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THE RIGHT OF RECALL.

IT MAY BE WELL for the average resident of Marshfield to give some earnest thought to the right of recall as prescribed by the statutes of Oregon and put there by the people themselves. It is evident that sooner, or later, this elemental prerogative must be invoked, to save the good name of such communities as have made the vital mistake of electing the wrong man or men; or rather the men who having been elected prove to be the wrong men. It is the wholesome method reserved to the people; they do not have to consult the men under discipline, nor their friends, to start the movement. When a man takes a public honor at the polls he is presumed to be an admirable servant; every favorable quality is conceded him; he is free to make good, or bad, as he shall deliberately choose; but the people are as free as he is, in the premise. They do not have to suffer his failure unless they want to, as they were compelled to do some years ago. They have their remedy and may apply it whenever his lapses shall warrant organic action looking to his retirement.

It is not a pleasant duty at any time. There is something shocking in the program that ousts a man from position and confidence before the public that blundered in setting him up; no man will willingly pursue a recall on any man but the surest and safest ground of proven incapacity or manifest turpitude; and the issue of such a plan may be trusted to stand as the last and best expression of the public temper and public estimate.

It is dawning upon this electorate that there are those on its roster of officials amenable to the rule of ouster, and there is more talk of it than has ever been heard here since the law was passed. It is no fault of the people that the subject is coming to the front; the fault lies with those officers who have disappointed and deceived the public which honored them; they are conscious of the situation as it applies to them; there are no "ifs and ands" about the matter with those who have preserved their own integrity and done their duty by the people to the best of their ability, as they swore they would.

Just for the sake of making the matter easy of analysis for those who are in doubt, we suggest that some of the officials, hereabout, whose official oath was supposed to have been worth the paper it was printed on and subscribed, ask themselves the grave question of their faith to that oath, and make answer, before the people answer it for them! "No man may serve two masters."

THE PIONEER REUNION.

NEXT MONTH THE FATHERS and mothers of the Oregon we younger people know will meet at Portland in annual reunion. From far and near the veterans of "the old trail" will gather at the metropolis to tell once again the tales that have made history for us and for all men living and yet unborn. Their numbers are growing painfully less year by year, and before we know it the original group will have passed out to the last man and woman; and then the honors and the trusts so nobly held and maintained by the Sires and Dames of the old Territory, will fall to the Native Sons and Native Daughters, to "keep unspotted," for the new generations. There will always be some distinctive clus-

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

An aspiration is a joy forever, a fortune which we can never exhaust and which gives us year by year a revenue of pleasurable activity. To have many of these is to be spiritually rich. —Robert Louis Stevenson.

It is easy to sit in the sunshine And talk to the man in the shade It is easy to float in a well trimmed boat

And point out the places to wade. But once we pass into the shadows We murmur and fret and frown, And our length from the bank, about for a plank, Or throw up our hands and go down.

It is easy to sit in our carriage And counsel the man on foot; But get down and walk, and you will change your talk,

As you feel the peg in your boot. It is easy to tell the teller How best he can carry his pack; But not one can rate a burden's weight

Until it has been on his back. The up-curl'd mouth of pleasure Can preach of sorrow's worth; But give it a sip and a wryer lip Was never made on earth. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

It is as bad to give a compliment with a "but" attachment, as it is to give a present and grumble about the cost of it.

Life Perplexities.

Perplexities are never o'er For him who grows faint-hearted; He's scarcely out of one before Another has been started. —A COUNCILMAN.

When a man tells his sweetheart that she is the nicest girl in town he has to tell her, when he meets her the next day, that she is the nicest girl in the world, or she will say his love is growing cold.

A flea, and a fly, in a flea Were imprisoned. Now what could they do? Said the flea, "Let us fly." Said the fly, "Let us flee." So they flew through A flaw in the flea. —Selected.

Don't tell your troubles to your friends. You may think they will be interested, and that they are anxious to "help" you, but as a matter of fact your troubles bore them, and they talk to other friends about your weeping to them. It is hard lesson to learn, but friends do not think as much of you as you believe they do.

A Glad Season. Light, fluffy duds Are now the thing. Soon will the buds Be blossoming, A smell of duds The zephyrs bring.

The brooklets rush, The birdies sing. The poets gush And much ink fling Concealing slush About the spring. JACK FLANAGAN.

Bossie Speaks. I wouldn't want to be a city cow And have to nibble paving stones, I trow, And never wade or drink in brooklets fair, But use the hydrants in the city square. Were I obliged to yield to such a mess I'd give condensed milk in the can, I guess. IVY CONDRON.

EUGENE ROAD IS PROJECTED

Eastern Syndicate Asks \$150,000 to Build Line to Florence.

EUGENE, Ore., May 20.—A mass meeting of the citizens of Eugene was held at the Commercial Club quarters to receive a proposition regarding the construction of a railroad from Eugene to Florence, on the coast at the mouth of Sluissaw River. Sten Lund, a representative of the Chicago Contracting Company, and who represents Eastern capitalists, among them being J. A. Davis, vice-president of the Pullman Car Company, who has purchased the railroad extending from Cottage Grove to the Bohemia mines, was present and explained his plans fully.

The proposition is that if the people of Eugene and Lane county will subscribe for \$150,000 worth of stock, their money to be expended on the first 16-mile section westward from Eugene, the men whom Mr. Lund represents will guarantee to finance the balance of the road and complete it to Florence without delay. If the stock is immediately subscribed, one of the company's big plants, now on the coast, will be put to work at once, and the entire road will, barring unexpected delays, be completed within the year.

Several months ago a number of Eugene business men organized the Eugene & Pacific Electric Railway Company, with the purpose of building an electric railroad from here to the coast, and it is through their efforts that Mr. Lund is here. The matter will at once be taken up by the citizens and committees named to solicit subscriptions.

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