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THE CALL OF THE WEST. Come and hear the break of the sea of seas, The thud of a league-long crest, And hear the shock of the king of seas On the wall of the mighty west. Come, and see the plumes of our forest kings, From Sierra's snows to plains; God's amphitheater, tier on tier, Where pine and redwood reigns. O, sapphire seas and purple mists! No Italy so blest! A vision of Hesperides, Land of the sun-down west.—Selected.

COOLNESS NEEDED.

There are indications that some elements that are dissatisfied with the work of the legislature may seek to get revenge. Maddened by the defeat of measures in which they were interested, some people are now in a proper mood to help "soak" something else. Right now some Portland people are out with a move to change the capital from Salem to Portland and they are appealing to normal school people to get even with Salem by voting to change the capital. That this would be a poor way indeed to take revenge for the defeat of the normals has been shown before by the East Oregonian. Portland influences caused the defeat of the normals. But the very idea of using the initiative or referendum for purposes of revenge is in itself vicious. The initiative and referendum were never intended as clubs to be used for securing revenge. The use of them for such purpose should be sharply discouraged. Should it become the custom for dissatisfied people to go out with an initiative or referendum petition every time something goes wrong the state will be thrown into helpless turmoil. Then there is the danger that the wrong people will get "soaked." Take for instance, the movement to remove the capital. It would be the height of folly for normal school people to favor this move in order to take revenge on Senator Smith of Marion county. Marion county had but one senator who opposed the normal schools, while Multnomah county had six.

The success of the initiative and referendum depends upon coolness and good judgment of the people. They are good things if properly used. They furnish a wholesome check upon the legislature. But if the initiative and referendum are to be invoked indiscriminately and sometimes purely for purposes of revenge there will be no end to the trouble that will ensue.

WHY NOT WAKE UP?

People who are now coming westward declare they have heard much more about the irrigated sections of Idaho and Washington than about those of Oregon. This is largely because the various irrigation companies having lands to sell have been lax in the matter of advertising. Few of the concerns in the west end of this county have ever done any really vigorous advertising, even in local papers, though much free publicity has been given them by the East Oregonian and other papers of the county. When over 2000 homeseekers reached this point one day last week the only real estate advertisements being run in the local papers were one for an Alberta land company, one for a Richland, Wash., company, and one for the Hanford, Wash., project. Incidentally it might be mentioned that much Pendleton money is being invested in all of those places. This is

largely because these outside concerns realize the value of advertising. The land companies of the west end might profit by following their example.

NORMAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Up at Weston they have been figuring out the total amount of money the normal school has received from the state since the institution was first established back in 1891. It has been found that during the 18 years since the eastern Oregon normal was established the school has been given by the state a sum in the neighborhood of \$174,000. This amount covers both buildings and maintenance, though not the buildings and grounds donated by the town of Weston.

It is understood that the other normal schools have not been even as fortunate as Weston. During the past two years Monmouth has been running entirely on money from private sources. It is very doubtful if the grand total of the normal school appropriations in the history of Oregon amount to as much as \$500,000, the amount that was appropriated for the Lewis & Clark fair. This is the extent of the normal school "graft." In 20 years the normal schools have not used more money than was voted at one time for the benefit of Portland. Yet the affairs of the normal schools have been so misrepresented by their enemies that the average man has gotten the impression that each normal has been getting about a half million from the state every two years. "Truth is mighty," says an old proverb. But so is a persistent libel.

NEED OF SOIL SURVEYS.

From all over the United States requests are now being made for soil surveys. The success of past governmental work along this line has caused a widespread demand for further work. Down in the south much interest is being taken in the subject for the south is waking up to the fact that there is such a thing as scientific farming. A southern congressman, Charles G. Edwards of Georgia, was an earnest advocate of soil surveys during the last session of congress. Upon the same subject the Atlanta Constitution recently said: "Few farmers know anything about the chemistry of the land with which they are dealing. They know from experience what one of two or three different crops thrive best upon it, but generally they are ignorant of the particular growth to which it is best adapted. "When scientific investigation develops the fact that land which has been valued at no more than \$5 an acre is worth, as the result of discovery of its peculiar adaptability, from \$100 to \$2000, the importance of this work cannot be overestimated. "There are now on file with the bureau of soils in the national department of agriculture more than 500 requests for soil surveys, affecting an area of more than 500,000 square miles of territory, but with the present force and appropriation at the bureau's disposal it would require more than 19 years to make these investigations. Not many months ago the Pendleton Commercial association joined in a request for a soil survey for Umatilla county. It is too bad the force available for this work is not sufficient to carry on the work with more speed.

For successfully carrying out the enlargement and betterment of the public library and for establishing the rest room in the city hall the ladies of the city are deserving of deep credit. The ladies of Pendleton are very desirable citizens. An account of the "Inland Empire's" first trip up the river states that there is now ample water in the Columbia for navigation and that from indications the stream will be navigable for several weeks. Indeed?

HE COULDN'T SEE IT

At a dinner during the recent Episcopal convention at Richmond a young lady sitting near the bishop of London said to him: "Bishop I wish you would set my mind at rest as to the similarity or dissimilarity between your country and ours on one point. Does the butterfly because the tomato can?" The bishop laughed heartily at this vivacious query. Not so a young Englishman of his party, who, after dinner, sought his host. "I want to know you know," said he, "about that joke of Miss B's. She asked if the butter flew because the tomatoes could. Pray tell me what the point was."—Christian Register.

FOREVER AND A DAY.

I little know or care If the blackbird on the bough Is filling all the air With his soft crescendo now; For she is gone away, And when she went she took The springtime in her look, The laughter from her cheek, The blueness from the brook, The blue from out the sky— And what she calls a week Is forever and a day!

