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COMPANION OF THE TREES.

I. Far away from cities, companion of the trees
That make you dream of violins a-swaying in the breeze;
Gray doves flying over fields of corn and hay,
And rivers doing of their best to sing themselves away.

II. Far away from cities, with the life of leaves;
Tollers in the broad fields are dreaming of the sheaves;
From my sheltered nest here a golden world I see;
The bees will share the money of the dripping hives with me.

III. Far away—and echoes that murmur, "Far away!"
The mockingbird is saying: "Summer's sweet as May!"
'Neath my green-leaved roof a new, bright world around me beams;
Only to a dreamer is life a life of dreams.
—Frank L. Stanton.

What Pendleton wants from the Oregon senators is an increased appropriation for the local federal building—Not a Pork Barrel Appeal.

By the government's own statement of the case the sum of money now available for the local building is inadequate.

It would be absurd to erect such a building here. The building should provide quarters for the federal court, for the commissioner and other federal people requiring office room in Pendleton.

There is a genuine need for an adequate federal building here. It is not a fictitious need. The federal court has eastern Oregon headquarters in Pendleton and always will have.

Since the money now available is not sufficient to erect a building suitable even for present needs, not considering future growth, Pendleton is justified in asking for additional money.

Work That Should Be Done Well. Since the question of commission government for Pendleton was brought to the front by this paper some time ago there has been continuous interest in the subject and ample evidence that the people wish to vote upon the subject again.

Accordingly a meeting of friends of commission government is called for Thursday evening and at that time plans for drafting a charter and getting it before the people will be taken up.

In presenting the subject to the people it is important that the work be done openly and in such manner as to inspire the confidence of the people. It will necessarily take time and work to draft the proposed charter. It

will also be necessary to harmonize differences of opinion. Manifestly it will be impossible to draft a charter that will appeal in every particular to all people. But it should be possible to avoid blunders on the more essential features.

The great reason why commission government is popular is the well grounded and growing belief that such government will by the nature of things be more efficient than the old style plan.

Under the heading "From a Harrah to a Whine," the New York World takes the following poke at those bank-ers who talked so loudly of giving up their national charters if the proposed currency law should be adopted.

The 2 per cent United States bonds held by the national banks in the amount of \$700,000,000 to secure circulation and deposits of public money have lately fallen from above par to 99 bid.

We see no reason for taking this explanation seriously. There should be no mystery about the weakness of the 2's. Are not the National City Bank of New York and the First National of Chicago to secede from the national system and take out state charters?

Now, alas! they are evidently beginning to see this for themselves, and the shouts of triumph are turning into something closely resembling a whine.

Possibly if the government would use good eastern Oregon stone or brick and not ship stone across the continent for use in our federal building the cost would be lowered.

IN A LIGHTER VEIN

FORWARD.

It was on a suburban train. The young man in the rear car was suddenly addressed by the woman in the seat behind him.

SAFE!

The McTavish family was dining and each member eagerly watched Mr. McTavish carving the fowl, none so eagerly, however, as the dog, for that intelligent animal never took his eyes off the luscious bird.

GETTING EVEN.

The late William T. Stead was in Turkey once and was received by the sultan.

"Very well," said Stead, "I will take the case, but only on the condition that I may be allowed to make your supreme highness a present in return."

TRAMPING DE LUXE.

"Please gimme a nickel, mister?" said the tramp. "I never give money to beggars on the street," retorted the haughty pedestrian.

FROM THE PEOPLE

THE CATTLE SHORTAGE.

Stanfield Man Recalls Campaign Predictions.

Stanfield, Ore., July 15, 1913. Editor East Oregonian: That the alarm over the future meat supply of the countryside is well founded can not be disputed is apparent to any one who has in any way observed the conditions of the meat industry.

Last fall notwithstanding a rising market and apparent shortage of cattle for feeder purposes, the country was flooded with administration orators advising the cattle growers of the dire calamity facing them in the event of the election of Woodrow Wilson.

We know of a party that purchased a lot of cows last fall for feeding purposes, the most of these cows have since raised calves. Instead of keeping these calves for mature beef, say in eighteen months, they were sold as veal at about one-sixth of the value they would have attained.

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Prithee! This is some game; it smacks of class, And played full-square upon the swarded grass;

A stage rich set, a diamond four-side square Bedecked the scene; an audience I swear

Each his part to lend his talent to. "One strike"—"One ball," a "strike" perhaps again.

The hero stands, his willow poised to clout; He swings—and forty thousand groan, "He's out."

Thus through the game each player tries his skill, Some take the "count" while others "soak the pill."

Yet, lighter still, fate draws its iron bands, If when a guy a "Texas leaguer" lands,

And on through space doth canter like a steed And safely climbs the "cushion" in his speed—

When with ambition tugging at his heart Doth for the second "cushion" soon depart

But to be tagged; 'twas ever thus! "Tis sad— And forty thousand "roast" the erring lad;

"He lost his bean," "the dough-head" "lump of cheese"— Such epithets the fans hurl out with ease.

Men make mistakes at play as well as work— That foe of human kind doth ever lurk

—San Francisco Examiner.

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