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WAITING.

Serene, I fold my hands and wait. Nor care for wind or tide or sea. I have no more 'gainst time or fate. For lo! my own shall come to me. I stay my haste, I make delay. For what avails, this eager pace? I stand amid the eternal ways. And what is mine shall know my face. Asleep, awake, by night or day. The friends I seek are seeking me; No wind can drive my bark astray Nor change the tide of destiny. What matter if I stand alone? I wait with joy the coming years; My heart shall reap where it has sown. And garner up its fruit of tears. The waters know their own, and draw The brook that springs in yonder height; So flows the good with equal law Unto the soul of pure delight. The stars come nightly to the sky; The tidal wave unto the sea; Nor time nor space, nor deep nor high, Can keep my own away from me. —John Burroughs.

There are many good features about the law requiring a man to get a license to purchase a pistol. It is a law that works some inconvenience on a man who has just need of a pistol and must buy one. He must get at least two reputable freeholders to make affidavit as to his moral character and then must secure his license from the city recorder or municipal judge.

Such a law tends to keep a man from getting a pistol when in the heat of passion and when he has no business with a weapon. Many murders have been made possible through the fact a man could formerly get a gun too easily. The law tends to keep pistols out of the hands of youthful irresponsibles. It is a good law despite the fact it will often be evaded and despite the fact it will sometimes cause inconvenience to legitimate purchasers.

Because he advocated the eight hour law Senator McComas of Maryland was marked for hidden slaughter by the manufacturers' association and defeated, according to the testimony given by Col. Mulhall before the senate lobby probe committee.

The incident shows how potent have been the unseen forces that have been busy with government in this country. It is the secrecy with which the association worked that makes it so open to criticism. It did not attack

the senator openly for his stand. He did not learn why he had been defeated until later. He was struck by an unseen hand.

This probably shows why so many senators and representatives remained standpat so long and refused to stand for legislation in the interests of society and advancement. They knew of unseen machinery that could be adroitly turned against them if they did not take care. They were held in line by fear. They knew the people were not well informed and were often lax in vigilance but that vested interests were well informed, watchful and resourceful.

The lobby probe is accomplishing good through the uncovering of the secret forces of government. Government in the dark is always dangerous.

Young Charley Gates, a millionaire many times over by inheritance, made himself conspicuous recently by chartering a For Speed special train to take him from Minneapolis to New York ahead of the regular trains. He declared he could not bear to travel by regular train and that his time was worth money.

How much this fellow's time may be worth he does not say but since he reached New York Saturday noon in order to attend a director's meeting that was not to be held until the following Monday it appears he overestimated the case somewhat.

The Gates special train stunt has brought forth the following comment from the New York World:

"The incident is suggestive as showing the aggravated symptoms of a mania for hurrying that is beginning to obsess a large part of the public in greater or less degree.

"Nowadays everybody 'wants to move' when travelling—to 'get there' ahead of schedule; and for what use? What do those who make a 'saving' of the 'time that is worth money' ever do with the precious commodity which they acquire by the waste of so much real money? What do the people who ride only in extra-fare trains and take five-day boats to England do with the surplus of time 'saved'?"

"If all the fragments of days and hours thus economized were actually utilized and devoted to something worth while, there would be an appreciable gain in national efficiency. But, in fact, the usual process is to waste time in idleness or in a self-satisfied contemplation of the 'stunt' performed. Those most eager to save time at any cost are habitually most prodigal of it afterward.

With new houses going up in Pendleton at the rate now in progress it is well the city water commission is getting busy condemning the right of way for the new system.

The battle of the Boyne was fought 223 years ago and yet the Irish still scrap about it. They hold a grudge a long time over there.

Either the Bulgarians are getting badly whipped or else all the war correspondents travel with the enemy.

On the elementary question involved those Portland strikers are right. They are entitled to a decent living wage.

BY THE SCISSORS

A GENEROUS BENEFICIARY.

Joseph Flynn, president of the St. Louis Gaelic League, on his last visit to Ireland was stopping with some friends in the country. He sent a telegram to the telegraph office in town some miles away. The night was a cold one and when the messenger, who was an old man of 65 years of age, returned to the house, Mr. Flynn asked him to have "a little drink."

"Will you have it straight," Mr. Flynn says he asked him, "or do you want a glass of punch, or shall I mix you a toddy?" "If it's all the same to you," said the old man, "I'll take me straight 'hile y're getting me cup of punch, and sip me punch whilst ye mix me toddy."

AN UNREWARDED HERO.

(New York World.)

George G. Meade's reward for winning the battle of Gettysburg was identical with Frederick Funston's reward for capturing Aguinaldo. Each was made a Brigadier General in the regular army.

Meade was not a great soldier in the sense that Lee and Grant were great soldiers, but he never received the full measure of credit due to him for fighting the decisive battle of the war. Lincoln's disappointment over Meade's strange failure to follow up his victory contributed much toward this end. The jealousy of Hooker's friends was also an element, and so was the activity of Sickle's friends, who were intent on saving that corps commander from well-deserved censure for his failure to obey Meade's orders. But perhaps the chief element was Meade's own personality.

He made little appeal to popular imagination. His infirmities of temper made it difficult for him to get along with his subordinates, and he was deficient in personal magnetism. His lack of tact and diplomacy disqualified him in a large degree from handling men. Gettysburg was so much a battle of the corps commanders that it was easy to deprive the general in command of credit that he deserved, especially in view of the fact that he had been in command only three days when the battle took place. The hesitation shown by Meade after the victory was won robbed his achievement of some of its glory, and

so it came about that he died a disappointed man.

He was allowed to remain in command of the Army of the Potomac, but he was soon completely overshadowed by Grant. At the time he was promoted to the rank of Major General an attempt was made to jump Sheridan over his head. After Grant became president and Sherman succeeded him as General of the Army, Meade was entitled to seniority and service to the rank of Lieutenant General. But Grant, who "treated the presidency of the United States as if he had won it in a raffle," made Sheridan Lieutenant General, and Meade's heart was broken.

When we contemplate the rewards lavished upon pinchbeck soldiers in the Spanish-American war, the treatment accorded to Meade seems shabby indeed.

THE TRUE BOOSTER.

If you like the old town best Tell 'em so. If you'd have her lead the rest Help her grow. When there's anything to do Let the fellows count on you. You'll feel bully when it's through. Don't you know!

If you want to make a hit Get a name. If the other fellow's it Who's to blame? Spend your money in the town Where you pull the sheekles down. Give the man who kicks a frown. That's the game!

If you're used to giving knocks Change your style. Throw bouquets instead of rocks For awhile. Let the other fellow roast. Shun him as you would a ghost. Meet his hammer with a boast And a smile.

When a stranger from afar Comes along Tell him who and what we are. Make it strong. Needn't flatter; never bluff. Tell the truth, for that's enough. Join the boosters—they're the stuff! We belong. —Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

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