

Valley City expect to leave in the near future for a trip to the Portland fair. They will go via the Soo Pacific route.

H. J. Murphy, the popular druggist at Courtenay has been appointed County Commissioner to succeed E. J. Welsh, who resigned to accept a position as traveling auditor for the Langworthy Lumber Co.

"Rich" Thompson who will be remembered by a number of NEWS readers, as having been here some years ago, arrived from the east Thursday night and will visit here for a few days with friends.

Paul Wedge returned Sunday evening after a pleasant trip, lasting about three weeks—to the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland. The writer and party were with Mr. Wedge's party for a few days enroute out.

As a result of being kicked by a horse Wm. Blatt is now wearing a bandaged head. The accident occurred Tuesday afternoon while Billy was helping to pull a binder from the platform at Anton Fried's machinery house. As the machine neared the bottom of the run way the pole, which Billy was guiding, came in touch with a horse standing near and in less time than it takes to tell it, the animal had put two deep cuts in Billy's head just over his left eye, that necessiated a few stitches by Dr. Wanner. The saying is "its hard to keep a good man down," but its seldom you hear of a man

that a horse can't knock down—as was the case in this incident—and Bill will be looking his best again in a short time.

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One Thing Needful.

In tears she knelt at the confessional,
Ah! she was young and fair!
I think my virtues have less grace than
all
The faults she owned to there.

But in sweet earnestness she bowed her
head.

Just as a sinner that must go un-
shriven,
And "What more, father, must I do?" she
said.

"Ere I can be forgiven?"

"Lo! I have fasted all these many days,
And prayed through all the night,
Asking that heaven, by these darkened
ways,
Should lead me to the light."

"One thing there is thou lackest," said
the priest,

"Though bravely thou has striven,
There bides one thing that thou must do,
at least,

Ere thou canst be forgiven."

Then low, she answered: "Tell me what
I need

To merit pardon, and I shall not err."
But the good father bowed and smiled,
indeed.

As soft, as he answered her:

"Oh, daughter, let them strive with
God who fall!
In thy pure heart what guile has en-
tered in?"

Before I may absolve thee, first of all,
My daughter—thou must sin?"

—Cleveland Leader.

Book Dates Back to 1309.

What is believed by antiquarians to be the oldest paper book in existence is the "Red Book of Lynn" an ancient register belonging to the corporation of King's Lynn, England. This volume is known as the "Red Book" from its original binding having been of that color. The first entry is a transcript of the will of Peter de Thorndon, burgess of Lynn, dated 1309; the latest entry is dated in the 15th year of King Richard II. Fifty years ago the book was repaired and rebound, and the leaves, which age had reduced to a loose, spongy substance, were carefully re-sized as an aid to preservation.