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Thus we act; and thus we are. Or tossed by hope or sunk by care. With endless pain this man pursues. What, if he gained, he could not use. And 't'other fondly hopes to see. What never was, nor e'er shall be. We err by use, go wrong by rules. In gesture grave, in action foils. We join hypocrisy to pride. Doubling the faults we strive to hide. —Prior.

If Kipling or some other far-away author had written so perfect a poem as Joaquin Miller's "Vespers in Tokio," presented in Sunset for April, it would have been cabled word for word to this country and magazine editors would have been tumbling over one another to secure it for first appearance.

Umatilla county should begin now to arrange for an exhibit at the state fair, to be held in September. The wheat and wool records of this county are proud pages in Oregon industrial history. The members of the fair board now in the county arranging for the agricultural exhibit, should receive the utmost encouragement. Umatilla county has some prizes coming and she should bring them home.

Pendleton has made a test of municipal ownership and has found it good. The city owns and operates the water system, the commission in charge is elected by the people and the income from the system is applied to its expenses. Pendleton would not change this municipal water system for any other form of management. It has proved satisfactory to patrons and profitable to the city. It is only a step, yet it is one which the city would not retrace. Rather, she would take more of them.

The boy who stopped an O. R. & N. passenger train at Weatherby, Or., to prevent its being wrecked by running over a steer, which he found fastened in a bridge, has become quite a hero, in the Oregon press, on the supposition that his act saved a wreck. The fact of the matter is, he did more damage to the train and caused more inconvenience to passengers by causing the engineer to make an emergency application of the air brake, than would have been caused by running over the steer. With the 160-ton passenger engines now in service, a 1,200-pound steer is as a fly to a wheelbarrow. In pioneer days, when 40-ton engines were in use, the boy's act might have prevented a wreck, but in this case, he only saved the animal's life.

The work of progress makes trying demands upon the citizen. With all the public business of the community to attend to, and the calls for time and money from worthy causes to answer, all the urgent improvements of civic and municipal life to be made and paid for, the modern business man has his hands full. There is little time left for recreation, little time left for home life. Evenings must be spent in discussing matters of public interest. Days must be crowded with strenuous labor, in order to keep a business going in a competitive age, and the interim between private and public duties is so brief that the average business man spends only one-fourth of his life at the home he loves and cherishes, beyond compare. The profits from business must be enormous to meet all the worthy calls for public contributions that are made, if any margin is left for the ceaseless drudge.

THE GUEST OF LABOR.

The most typical American reception which President Roosevelt has received on his tour, was given him at Butte.

He was the guest of the Federated Trades, and spoke to the audience as if every member of it was a dingy miner.

He probably spoke more freely, with less reserve, with less measuring of words, with less formality, than in any speech on the entire tour.

He unbosomed his full heart to his listeners. He extemporized in response to the spirit of the hour. He struck out straight from the shoulder and although Montana and Butte are the homes of millionaires, this speech to workmen went home to every heart.

"I hold that every good American who does his duty is a workman," said the president. "There are many different kinds of work, but so long as the work is honorable, is necessary and is well done the man who does it is entitled to the respect of his fellows. I am here, the invited guest of the wage-workers, and the speech I will make to you I would make in exactly the same language to any group of employers or to any set of our citizens in any part of this republic."

"Ours is a government of liberty, true and under the law. No man is above the law and no man is below it. The crime of cunning, the crime of greed, the crime of violence are all equally crimes, and against them all the law must set its face. This is not and never shall be a government of the plutocracy nor of the mob. We have the right to ask every decent American citizen to rally to the support of the law, if it is ever broken against the interest of the rich man, and we have the same right to ask that rich man cheerfully and gladly to acquiesce in the enforcement of the law against his seeming interest, if it is the law. Whoever he may be, great or small, at whichever end of the social scale he may be, whether his offense be a crime of greed or cunning, or of physical violence, if it be an offense against the law it must be punished."

"No law can make a fool wise, a coward brave or a weakling strong. No law can ever by itself give prosperity, can ever make a community go forward. All that the law can do is to provide the chance for the average man to show his qualities, protect him from being wronged by others and shape conditions so that he can strive with the circumstances in his favor. But his success depends upon his individual qualities."

