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If you would help to make the wrong things right,
Begin at home; there lies
A lifetime's toil.
Weed your own garden fair
For all men's sight.
Before you plan to till an
Other's soil.
God chooses His own leaders
In the world.
And from the rest He asks
But willing hands.
As mighty mountains into
Place are hurled,
While patient tides may only
Shape the sands.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

PAINFUL, BUT TRUE.

The Salem Journal, one of the leading republican papers in the state, gives utterance to the following spirited sermon on the political situation in Oregon.

It is worth a lot of good hard consideration among all classes and parties, as there are truths contained in its honestly arraignment of the dominating party in Oregon, which are vital to the future of the state. If such arraignment will drive the republicans to remedy the wrongs rectified in this editorial, then there is no need for further agitation. But if the legislature refuses to heed such calls from the people, then there is a need for a political landslide which will bury forever in Oregon the party which recognizes the existence of the evils named but which refuses to right them in the interests of the people. The Journal says:

"The Journal has not the heart to deride Oregon democracy. They have put up a good ticket and adopted a pretty good platform. On that flat salary business and the direct primary movement they have got the best of the republicans."

"The republicans have got to get in and make good on several things. They have got to pass that flat salary bill in spite of the high water, whether they like it or not. They have got to reduce their state tax and hold appropriations down to something near the business limit."

"They have got to get in and build that portage railroad, or go out of business in Eastern Oregon. A 10-year-in-the-future call will not do gentlemen."

"The Journal wishes to be modest about suggesting these things. It would always be modest. It mildly suggests that Governor Geer be re-nominated and that a flat salary law be enacted."

"Republican managers spat on these mild and kindly and more or less intelligent suggestions, and followed some superior wisdom of their own."

"They lost their governor and are up against it on the flat salary question."

"The Journal later urged that Governor Geer call a special session so that the \$500,000 world's fair bill could be passed without log-rolling as much more thorough on the strength of that measure."

"Well, the fear that someone would or would not be elected senator prevented a special session and the Portland fair bill went through loaded with about \$500,000 of other jobs."

DISASTROUS INDUSTRY.

Within the past 20 years, at least 1,000,000,000 feet of lumber has been cut out from the mountains of Eastern Oregon tributary to La Grande and Baker City. Not one tree has been planted to offset this deforestation.

"The mountain sides have been denuded of vegetation; the sun now beats down on the winter snow and sends it off with a rush, early in the spring; mountain streams that formerly irrigated gardens and orchards and kept meadows in a thriving condition until July 1 to 15, are now dried up by May 1. Hay crops in the foothills are growing shorter and shorter each year. The ranges are becoming more and more exhausted because of the absence of snow to moisten them, gradually, through the spring months, and the livestock industry has been reduced to pastures and highest mountain peaks, in these districts."

Through the action of the timber and stone law, the lumber companies have been enriched, and after reaping their harvest have moved on to other virgin fields. The land they bought for a song will not now pay the taxes and the other industries in the country suffer because of the condition of the mountain ranges that have been stripped.

In the vicinity of Hilgard, on the Grand Ronde river, and along the Sumpter railway on Powder river, the sides of the mountains are absolutely denuded. The destruction of the heavy timber caused the underbrush and grass to perish, from lack

of protection by the drought. Great seams are now worn down the mountain sides by the torrents that are caused by the swiftly melting snow in the early spring. One of the finest stock ranges in the west has been absolutely ruined, and not a stone has been turned in the effort to replenish the timber supply or bring back the perished grasses. Twenty years ago, foothill crops in Union and Baker county were 50 per cent larger than today. The timber in the mountains held the snowfall until late in the season; all the mountain streams were full when the crops needed water and livestock could remain in the mountains until the snow drove it out late in the fall, because of the heavy grass everywhere.

Is it not time that the Oregon delegation in congress took some steps to replenish this timber supply? Is there not a work ahead of this state that would command the respect and wonder of the world, if rightly initiated and carried to completion?