It's little that I mind How the blossoms, pink or white, At every touch of wind Fall a-trembling with delight; For in the leafy lane, Beneath the garden boughs, And through the silent house One thing alone I seek, Until she comes again And what she calls a week Is fire and a day! —Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

THE OPEN ROAD.

There is a good road leading down, An old brown road from a good old town; Shaded and shadowed by restful trees, That softly talk to the fresh young breeze; And sometimes when my heart is sad, And all the city looks old and gray, I shall leave the work which drives me mad, And take that good road leading away, And follow it on through the ripening day, Until my soul comes back to me— My soul which is fettered here and bound As to iron wheels by the city's sound— All straight and smooth and free. —Selected.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

During the coming year the entire railway system of Budapest will be electrified. The first of four 6,000 horse-power General Electric alternating current motors, the largest in the world, in the millmill of the United States Steel Corporation at Gary, Ind., was recently started successfully. Water-power is used to supply the electricity for the new Italian railway from Castle Raymond to Camerino. The first electric street railway to be operated in Warsaw, Russia, was put in service a few months ago. The company operates 204 cars and charges 3.6 cents for first-class passengers. Electric heating devices are successfully employed for branding cigar boxes. The Detroit Edison Company will spend two million dollars in doubling the size of its plant. There are more than seven million telephones in regular service in this country and during the past year more than 7,500,000 messages were sent over the wires. It is planned to use electricity for heating and lighting the lighthouse of the government if the wave motor can be perfected in a practical and useful manner.

LOST AMERICAN CULTURE.

A woman journalist at the Calany Club was praising Mrs. Tafi. "She will form a salon at the White House," said the journalist. "Washington, under her regime, will become the center of art and letters as well as the center of politics. "She deplored during my interview the scorn of culture that marks our ultra-smart set. She said it had not always been so. She cited Harriet Lane Johnson as a typical society woman of culture in the past. "When Mrs. Lane, she said, lived in London with her uncle, the ambassador, an English nobleman was most attentive to her one night at a dinner. "Miss Lane's hands were very beautiful. The nobleman, gently touching one of them as it lay on the cloth, quoted Gray: "Hands that the rod of empire might have swayed." "Miss Lane's smiling retort was the completion of the couplet: "Or waked to ecstasy the living lyre." —Buffalo News.

HE KNEW ALL ABOUT IT

A member of the Nebraska Legislature was making a speech on some momentous question and, in concluding, said: "In the words of Daniel Webster who wrote the dictionary, 'Give me liberty or give me death!'" One of his colleagues pulled at his coat and whispered: "Daniel Webster did not write the dictionary; it was Noah." "Noah nothing," replied the speaker. "Noah built the ark."—Buffalo News.

WAY AHEAD

Newlywed (proudly): "I always make it point to tell my wife everything that happens." Old Sport: "Pooh! That's nothing. I tell my wife lots of things that never happen at all."—London Tattler.

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THE LOVABLE MAN

He's a lovable man with a heart like a child, There's a love in his speech and his manners are mild; As gentle and tender and simple and true As ever your sweetheart appeared unto you; Yet he's forty, I'll swear, There's gray in his hair; His face has been wrinkled By worry and care; Yet his heart is as young and as light as a boy's, He's a man who today can get fun out of toys.

He laughs with his friends and he shares in their woes, With the pure joy of living his countenance glows; He romps with the children and chats with the men, As though he was living his boyhood again. Yet sorrow he's known, He has grieved all alone, And this by his clothing Of black is well known; Yet his heart has rebuffed all the cynicisms of care, And the world is still good, there's joy in the air. Time hasn't dulled his enjoyment of fun, And trouble and grief haven't clouded his sun, He's suffered the blows that the world has to give, And bravely has borne them, just happy to live; As gentle and kind And as simple of mind As any young light-hearted boy you can find, He shares in your pleasures and soothes when he can, The heart that is aching—this lovable man —Detroit Free Press.

THE TIME-A-PHONE.

One of the many novelties exhibited at the Chicago Electrical Show was the time-a-phone. Attached to one of the posts of a booth was a small device about the size of a watch case but looking like a small telephone receiver. The receiver was connected to a small green cord of insulated wire. When this device was held to the ear and a button pushed the listener could hear the exact time of day. A set of musical chimes strike the hour a set of double gongs give the quarters and a high-pitched bell tolls off the minutes. To a man in the dark the time-a-phone tells the time to a minute. It is planned to use this invention in hotels where each room will be provided with one of the instruments connected to a master clock in the basement. The time-a-phone is placed under the pillow and any guest wishing to know the hour has only to apply the receiver to the ear and press a button.—Electrical News.

outlet of Victoria Nyanza in Africa. And they back up their arguments with the statement that coal will be exhausted early in the next century and that mineral oil and natural gas will vanish with the coal. Amid all this prognosticating and arguing arises a host of questions about this water-power which is to keep us from freezing in the next century, to turn the wheels of our industry, to prepare the food and to run our vehicles. Every stream of running water from the trout brook sporting through the farm meadows to the largest rivers, is capable of producing more or less power. A hundred years ago, when steam power was still in its infancy, water power was quite extensively developed in this country but the steam engine, with cheap wood and coal fuel, quickly reached the practical stage and the old "overshot" and "undershot" water-wheels were abandoned. Up to a few years ago it was not practical to develop most water power because this power had to be utilized on the spot and very naturally the very best water falls were located in the wilderness, scores of miles away from the seaports, the railroads and the cities which need it. But the invention of the electric transformer changed all this and made it possible to transmit this energy for hundreds of miles without serious loss.—Selected.

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