The object of the agitation on the subject of the semi-annual irrigation meeting at Baker City, is to encourage the holding of the meeting, in spite of the lack of interest. There should be no lack of interest on the subject in a state with 3,900,000 acres of idle land to irrigate. The meeting has not been abandoned beyond recall. A little work on the part of irrigationists, a little thought on the part of those interested in Eastern Oregon, will bring a good attendance to the meeting, and it should be called. The sound reasoning of Judge Hartman should be a rebuke to those who are willing to surrender to a lack of interest. There is no lack of interest in the subject in the minds of those who appreciate the work of preparing Oregon for the homeseeker. If the semi-annual meeting in Baker City dies for lack of interest, what assurance have we that the annual meeting to be held in Pendleton does not fall, on the same pretext?

According to the report of the pension commissioner, Ware, upward of 22 per cent of all the "veterans" of the Spanish war have applied for pensions, and new applications are coming in by the hundreds every week. Evidently first estimates of the cost of that war will have to be revised and probably multiplied.

The Long Creek Light has been enlarged from an eight to a ten-page paper, in order to make room for land notices. It pays to be on the ground floor.

DRIFTWOOD.

A case was on trial recently before a judge back in Wisconsin. The plaintiff was a butcher, who claimed that the defendant owed him \$10 for a meat bill. The defendant, a strikingly thin and gaunt figure denied the bill, statements and counter statements followed each other with great rapidity. The lie was passed,

but the constable intervened. "When was this meat purchased which you sold the defendant?" asked the judge. "During the past four weeks, your honor," declared the butcher. "Then I decide in favor of the defendant, remarked the judge deliberately, as he scrutinized the emaciated figure before him. "His appearance indicates that he has not eaten \$10 worth of meat in his lifetime."

A traveler in the Southland met an aged negro and the following colloquy ensued. "You must be a very old man, Sambo." "Yes, sah, I've more than 80 years old." "You must have seen some very interesting things in that length of time." "Yes, sah; I've had lots of experiences, I've been through four wars." "Four wars, Sambo that is a great many." "Yes, sah; I've been through the civil war and I've been married three times."

The recent Manchurian incident is a fine illustration of the remark credited to Talleyrand, that "Language was made to conceal thought." "Public opinion" sums up the matter thus. "Russia is deeply pained that her benevolent intentions in Manchuria should have been so badly misunderstood, and Secretary Hay has assured Count Lamdorff, the Russian foreign minister, of his great regret that the mistake should have occurred." This is quite in accordance to the rules of the game and deceives no one, least of all the players themselves. Against Russia's emphatic declaration that no such demands as were announced to have been made on China were even contemplated should have been placed the statements of Dr. Morrison, the careful and veracious correspondent of the London Times, the British minister to China, and Mr. Conger, our own minister to Peking, to the effect that the demands were actually presented as reported. Meanwhile China has refused to grant the concessions which Russia "did not ask." To the undiplomatic observer it appears that the world still produces some very able liars.

The spring poet is again at large. The following lines are entitled:

UNCERTAINTY. Now that again the bearing sun Sights warm each Southern slope on, Belinda, of a sudden, leaves the noisy town behind, And slowly fares across the fields with rubbers, let us hope on. While shadows on her forehead tell of something on her mind.

What is it in the spring time drives a Maid to meditation? What brings her out to tramp the fields in chosen solitude? Some matter of finance, or faith, or heart or station? It must be what would all these four and most things else include.

Oh, what is man, Belinda, dear, that you are mindful of him? Careless of fortune, can it be there's anything you lack? Ay, there's the rub, so much to lose—so great a risk to love him. And yet who dares not love may miss what never may come back. Tutuilla, May 31.

Work on the French national pavilion, a reproduction of the Grand Trianon at Versailles, France, will be begun soon at the World's Fair, St. Louis.

Thirty thousand persons participated in the great civic parade at the World's Fair dedicatory ceremonies on State day, May 2.



Each of the chief organs of the body is a link in the chain of life. A chain is no stronger than its weakest link, the body no stronger than its weakest organ. If there is weakness of heart or lungs, liver or kidneys, there is a weak link in the chain of life which may snap at any time. Often this so-called "weakness" is caused by lack of nutrition, the result of disease of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. Diseases of the stomach and its allied organs are cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. When the diseased stomach is cured, diseases of other organs which seem remote from the stomach but which have their origin in a diseased condition of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, are cured also.

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