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WHY WILL YE DIE?—As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked. . . . Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?—Ezekiel 33: 11.

Good Morning, Walter.

It's a fine day, Walter, it's a fine day and all Oregon hails you, Walter M. Pierce, of Union county, as governor of Oregon. The fight is over, the hatchet is buried, and buried deeply. You have made a good fight, you have won it fairly, almost single handed, and you have won it squarely. You have demonstrated that one Eastern Oregon man can get past Troutdale in state politics, and the people, even those who were opposed to you, are now with you.

They are with you in all earnestness to save Oregon from bankruptcy; they are with you on every idea you have advanced to get the state back to a normal condition and put a brake on the ruthless extravagance which has marked the past few years; they are with you, Walter, for good citizenship, constructive legislation, and will aid you in putting an end to any sectional or religious feeling.

The Evening Observer today greets you as our governor. We may have differed with you in times gone by, but "those days are gone forever," and now we stand shoulder to shoulder with you, not as representatives of the political parties in this state, but as citizens, as sons of Old Mother Oregon, and, as dutiful sons, we will join you in achieving results; we will assist you in every possible manner that we can make good your pre-election promises of economy; we will be found riding you, as our chief executive, to bring reforms in state affairs that will cease to be theory and redound to the benefit of the people of Oregon who pay the bills.

La Grande feels a justifiable pride in having one of her citizens for governor of this commonwealth, and lays aside all political party dissension; La Grande honors you, Walter M. Pierce, as her governor-citizen, and as such we all have an abiding faith that when you have closed your administration as chief executive you will take off the mantle of that office unstained, handing it to your successor with many good precedents established, many good deeds recorded, and the economic condition of Oregon greatly improved.

In making these few remarks, the Evening Observer feels that it voices the sentiment of Union county people, and, speaking for them, we again say, Walter, you have made a good fight, you have won the fight fairly and now we all stand by you in a result-getting administration, the success of which will not only be your personal achievement but will also be an achievement and a satisfaction to every person residing in the old Grande Ronde valley we all love so well.

One More Society Needed

We have heard of the need of the fool-killers' organization and a few others of the kind, but the Duluth Herald comes to the front with the following plea for a new society that is really good:

Something will have to be done about it. There is too much free speech. Too much free press. Too many organizations and associations and bureaus and societies and things gathering, condensing, correlating and disseminating doubtful information of no importance. What is needed is but one more organization, a society for the suppression of useless information.

A few so-called items which should be suppressed: Articles on how to live a long life. Useless, utterly useless. Nobody ever does any of the things recommended, which proves nobody wants to live a long life. What we'd like to know is how to live a merry one. If any one has information that covers that proposition let him come through. Otherwise out!

Information on how to prepare parsnips. Out! Statistics on the production of whale oil. Do you use it? Or you? Or even you over there? Did you ever see any? Well, then out! Tabulations showing the per capita wealth of each person in the United States. Utter nonsense! Figures showing the present center of population. Who cares? Neither do I out!

Experience shows that telephone books are full of wrong numbers out! City directories are always out of date out! Bank statements showing balances at the end of each month never agree with our own figures. We can't always be wrong out! Statistics showing that if you save \$10 a week and compound it from the time of Adam and Eve you would have more money than there is in the world. Who ever saved \$10 a week since the creation? Doesn't make sense! Books on etiquette. People who know etiquette never read 'em. People who don't know etiquette don't read 'em either out!

Published lists of cars stolen. Why? If you've had one stolen you know it, the police know it, the thief knows it. Who else cares? out!

Census figures changing while you wait. Why pay any attention to them? out! Statistics showing earnings of ten rich men. Are you one of them? No out!

Things that we know? Why do we have to read them again? out! Things that we don't know? Maybe they aren't so out!

Articles like this? What do you say? Very well, all together OUT!

Editorials From Over the Nation

LOOK OUT FOR THE WOMEN

Cleveland Plain Dealer: In this week's swimming contests at Hamilton, Bermuda, Sybil Bauer, a Chicago girl, broke the world's record for 100 yards. This does not mean the "women's record." It means the world's record, a record established by a man. It is the first time that any woman has set an actual world's record in any branch of athletic competition.

