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LET THE FATHER CLAIM HIS CHILD.

An anonymous ordinance was introduced in the city council last evening. Its parentage is not traceable and the city recorder has no knowledge of its origin.

Of course it is an impractical document, for annulling the charter in one instance would give precedent for annulment in others.

We have no disposition to give support to any particular appointment made by Mayor Hall, for we are fighting no appointees personal battles, but it is a positive certainty that this city, nor any other city, can run in a satisfactory manner without due recognition of its charter.

We cannot believe that narrowness and antagonism exists to the extent of some of the council voting continuously against the mayor and not against the men proposed for appointment.

The personality of those who work for the city counts for little. Results are what the taxpayers want and whoever is appointed should have the measuring stick applied to his every act.

But, returning to the anonymous ordinance, it is the plain duty of whoever drafted that document to come out in the open and let himself be known, and until he is known and is willing to stand before the people of La Grande and claim his child the council is in no way duty bound to consider it.

Whoever the insurgent may be, thus showing his willingness to take the first step toward absolute anarchy, should be known to every man, woman and child in the city.

SELF DEVELOPMENT.

A town is in some ways like a person. If it amounts to anything it

must be largely self-made. The town that drifts, like the person that drifts, or the ship that drifts, is not likely to come to the right harbor. If prosperity is the haven desired, it will not be reached without determination and self-guidance.

A town is a problem like a child. It should not be left to grow up by itself. Its destiny should be guided by the wisdom of its elders. There is no lack of elders in any town who have opinions as to what is wrong with it.

TRY GROWING WILLOW CUTTINGS

The department of agriculture is getting ready to fill requests for the basket willow cuttings grown last year on its experimental farm at Arlington, Va.

The distribution is not a mere giving away of government material to persons who desire to get something free, because it is required that each recipient of cuttings shall make a report of the treatment given and the results obtained.

Something in Keeping. "You pamper this cat too much," said the veterinarian. "You keep him too much in the house."

"But, doctor, this is a Persian cat—cost \$4,000." "Well, build him a mahogany woodshed to gambol on!"—Pittsburgh Post.

Snobs and Snobs. Little Snob—I don't see any waiters. Why don't they wear uniforms? You can't tell who are gentlemen and who are not, can you? Superior Waiter (sarcastically)—We waiters find no difficulty, sir!—London Opinion.

Not Needed. "Do you carry burglar insurance on your home, Bilhad?" asked Wigzles. "I used to, but since the twins came I've given it up," said Bilhad. "No body sleeps at our house after dark, so what's the use?"—Harper's.

THE DEATH OF JOAQUIN MILLER.

The last and sweetest, wild and rugged bard
Hsa ceased to be;
The man whom trees and waves did once regard
With ecstasy—
The Poet, true exponent of the west.
And freedom's pride,
By whom the pine trees felt divinely blest
When by his side.

Tumultuous and jubilant the earth
He loved and knew,
In whose wild beauty had his songs their birth,
Which were and grew
As if a part inseparable from him—
Songs of his soul!
Teyh never ceased 'e'en when life's light grew dim,
As years would roll.

The night wind has a wailing, mournful sound;
The ocean sadly rolls his mighty way;
The shadows indolently lie upon the ground—
The sorrow-sign of trees that once were gay.
The clouds grow dark and gloomy is their look;
The exultant smile of every leaf and flower
Is perished now; and canyon vale and brook
Lament the blight of death's sad sombre hour.

O Poet of Sierras! each dew-drop is a tear,
That's shed by earth for thee;
Each murmur of the pine trees that we hear
A dirge is meant to be.
All nature weeps at memory so dear
Of you, the last and grandest of the free.
—Milton A. Stoddard.

FEET USED TO BE LARGER.

A Modern No. 6 Shoe Would Have Fitted an Ancient Greek Bull. Artists assure us that no Greek sculptor would have ever dreamed of putting a nine inch foot on a five and one-half foot woman.

The masculine foot, forming an approximate average of four different countries, was about twelve inches long. This would require at least a No. 10 shoe to cover it comfortably.

For women, allowing for the difference in the relative size of the sexes, which was about the same then as now, a woman of five feet three inches in height would have had a foot ten inches long, requiring a modern shoe of the size No. 6 as the most comfortable, or a No. 5 1/2 as the limit of comfort.

SALLY'S MISTAKE.

That bequests to individuals and to public benevolences are frequently the result of a mere whim or of caprice has no better illustration perhaps than the case of Thomas Guy, who built and endowed the great Guy's hospital of London at a cost of £238,292 nearly 200 years ago.

Guy had a maid servant of strictly frugal habits, who made his wishes her careful study. He resolved to make her his wife. The necessary preparations were made for the wedding, and among others many little relics were ordered by Mr. Guy in and about his house.

than he had ordered was informed that the additional work had been done by the mistress' orders. Thereupon Guy told Sally she had forgotten her position and added: "If you take upon yourself to order matters contrary to my instructions before we are married what will you not do after? I renounce my matrimonial intentions toward you."

Deadly Venom of the Cobra. A full sized cobra is able to eject enough venom at a single full and complete bite to kill about twenty men. The Indian cobra yields as much as twenty drops, and Dr. Hanna mentions having obtained as much as twenty-eight drops.

Walnuts, Five a Penny. From one of Steele's letters to his wife we learn the price of walnuts in Queen Anne's reign. "I send you seven pennyworth of walnuts at five a penny, which is the cheapest price I can give you at present of my being with my whole heart yes."

Convenience. "You find that an automobile helps you to keep your engagements?" "It does better than that," replied Mrs. Chuggins. "If you don't want to keep them it enables you to explain everything by saying that you broke down."—Chicago News.

The Scared One. Aunt—Last night before retiring I looked under the bed as usual and really found a man there. Niece—I suppose you sentimental for help. Aunt—No, he did. Menemortier Blatter.

An Expert. "Does your wife do much fancy work when she is in getting home?" "Yes, she makes all sorts of Boston Transcript.

Quaint Wills. A Parrot and a Russet Cob That Were Well Provided For. The making of queer wills is a subject prolific of good stories, and some remarkable examples are given by Virgil M. Harris in "Ancient, Curious and Famous Wills."

Burma Pagodas Are Reminders. Eight or nine miles below Mandalay, in Burma, the right bank of the Irrawadi is hilly, and in the neighborhood of the old Burmese town of Sagaling the hills are dotted all over with pagodas.

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