Eastern Oregon depends on the snow in the high mountains for the vital industries that make up the resources of this section. The waste of priceless timber has been carried on for a quarter of a century without a word of protest from an Oregon congressman. With the mountains stripped, and the ranges destroyed, government irrigation will be a weak and unsupported industry. The snowfall will disappear with a rush, and no plans of storage or diversion would be sufficient to handle the immense supply of waste water that would rush down the mountains with the first spring sunshine beating down on the unprotected water courses.

The timber supply must either be husbanded or the denuded areas must be replanted with pine and fir to supply the future with at least a supply for some purposes. This policy of waste must be succeeded by some intelligent forest husbandry.

It is unfortunate that the scathing words which District Attorney T. G. Halley, directed against the two disreputable libertines who were before him yesterday on a charge of seducing and making drunk a 14-year-old girl from Athena, cannot be placed in the hands of every father and mother in Umatilla county. The deserved roasting which these beasts received and the merciless arraignment of the lives they lead and the associations they maintain, was harsh enough and stinging enough to kindle in their debased natures a desire to do better, if any spark of the human yet struggles above the animal in their bosoms. Mr. Halley pictured the poisonous trails left through society by such brutish instincts and natures as theirs. He pointed out the homes secretly invaded by them and their lecherous associates, the lives blighted and blackened and the crimes committed. He recounted the vile institutions supported by their ilk and crowded into the very heart of the business districts—traps waiting for the lives of young girls. There are too many of these disgusting cases before the district attorney. Parents must awaken to the peril that faces their families. Courts must sentence such villains as these almost as heavily as they would sentence murderers, for their crimes are as black as murder.

The mining districts of Colorado have been on the verge of insurrection for over a month. Almost complete anarchy in official and non-official circles has reigned. Laws have been set aside by impetuous puppets to the millionaire mining corporations and it is lamentably true that the same laws have been violated by the strikers. It is a fight to the death between organized capital, with the law in its hands, and the officials its tools, and organized labor, with nothing but the common rights of citizenship on their side of the controversy. Capital is determined that the head officials of the unions shall not dictate the terms of employment in Colorado and the unions are sworn to keep inviolate the oaths and constitution that binds them together. It is simply a matter of how far the laws of the land can be prostituted by the corporations in oppressing the miners. It is just a mere question as to what extent the people will permit the powerful mining companies to override the laws and deprive the people of their commonest rights of citizenship. The storm is at the exploding point now. The governor of the state has been burned in effigy by the irate citizens. Indignation is at the boiling pitch and an uncontrollable insurrection against corporate oppression may be expected any day.

Once more the weakness of the Oregon delegation in congress has been exhibited in a manner that is at once thrilling and bitter flavored, as politics go. A small federal job bobbed up in the office of forester of the Baker City forest reserve. Immediately Mr. Williamson and Senator Fulton recommended Walter Moore, of Baker City, who was recently turned down by the appointment of Al Roberts to be receiver of the La Grande land office. They supposed the appointment was made and the official installed as forester of Elk creek, and guardian of Baker City's water supply. Imagine their surprise to find a total stranger, a man unheard of in the political job factory of Eastern Oregon, wearing the forester's star. Samuel S. Terrell was appointed to the position. The delegation will take the matter to the president. The Oregonian's special correspondent says the delegation is greatly depressed over the incident. So is Oregon. The delegation has failed in everything but drawing its salary.

DRIFTWOOD.

A tent that is hitched at the base:
A wagon that comes from the night:
A stretcher—and on it a case;
A surgeon, who's holding a light.
The infantry's bearing the brunt:
Oh, hark to the wind carried cheer:
A mutter of guns at the front,
A whisper of sobs at the rear.
And it's War! Orderly, hold the light!
You can lay him down on the table;
So, easily, gently? Thanks—you may go.
And it's War! But the part that is not for show.

A tent with a table athwart,
A table that laid out for one,
A waterproof cover—and nought
But the limp, mangled work of a gun.
A bottle that's stuck by the pole,
A guttering dip in its neck;
The flickering light of a soul
On the wondering eyes of the wreck.
And it's War! Orderly, hold his hand;
I'm not going to hurt you, so don't be afraid.
A ricochet! God, what a mess it has made!
And it's War! And a very unhealthy trade.