But it will not be the last. For some time women have been competing in aquatic contests on terms of equality with men. Now they are gradually edging in on other sports. This week has seen the first championship match between men and women golfers. At Garden City, N. Y., a team composed of many of the foremost women amateurs contested against a team of men of high rating. The women lost, but they were by no means outclassed. The scores were close, and the men had to exert themselves to the utmost.

There is at present existing in this country a football team composed of English girls. Are they looking for American girls' teams to conquer. By no means. Their games are against men's teams, and against the best teams in the Eastern states. To date two contests have been played. The girls have lost both, but they have lost by very small margins, and their opponents have had to work hard to win.

In tennis, too, women may before long demand the right to compete without discrimination. And whenever they demand the privilege it cannot be denied them. All that is necessary is for the women to feel that they are strong enough to win a fair chance of winning.

It used to be a stock argument of the anti-suffragists that women are physically inferior to such a degree as to render political equality illogical and inadvisable. Doubtless the women of the future will continue to labor under certain physical handicaps, but the rapid advance of the sex in physical development is narrowing the gap. It is no longer who enough to warrant an argument based on women's physical inferiority. And it is narrow enough to make our honyky youths take thought of the danger of serious competition from the sex long been supposed to be "gentler."

In the Day's News.

Prof. Michael J. Pupin, who is to be the chief speaker at the National Personnel Convention which meets in Pittsburgh today, has been called the king of the telephone. His achievements in the field of science have been many, but the invention which brought him most

fame was the "loading" coil which made transcontinental and ocean telephony possible. Professor Pupin is a Serb. His parents were peasants. He came to America as a stowaway, and did not have a dollar when he landed. He worked as a farmhand in Maryland and as a shampooer in a Turkish bath in New York. He saved a little money and entered Columbia University. In 1888 he was graduated at the head of his class. Then he took a post-graduate course, first at Cambridge, England, and then at the University of Berlin. Upon his return, in 1889, he was appointed to his present position as professor of electric-mechanics at Columbia.

Today's Anniversaries.

1814—The British ship Leander captured the American privateer schooner General Putnam off Cape Sable.

1847—Jean Casimir-Perier, president of the French Republic, born in Paris. Died there, March 11, 1907.

1861—Messrs. Mason and Sidell, the Confederate envoys to England and France, were taken from the steamer Trent.

1870—Negroes were permitted to vote for the first time in Michigan.

1880—Sarah Bernhardt made her American debut at Booth's theatre, New York.

1885—Sir Donald Smith drove the last spike in finishing the Canadian Pacific railroad, 2,900 miles west of Montreal.

1896—The first state election was held in Wyoming.

1911—Arthur J. Balfour resigned the leadership of the Unionist party, in Great Britain.

Today's Birthdays.

René Viviani, French statesman and former premier, born in Algeria, 51 years ago today.

Henry S. Drinker, president emeritus of Lehigh University, born in Hong Kong, China, 72 years ago today.

Lawrence Y. Sherman, former United States senator from Illinois, born in Miami county, O., 64 years ago today.

Maj. Gen. Clarence C. Williams, U. S. A., chief of the ordnance department, born in Georgia, 53 years ago today.

Stanley R. Harris, infielder of the Washington American league baseball team, born at Port Jervis, N. Y., 26 years ago today.

One Year Ago Today.

John F. Hyland was re-elected mayor of New York City. Austria and United States exchanged ratifications of peace treaty.

A man should never be ashamed to admit that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

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Money which is striven for brings with it the real qualities of life. Some people worry so much about tomorrow that they forget about today. If you would have a faithful servant and one that you like, serve yourself. The power to do great things generally arises from the willingness to do small things. Make the best of everything; think the best of everybody; hope the best for yourself. Love will bring the light and make the rough road smooth and brush away the difficulties. Some men are so convinced they're unlucky that they miss good luck when it comes their way.

Cleverness without principle is no good, and learning is no good without common sense to apply it. More men fall through ignorance of their strength than through knowledge of their weakness. Work—good, hard honest work—will achieve almost any material thing in this world, and work may be delightful, noble, exhilarating, fascinating, of satisfaction, of joy, and happiness. Correct this sentence: "The man appeared at the time previously agreed upon and paid back the ten dollars he had borrowed."

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