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THE ISLE OF LONG AGO.

O, wonderful stream is the River Time
 As it flows through the realms of years,
 With a faultless rhythm and musical rhyme,
 And a broader sweep and surge sublime
 As it blends with the ocean of years.

How the winters are drifting like flakes of snow
 And the summers like buds between;
 And the year in the sheaf—so they come and go
 On the river's breast with its ebb and flow,
 As they glide in the shadow and sheen.

There's a musical isle up the River of Time
 Where the softest of airs are playing;
 There's a cloudless sky and a tropical clime,
 And a voice as sweet as a vesper chime,
 And the June with the roses is staying.

And the name of the isle is the Long Ago,
 And we bury our treasures there;
 There are brows of beauty and bosoms of snow—
 There are heaps of dust, but, we loved them so!
 There are trinkets and tresses of hair.
 There are fragments of song that nobody sings,
 And a part of an infant's prayer.
 There's a harp unswept and a lute without strings,
 And the garments she used to wear.

There are hands that waved when the fairy shore
 By the mirage is lifted in air.
 And we sometimes hear through the turbid roar
 Sweet voices we heard in the days gone before
 When the wind down the river is fair.

O, remembered for aye be the blessed Isle
 All the days of our life till night,
 And when evening comes with its beautiful smile
 And our eyes are closing in slumber awhile
 May that "Greenwood" of soul be in sight.
 —Bayard Taylor.

NEW HEADS FOR STATE INSTITUTIONS.

The state board, consisting of the governor, treasurer and secretary of state have the selection of persons for the heads of four state institutions in the next few months.

They are to be chosen superintendents of the state insane asylum, for the home for feeble-minded and epileptic and state reform school, and for the state blind institute.

For the insane asylum the law requires a physician, but the institution is so large **THAT ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE ABILITY ARE AS IMPORTANT IF NOT MORE SO THAN PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL SKILL.**

For the other three institutions there should not be ordinary political appointments made. In fact justice to the state requires that those places be not filled as rewards for political services.

That a man who has merely been a Republican politician should be put in charge of the blind school, the reform school, of the feeble-minded, is not a good proposition, and **PROBABLY WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED BY THE STATE BOARD.**

Each of these appointments should be made from the standpoint of the needs of the public service and the unfortunate class that the state seeks to make provision for.

Recently the state board in control of the agricultural college turned down all the political applicants and selected from among several men who had some reputation for work in agricultural college and government experiment stations.

As a result of this process, the board finds that in President Kerr it has **A MAN WHO UNDERSTANDS WHAT IS REQUIRED IN THE CONDUCT OF AN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.** So in the deafmute school a specialist was chosen from Michigan.

It is putting Oregon in the class with freak states to take up men who know nothing about education of the blind, or the feeble-minded or of reform school work, and turning them loose on those unfortunates.

The education of the blind, the care of the feeble-minded and the reformation of wayward boys has become the work of well-defined specialists, **AND NEVER WAS POLITICAL WORK IN ANY SENSE OF THE TERM.**

Machine political appointments are bad enough in the general public service of the state, but constitute almost a crime against the state and the unfortunates whom it assumes to benefit.

Oregon has outgrown that kind of politics, and the state board would be warranted in turning down the merely political applicant for the head of any state institution. **THE PEOPLE HAVE OUTGROWN THE POLITICAL GRAFT.**

It is unjust to the taxpayers and the cause of good government to appoint men in charge of any educational or reform work who have to learn all they know at the expense of the public and the defectives.

Such appointments are defective in themselves and the people who elect our state officials have a right to be protected against such administration of public trusts.

THE CITY AND FRANCHISES.

The position of Mayor Rodgers in demanding that the Home Telephone company comply with the terms of its franchise and install and operate its plant in this city, or forfeit its bond is correct.

With their eyes open, with trained lawyers and franchise experts to draft their franchises, **THESE CORPORATIONS GET CERTAIN VALUABLE RIGHTS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO DO CERTAIN THINGS.**

The city does its part, and then up comes Mr. Corporation and proposes to violate the terms of the agreement which he proposed in order to get the franchise.