The clink of a stopper and glass;
A sigh as the chloroform drips;
A trickle of—what? on the grass.
And bluer and bluer the lips.
The lashes have hidden the stare.
A rent, and the clothes fall away.
A touch, and the wound is laid bare.
A cut, and the face has turned gray.
And it's War! Orderly, take it out.
It's hard for his child and it's rough on his wife.
There might have been—sooner—a chance for his life.
But it's War! And "Orderly clean this knife."
—Edgar Wallace.

Nearly all photographs of the late Thomas H. Reed show a smooth shaven face, but he was a mustache; and the reason of his sacrifice is thus disclosed by a congressional friend of the speaker: He went into the house barber shop one day and went to sleep in the chair while one of the negroes was shaving him and the barber waxed the mustache into point. When Reed awoke up and looked in the glass, he shouted: "Cut that darned mustache off. You've made me look like a cat fish." And he never wore a mustache after that.

Somebody has related this incident of Benjamin Disraeli. At a dinner persons eminent in political life, Mr. and Mrs. Disraeli were present, and also Bernal Osborne, a personage more remarkable for cleverness and aggressiveness in the things of the statesmanship than for political loyalty or for a sense of his obligations to his associates. This gentleman had drunk a good deal of wine at dinner, and had sat next to Mrs. Disraeli; when the ladies had left the table he burst out, with that British bluff which often passes for wit: "I say, Disraeli, what on earth did you marry that woman for?" All talk was hushed by this astounding query, and everybody looked at the fellow and grim faced to whom it was addressed. Disraeli for some moments played with his wineglass, apparently unmoved; then he slowly lifted his extraordinary black glittering eyes to those of his questioner. "Partly for a reason," he said, "and partly for the words in the silence which you will never be capable of understanding—gratitude."

When Mrs. Lattimore had twins Papa cried, "Philomena."
And one was plump and one was thin.
Could anything be meaner?
This did not cease Pa Lattimore.
There never was a keener.
He named the fat one Fatima,
And named the lean one Lena.
—New York Sun.

VOTE FOR THE PRIMARY LAW.

Like as a gambler regards the felony bill, so does the party boss look upon the direct primary. The movement looking to this method of nomination, through an initiative, need expect no support or countenance from either of the political outfits in the city of Portland which look upon the republican party of the state as an institution devised and maintained for their own behoof and emolument.

It is up to the people. They, and they alone, without consultation with political leaders, but acting on their own instance, and undeterred either by hope of reward or fear of punishment, must carry this reform through. They must come out in June and declare for the direct primary. Then it will be carried, and placed beyond the power of committees to nullify or pervert. It matters not what professions may be made. This machine prefers to select its own nominees.—Oregonian.

GENERAL NEWS.

Mrs. Sarah J. Lippincott, ("Grace Greenwood") is dead at Rochelle, N. Y., aged 74.

The prediction is made that the Klondike will yield \$10,000,000 in gold this season.

A son was born April 23 at Washington, D. C., to William Randolph Hearst and wife.

Robbers held up a Russian express train on the Trans-Caucasian line, and secured \$50,000.

Henry Egbert, an eccentric and quite wealthy St. Louis botanist, suicided by shooting.

Russia is said to have 300,000 men at the front, and to consider that number as sufficient.

Robbers blew a bank at Iowa, Wis., and escaped with \$1,200, overlooking \$5,000 in their haste.

Robert S. Greenough, the American sculptor, is dead of the grip, at Rome, aged 55 years.

John Locker and Pat Ardell, railroad laborers, were killed by a landslide near Ventura, Cal.

Seven thousand cotton mill operatives in Rhode Island, are working on short time schedules.

Clinton Thorne was fatally burned, at Watsonville, Cal., by the overturning of a large Rochester lamp.

Twenty-five thousand cotton mill operatives in Massachusetts, have been put on short time to restrict production.

D. C. Copley is temporarily at the head of the Western Federation of Miners, while President Moyer and Secretary Haywood are imprisoned.

Swimming and diving are the fad among athletic society women in the leading cities this spring, and the prediction is made that it has come to stay.

Twenty-three per cent of the tenants in the tenement districts of New York City, were more or less

forcibly evicted from their quarters this spring.

