniko hardware store is a huge trout made of tin, the handiwork of Guy Davis, a clever clerk.

A professional dog catcher employed by the city of Pendleton for the annual canine cleanup, having gathered in the viable supply of the unlicensed, has now turned his attention to those hidden by owners, for which offense an ordinance provides \$5 to \$20 fine.

The manager of a milling and lumber company, quoted in the Silver Lake Leader, states that "while the company has over 700,000 feet of dry lumber on hand, the prospects for building the coming summer are bright enough to warrant almost a continuous run until fall."

"Whoever is known and spoken of on the outside as the liveliest place on the P. R. & N. line," says the Reporter "non resident property owners who secured their building two or three years ago, are coming out to look the city over, and all are astonished at the rapid growth during that time."

Reduction of 10 per cent in the salary of every teacher in the Medford public schools, reaching also the janitors, has been ordered by the school board. The cut will be effective next school year, and means \$4,050 a year less in salaries. This policy will also affect the purchase of supplies for the year.

Now, you fellows, don't be among the impetuous unemployed next winter.

War With Mexico Would Mean Harvest For Contractors and Speculators

By JOHN WANAMAKER

IT is the business of some men to get up wars. It is said that a dozen men brought on the Beer war in the Transvaal. It would be worth a lot to THOUSANDS OF CONTRACTORS AND SPECULATORS ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE to foment a war with Mexico. Thus far the president has heroically and skillfully headed off war for a whole year. Do not heed his defamations. While his head is on his shoulders he will never be a coward or a runaway.

THERE MAY BE A WAR SOME DAY. AMERICA WILL BE IN IT. SO WILL GREAT BRITAIN AND CANADA, AND THEY WILL BOTH BE ON THE SAME SIDE WITH AMERICA. LET US STOP LOOKING EVERY DAY FOR TELEGRAMS AND CABLES ABOUT MEXICO AND GET DOWN TO OUR INDIVIDUAL WORK AND MAKE THE GOOD TIMES WE TALK SO MUCH ABOUT.

PETITION IS SUBMITTED

CITIZENS OF LA PINE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR SEVERAL YEARS FOR WATER AND NONE IS NOW IN SIGHT.

Governor West has received the following from certificate holders on the Morson reclamation project at LaPine: "Please find enclosed a petition to your honorable body State Land Board, in which you will find the names of all option holders living here at this time that is not obliged to or interested with J. E. Morson.

"In view of the fact that former reports has been false and misleading I take the liberty of giving you a few facts: first with over \$300,000 of the people's money spent we have less than seven miles of ditch or canal partly finished; second we have no assurance that we can ever expect to get water, under the present management, with no sufficient bond to insure the completion of the project; third we are told now that we do not need water, that it is too soon. Those who have means, and are able to make trouble, have been given the privilege of changing their holdings to more favorable places, where it is to be had May 1, 1915.

Very respectfully,
FRANK JOHNSON.
We, the certificate holders and option holders of the segregation land known as the Deschutes Land Company, at LaPine, Oregon, and citizens of LaPine, Oregon, would petition to the state land board to expedite the work on the irrigation canals as promptly as possible, as we have been waiting several years for water, and none is in sight. We would ask that if the land company gets more time that it be made to give sufficient bonds to insure getting water on said lands.

Dated at LaPine, Oregon, this 14th day of April, 1914.
Certificate and Option Holders, Citizens of LaPine County.

- L. L. Orr.
- B. Berry.
- W. C. Hollingshead.
- Frank Johnson.
- Ernest Uhlman.
- Anna Uhlman.
- C. E. Street.
- Gustav Eng.
- Victor Orr.
- William Foss.
- Thorn Foss.
- C. H. Clow.
- R. E. Howie.
- Mrs. C. H. Clow.
- Ott Talbot.
- J. J. Stephenson.
- W. H. Hollingshead.
- L. Lloyd Elliott.
- J. E. Engbreton.
- Julius J. Eng.
- Albert Larson.
- Mrs. Harry L. Sly.
- R. H. Caldwell.
- Harry L. Sly.
- Charles McVett.
- C. H. Deming.
- B. L. Winter.
- Mrs. C. J. Sly.

SOME BOARDS USELESS

BUT ABOLITION SHOULD BE MADE WITH CAUTION SAYS GOVERNOR WEST.

Governor West does not take much stock in the proposed abolishing or consolidating of boards and commissions, as proposed by some of the candidates for office, for the reason that the suggestions are made without the parties understanding the affairs which they would change. The consequence is that some of the proposed changes would be bad. The governor has been looking into the matter, and agrees with the general public in the belief that these should be done away with. While he has not perfected a plan for this he outlined in a general way what he thought should be done.

He suggested, after calling attention to several mistakes in Candidate Carter's platform on this subject, that the desert land board should be abolished, and its duties taken over by the state land board.

Abolish the office of state engineer and have the secretary of the land board a qualified engineer, and leave the number of commissioners at two, with a provision of calling in some state officer in case the two could not agree. The secretary to perform the work of the state engineer. The state livestock and sanitary board to be abolished, and its duties performed by the state veterinarian. These boards with the water board, had an appropriation of \$193,000 for the biennial period and

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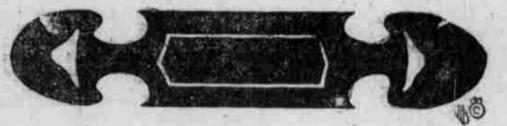
The hobgoblin of suspicion often keeps apart mutually attractive interests.

It is estimated on good authority, that more than \$300,000,000 exists in hidden money in the United States.

This money—not in use and kept out of the channels of business by ignorant and shortsighted people—is a handicap to the nation and a cause of the high cost of living.

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this could be cut under this plan to \$50,000, or to \$25,000 a year. The industrial welfare commission and the inspector of child labor should be consolidated. The office of state biologist should be abolished. The station registration board should be done away with and its duties turned over to the state veterinarian.

The state board of horticulture and the horticultural society should be abolished and some new board created to take the place of the two. The board of pilot commission also needs fixing in some way, and the board of higher circuits should be cut out. "In fact," said the governor, "every useless board and commission should be wiped out, but this should be done only after giving careful consideration to each of them, and treating each on its merits, as well as taking account of the results of the changes proposed. It should not be done without reason, and just because it can be done."

Six games won out of seven played was the proud record of the Seals.

With the exception of Panning, who is slow winding to form, Howard's pitchers, especially pennell, with six straight wins, and Luffield are in great shape.

"My team," said Howard today, "is well out in the lead, and the team that overtakes us will certainly have to play some ball. We are 137 points ahead of Hogan's Tigers. This week Venice tackled the Beavers on the Portland grounds, and, as we are pitted against the Oaks on our own grounds, we should increase our lead."

Venice goes to Portland, and Los Angeles and Sacramento clash in Los Angeles this week.

CHEMAWA WINS FROM MOUNT ANGEL 14 TO 2

The Chemawa baseball nine defeated the Mt. Angel team Saturday afternoon in a one-sided contest played on the training school diamond, the score being 14 to 2.

SEALS CINCH THE LEAD

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