A corporation comes in and gets a franchise, uses it to browbeat a corporation already in business, and gives a bond to secure the aid of the city government in its hold-up enterprise, and **WHY SHOULD IT NOT PAY FOR THE PRIVILEGE, AND ESPECIALLY IF IT DEFAULTS?**

It is well known that in these days of mergers, telephone and street railway franchises are generally first used to compel some other common carrier to buy them out.

If that does not succeed they sell the franchises to some other company and evade liability for the execution of its terms in that way. This game should not be permitted to be played.

The city should insist on such a franchise policy as will bring results. The Anson franchise **BROUGHT MONEY INTO THE CITY TREASURY.** The Oregon Electric franchise **BROUGHT ANOTHER STREET CAR LINE INTO THE CITY.**

The city should follow the example set by the Hayseed city council and collect the \$25,000 bond of the Home Telephone company for failure to keep its part of the contract.

Is the city to be made the mere sport and plaything of the franchise grabber, who generally **STARTS IN WITH MANIPULATING THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND WINDS UP WITH VIOLATION OF ITS LAWS?**

In the case of the franchise referred to, a corporation gave a \$5000

bond to install a steam heating and electric plant within a certain time. The franchise was procured for mere trafficking purposes, and the bond was collected and put in the city treasury.

The Capital Journal can refer to a more recent case, where the Oregon Electric was about to secure a franchise on High street, **BUT WAS MADE TO PUT UP A \$15,000 CASH BOND TO BUILD AND OPERATE ITS LINE.**

The Capital Journal made the fight to force construction from Salem to Chemawa and operation of cars by September 10, 1906, and the cars are running ever since for no other reason.

This city needs new electric lines in several directions, but is not going to get them by granting unconditional blanket franchises to all who ask for them.

A true franchise policy for this city should require not only a heavy collectable bond, but at least two per cent taxes on the gross earnings, proper care of streets, and **CONSTRUCTION WITHIN AT LEAST SIX MONTHS OF ENOUGH LINES TO PAY OPERATING EXPENSES.**

These are not unreasonable provisions. These corporations are properly chargeable with street improvements. The gross earnings tax is very small, \$20 on the \$1000 collected as fares.

The demand that they shall give a bond for a reasonable time limit as to when they shall be constructed is also right and **IN THE TRUE INTEREST OF THE CITY.**

To tie up this city and its streets for many years with franchises that are merely to be used as trading stock is not a wise policy for any city to pursue.

THE ELECTION OF SENATORS.

Western Oregon of Cottage Grove brings out some good points in favor of the direct nomination and election of U. S. senators.

It shows that under the Oregon plan the legislature does elect, but **THE PEOPLE ARE GIVEN GREATER VOICE IN THE MATTER AND REALLY CONTROL.**

It shows that U. S. senators are nominated and elected just as other state officials are and in the same manner and why should they not be?

The people do not elect the President, but they choose electors who elect the President. **BUT JUST THE SAME THE PEOPLE DECIDE WHO IS ELECTED.**

The members of the legislature are not legally bound to vote for the people's choice for U. S. senator but they are morally obligated to.

No Presidential elector has ever been known to support any other than the choice of the people for President, and **THE SAME WILL BE TRUE OF THE OREGON PLAN FOR CHOOSING U. S. SENATORS.**

Editor Gault also shows that it is not the people who have cause for finding fault with the direct primary, but the professional politician who is not certain of the support of the voters if he gets a nomination by foul or unfair means.

RAILROAD ALONG DESCHUTES.

Work Has Been Resumed by Oregon Trunk Line.

Work has been renewed on the Oregon Trunk railroad up Deschutes river. It is expected that construction of this road, 125 miles from the

Columbia, with north bank and Dalles city connections, will cost \$3,500,000, which is in sight. Camp Rohr Villa is now a lively place. Supplies are brought in from The Dalles via the Miller bridge and a new wagon road up the east bank of the Deschutes river.—The Dalles Chronicle.