Hull House Woman's Club, a purely benevolent organization in Chicago, is to have a \$20,000 headquarters building, as a gift from Mrs. Joseph Tilton Bowen.

The government is establishing a coaling station for a fuel supply for all American vessels at Rat Island, Aleutian Archipelago, latitude 52 north, longitude 177 east.

The general government is taking steps to more thoroughly enforce the laws for the protection of game and trees in national parks, and also the regulations for forest reserves.

The University of Chicago has succeeded in evicting the last saloon from any property owned by it. The last was in the Securities building, Chicago, and left the premises last week.

Taking advantage of Russia's pre-occupation elsewhere, England is conducting a vigorous campaign in Tibet from the south, finding but little opposition, and that from Tibetans only.

E. L. Hammer and S. J. Warren are under arrest in Chicago for soliciting and collecting without authority \$5,000 for the Chicago Republican Marching Club. They are professional "con" men.

Robert Nicholson, boatswain's mate of the gunboat Petrel, suicided by shooting at San Francisco, rather than face a charge of bringing liquor onto the ship. He had an excellent record of 24 years in the navy.

The Mongolia has just reached San Francisco from Trenton, N. J., where she was launched a few weeks ago. She is the largest vessel under the American flag, having a displacement of 23,530 tons, and is 616 feet long.

Brazil and Peru are fussing over a boundary line. Brazil is peculiarly subject to such disagreements with her neighbors, as she "partially" bounds the territory of every government in South America except Chile.

Turf regulations this year are as severely rigid against the use of tobacco and intoxicants by jockeys as racing rules for many years have been in relation to their use by men training for boxing and wrestling matches.

George William Millers fell heir to \$100,000 cash in Chicago, and search was made for him, as he had been missing several years. The name George William Millers is on the Chicago directory 18 times, but the man wanted cannot be found.

Salvatore Farino was caught in a shaft in New York City and whirled with great force many times, his clothing was stout and clung to the shaft when the engines were stopped. Farino was dead, but not a hair was broken, although every joint in his body was dislocated.

W. G. Stark, the pioneer florist of Portland, died Thursday night, after a long illness, aged 60.

The steamship Corwin will leave Seattle for Nome on May 12, this will be the first ship to start north this year.

One mile of track on the Great Northern has been washed away on Mill river bottom at Minot, N. D.

While the salmon run on the Columbia is light this spring, the quality of the fish is better than for many years.

Nathaniel Draper, an aged citizen of Payette, Idaho, was killed by a passenger train, Friday, while walking on the track.

A Portuguese tramp believed to be implicated in the Southern Pacific hold-up, in which Messenger O'Neill was murdered, has been captured at Ashland.

The formal transfer of the Baker City Hotel from the Whitcomb Mining Company to Hill and Lyster, its purchasers, was made on Saturday.

Andrew Sorenson, a laborer, has won the Oregon Water Power Company of Portland, for \$25,000 for the loss of a leg while in the employ of the company.

Joseph Carl, of Vancouver, B. C., left a letter stating that he would commit suicide by jumping in the bay Sunday. The bay will be dragged in search of the body.

A crippled man attempted suicide in Albina, Thursday, expressing his desire to be out of his misery. He has but one leg and is unable to make a living without begging.

Winnie Farr, a 15-year-old girl of Palouse City, died Saturday night on the operating table at Walla Walla hospital. She did not recover from the effect of the anesthetic.

The Salvation Army in Portland has started garbage wagons for the purpose of gathering up all the waste paper in the streets, which will be baled and sold to the paper mills.

The heaviest storm that ever visited Salt Lake City swept over the valley and city Friday. The wind blew 40 miles an hour and snow fell to the depth of six inches in many places.

Joseph L. Barber, of Portland; R. K. Oberbauer, of Mt. Tabor, and Frank P. Gown, of Burns, are trying for the appointment as midshipman in the United States navy, in a civil service examination at Portland this week.

John D. McLeod, city bridge inspector of Portland, was run down and his leg crushed by a freight car in the Portland terminal yards Saturday night. He lay in the yards from 11 p. m. until 6 a. m., before he was able to attract help.

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