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STORY OF MIKADO TO BE GIVEN AS BENEFIT FOR K. O. P.

"The Mikado" will be given by the Knights of Pythias December 12 and 13, consequently making the following story of the play interesting to the people of Medford.

THE NEED OF THE HOUR.

THE Rogue river valley can not attain its destiny until its resources are developed. As long as we send out of the valley our money for articles that should be produced at home, so long will the balance of trade be against us.

With twenty-two billions of feet of merchantable timber in our adjacent forests, we are shipping in twenty to thirty millions of feet a year for the local market.

The people of the valley are paying, in labor and freight over \$100 an hour, ten hours a day, for every day in the year, in railroad freight and labor in other sections for our lumber alone.

We let fruit go to waste instead of canning it, and import many carloads of canned goods, when we are beginning to produce and can a superior article ourselves.

With the initiative freight rate bill in operation, the handicap against our locally produced products is eliminated at least as regards our natural territory.

A NEGLECTED INDUSTRY.

THE value of the poultry crop in Oregon is estimated at \$6,000,000 annually. The value of the apple crop is less than half this sum, yet we hear much of apples and little of poultry.

In spite of the six millions of products, there is a great deficiency of poultry and poultry products in the Oregon markets. Portland annually imports 250 carloads of eggs.

The Rogue river valley ought to be producing and exporting a million dollars worth of poultry products a month. The market is made to order.

There are those who have the hen fever, who believe there is a great fortune in poultry, and they prove it to you by figures, just as those who had the Belgian hare fever believed and proved by figures, that there was fabulous wealth in raising rabbits.

But there are probably fewer failures among poultrymen than any other class. Most of the enterprises are conducted as side-lines, or incidentals, little labor or capital being invested and good profits resulting.

The poultryman should raise everything he feeds. He should himself reap the profit on his grain, instead of paying profits to the farmer and the middleman.

Every farmer and orchardist in the Rogue river valley should go into the business and to those seeking small investment that will yield occupation and a fair return for money and labor, it offers an enticing field.

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Until the past year we imported even our vegetables and potatoes. The Medford public market has changed the situation—we now produce our own vegetable staples—but not as yet in sufficient quantities for profitable exportation.

Nature has showered upon this region rich natural resources, but our exploitation has resulted in attracting the speculator rather than the developer.

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We have waited too long for capital to find us and unlock our resources. Capital finds only those who seek it. We must start the development ourselves—and the way to do it is to insure a local market by purchasing Rogue river valley products, that will justify not only our putting our own money into enterprises, but attract outside capital.

Co-operation is the need of the hour, not only in establishing industries, but in maintaining them. We must get together for our own salvation, establish lumber mills, cement factories, canneries and a multitude of enterprises for which we have a home market already at hand.

Germany May Goto War Over This Poem

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—In resenting what Kaiser Wilhelm is said to have dubbed an "impertinent" poem, written by Captain George Steuenerberg, U. S. A., in which fun is made of German officers who trained the defeated Turkish troops, members of the German embassy here today intimated that the poem would be referred to the state department for consideration.

OUR OBJECT LESSON. Oh, yet Yankee soldiers! From far across the sea Comes the news that Turkey's fighting men were trained by Germany!

A Montenegrin major gave the flying foe a glance, Then rolled a cigarette and scratched a match upon his pants And spoke unto his gunners, "Let 'em have a few more jolts— That is, if your shells can catch 'em—they've been trained by Vondergoltz."

A colonel of Bulgarians then tossed aside his coat And yelled "Come heretics, look as if we had their goats. Just follow Uncle Fuller to your battle's merry whirl, While we show 'em how to do it—they've been reading Oriepeuker!"

Said a panting Turkish corporal—from German teaching freed—"We ain't natch on formation but we sure are Hell for speed!" So they sprinted night and morning till their lungs were fit to burst, But they won the six day Marathon—they reach there first!

And now while Europe trembles on the verge of deadly fray The dove of peace is cowering in the good old U. S. A. For, you bet, the foreign powers will leave Uncle Sam alone, While our highbrows down at Leavenworth are studying Von Rohne!

And down at Sunny Leavenworth, let Dutch professors rule, And build a model brewery—an annex to the school, A marble bust of Von Dergoltz resplendent in the hall And photographs of the kaiser adorning every wall.

And he who seeks promotion must subsist a solid year On pretzels, cheese and weinermust, and good old German beer; And notify the colonels—sound the warning near and far— That they've sung Die Wacht am Rhein before they get the star.

Then here's luck to the Fatherland—let's follow in her train, And all take up the goose step when we march to war again; Our motto, "made in Germany," triumphant over fear— Our slogan "Hoeh der kaiser!" and the countersign "xweiber."

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