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FOR THE YOUNG YEAR.

Out of the utmost East at dawn a stripling came,
Bright-clothed as for a feast with robes of flame.
Forth from his morning eyes there beamed high desire;
His brow glowed, radiant wise, with Hope's pure fire.
"Love to mankind!" thus swelled his heart-song without
cease,
And in his hand he held the flower of peace.
Blow 'round his pathway, blow, O Heaven, your softest
air!
And with him ever go our praise and prayers!

EULOGY ON OREGON.

"You wish to know what kind of a place is Oregon, and the answer must be, Oregon is all kinds of a place. If you want to behold a desert, hot, panting, palpitating in breathless, rainless summer heat; where the juniper is the only vegetation, and the scream of the eagle, the growl of the cougar, the howl of the coyote and the cry of birds of prey are about the only sounds of life, come to the spot between the Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon and the lofty Cascades.

"If you wish to dwell where the great rolling hills and deep spring watered canons are covered with the sweet fine bunch grass, so emerald green in spring, and full of all the sepia browns and yellows the rest of the year; where great herds of cattle, horses and sheep wander at will, finding abundant pasture the year round; where the pure springs are only rivaled by the rare air of three thousand feet above sea level; where the picturesque cowboy is to be met on his native heath sombrero, chappes, gauntlets and spurs all in evidence, and where Uncle Sam still has homes galore to be given for the asking, then come to the high, fertile, but wind-swept and often drouthy regions of eastern Oregon.

"If you desire a climate where the tender roses bloom until New Year in the gardens, and begin again in March; where the holly and mistletoe, the Boston and maiden hair ferns; the Oregon wild grape and endless varieties of mosses vie with each other in making lovely the forests of evergreen, oaks, and maples, with here and there a waxen leaved laurel with trunk and branches of fresh salmon tint when at the approach of the rainy season they have shed their bark; where the great rivers abound with fish of every description, where fruit of all varieties save those of the very tropics is grown so lavishly, then lie you to the valley of the placid Willamette.

"If you would enjoy the balmy, invigorating breezes of the old Pacific, a climate which is a compromise between the monotony of California's perpetual summer and the moist, cool seasons of Washington; where a perfect medium, and a comparatively even annual temperature is found; where the luscious peach, pear, prune and rose checked apple abound; where the strawberry, the grape vineyard, the melon and tomato field, dot the fertile hill slopes and valleys; where the golden nuggets sparkle in the pebbly mountain brooks as they wear through the gold studded quartz ledges; where the mountain forests abound in game, while down deep in the rugged canyons the streams afford a spawning place for the royal Chinook salmon and the speckled trout; where all nature seems to have conspired, to combine for the comforts and enjoyment of mankind in the formation and variety of resources of her fields, forests and mineral zones. If you would seek such congenial surroundings then cast your lot in the great Umpqua or Rogue River valleys of Southwestern Oregon.

"If you long for the scenery of an Italy, and the air of heaven; water that is nectar, iced by the mighty glaciers of the mountains of eternal snow; haunts of the startled deer, the stately elk, bright plumaged birds and the shining trout of the mountain streams; if you would be filled to your uttermost capacity with the beauty, the strength, the holiness, the grandeur of nature and nature's God—then seek the glorious indescribable Cascades; and you may revel at will in the very heart of all that rests, elevates and refines, and you may know the meaning of the Creation as you never dreamed of it before. All this and more is Oregon, smiling queen of the Pacific states, wreathed with all that is loveliest in vegetation and crowned with the glittering products of her mines in silver and gold."

This elegant writup of Oregon appears under the name of Emma B. French, in the *Hopeful Treasure*, a publication of Bethany, Missouri.

The Oregon State Journal published at Eugene has just rounded its forty-first mile stone, having been under the general management of Harrison R. Kincaid continuously all of these years. During all that time the paper has never missed a week or failed to come out on time, and has been issued daily for a few weeks at a time on important occasions. Few Oregon newspaper men can boast of such a record. Here's wishing the Journal forty years more of usefulness and prosperity.

The general opinion seems to be that if Nan Patterson killed Caesar Young it was a good riddance of a dissolute sport, who was doing more harm than good, and that she ought to be let go and advised to keep away from such people. There is little doubt but what Nan will soon be free and as frisky and charming as ever, but perhaps a little wiser and shyer of professional gamblers.