There is no "war among railroads" for grades, etc., up Deschutes river. Mr. Hill's people are just simply building a railway there, while the hirelings of the bluffer string along in the way, making hyena faces at them, as they did all the way from Parco to Vancouver. Hill's folks don't care a continental for any or all of them.—More Observer.

The Limit of Life.

The most eminent medical scientists are unanimous in the conclusion that the generally accepted limitation of human life is many years below the attainment possible with the advanced knowledge of which the race is now possessed. The critical period, that determines its duration, seems to be between 50 and 60; the proper care of the body during this decade cannot be too strongly urged; carelessness then being fatal to longevity. Nature's best helper after 50 is Electric Bitters, the scientific tonic medicine that revitalizes every organ of the body. Guaranteed by J. C. Perry, druggist, 50c.

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SWELL ELEGANT JONES

As Typified and Presented By Ezra Kendall, Wednesday Night

"Its not the hat that makes them laugh—its what's under it," says Ezra Kendall, and be that as it may theater-goers who want to laugh, those who want to see a clean wholesome comedy, sparkling with wit and humor, and a comedian as the star of the play whose unique personality is laughter personified, cannot afford to miss seeing Kendall who comes to the Grand opera house for one night engagement next Wednesday.

Never has this famous exponent of laughter had so good a vehicle for the exploitation of his funmaking. There is a laugh in every line which Kendall utters, and the humorous situations and complications of this intensely interesting play follow each other with such rapidity that the audience never loses interest for a moment.

Despite the fact that there is a plot so human and that the characters of the little village in southern Indiana where its scenes are laid are such familiar types to any one who has ever lived in a country town, "Swell Elegant Jones" does not claim to be anything more than a "fun show." It is designed to make people laugh and that it fulfills its mission no one who has ever heard Ezra Kendall in his famous monologue "My Face Slipped Out of My Hand," which by the way he has incorporated in the play, or has seen him in anything he has ever done before the footlights can doubt.

The Kendall play in the Kendall way is a fun play, and it fulfills its mission—entertainment—completely. The seat sale opens Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

KELLY MAKES GOOD.

Runs the Hundred Yards in Less Than Ten Seconds.

Probably 150 athletic enthusiasts met on Kincaid field yesterday afternoon to see Dan Kelly do the 100 yards in ten seconds, and they were not disappointed. Dan was not in as good form as he was the evening previous, but he had no trouble in showing the time-keepers that Bill Hayward was as good as his word. He made two distinct trials, the watches being held by E. J. McClanahan, George Hug, Web Kincaid and G. W. Green. In the first trial two of the timekeepers caught the time at 9.45, and both the others a slight fraction under 10. In the second heat, which was run in 15 minutes after the first, he cut the tape in 10 seconds flat by every watch held on him.

He was rigged up in the costume he will use in Jamestown, a handsome yellow shoulder sash with

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"Oregon" in green letters of design, while his running shoes trimmed with green satin. It was perhaps not so easy a race as will be seen when he faced against the greatest runner in the country, but it is well worth the trouble to see Dan start at the of Bill Hayward's gun and down the line, cutting the 7 1/2-foot stride like a cat. Dan and Bill will leave for land Monday, where they will after matters and things, go on to Jamestown by way of stopping at Denver, Kansas, other points, and arriving in time to get ready for the on September 7 and 8.

HAD AN AWFUL TIME

But Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Cures

It is with pleasure that I give this unsolicited testimonial, a year ago when I had a severe case of measles I got caught in hard rain and the measles attacked my stomach and bowels. I had a awful time and had it not for the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I could not have possibly lasted a few hours longer, but thank God remedy I am now strong and have written the above to express my gratitude and I shall speak a good word for it.

—Sam H. Gwin, Concord, N. H. sale at Dr. Stone's drug store.

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