It has developed in the past few days that Dr. William Kaykendall of Eugene, will win out for president of the Oregon Senate and in all probability, Hon. A. L. Mills of Multnomah, will secure the speakership plum in the House.

Attorney General Crawford is now looking up records to see how much land the state of Oregon has lost by fraudulent transactions.

ANGER IN THE INITIATIVE LAW

"In fifteen years if the initiative and referendum law is in force, I predict that men will be shot in the streets of Portland, that a state anarchy will exist in Oregon, and that it will be necessary to call out the federal troops.

"The power invested in the people through the initiative and referendum is dangerous to life, liberty and property, but it will not be wiped out until it has cost human life, because the people are indifferent. Initiative and referendum is dangerous because it was enacted by a handful and a constitutional amendment, the hobby of any crank, can be carried by the majority of the voters. Thank God, there is one way to escape the evil effects of the initiative and referendum—Washington is only six miles away. No country in the world, no state in the union, no city or town is cursed with such a measure.

"Why, under the initiative and referendum, people could pass a law hanging all red-headed men. Under the law, Socialists, and there are a large number of them in Oregon, could, if they held the majority, turn the state of Oregon into a Socialist state."

These remarks and many more of the same nature, came from the lips of Ralph R. Duniway, a prominent Portland man, who recently before the Natural Order Society, spoke on the evils and dangers of the initiative and referendum. Only a small audience was present to listen to Mr. Duniway, but the speaker was so full of his subject that he forgot the size of the crowd. As he took up the many phases of the measure under discussion, he drew distressing and heart-breaking verbal pictures of what is possible with the initiative and referendum in the hands of the people.

This measure, the speaker stated, was greater than the power of the state legislature and greater than the power of the governor. Any faddist, he declared, if he had money and a handful of friends could follow the requirements of the law in getting out a petition and place a constitutional amendment before the people, and no matter how vicious, unless the people woke up, it would become a law. Mr. Duniway also scored the politicians who passed the measure.

That the State of Oregon has been robbed of thousands of acres of school and lieu land by means of sales to fictitious persons there can be no doubt. There has long been a suspicion that this was true, and now Attorney General Crawford is in possession of evidence which satisfies his mind upon that point, and which he is confident will satisfy any court or jury. In all the cases he has investigated a criminal prosecution is barred by the lapse of time, but he has hopes of recovering the land by suits of equity. S. A. D. Pater figures in the transactions, but it is not charged that he forged the signatures. The land sold upon these applications aggregates nearly 6000 acres, and is valued at about \$80,000. The title is now held by a corporation which claims to be an innocent purchaser. Most of the land is in Clackamas and Marion counties, and is valuable for its timber. It was purchased as lieu land at \$1.50 per acre, and is worth \$15 an acre. These sales are believed to be but a small part of the total number of sales made to fictitious persons.

The question of safe transportation over the railroads of the United States comes very close to the Federal Government, when, as Postmaster General Wynne says during the last fiscal year there were 378 accidents to trains hauling the mails. This averages more than one for each day. The total loss of postal clerks employed in the service by death and injury amounted to 460 men. If this loss of life and limb continues the Government will be justified in taking very stringent measures.

Both Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann assert in the most positive terms that their indictments are based upon the testimony of self-confessed and convicted land thieves and perjurers, who have been offered immunity in case they, to meet the vindictive desire of Secretary Hitchcock and his agents, will by their testimony involve them and others in the frauds. It looks like a deep laid plot on the part of Hitchcock.

The Oregonian has precipitated the old senseless agitation for the abolishment or consolidation of some of the Western Oregon Normal schools as a means of curtailing the state's expenses. The state's educational institutions should be the last to suffer in the retrenchment regime. Better cut off some of the scores of grafts and commissions and assist the Normals.

Roseburg made a good record last year for growth. Many new residences went up and other improvements were made. The coming year will see a good building season in residences and several business blocks will be added to the town. The outlook is bright and business men and citizens generally should assist in keeping things moving in the right direction.

According to Mr. Heney's statement in the recent land fraud trial, Pater is a conspirator, thief and perjurer, however, Mr. Heney now accepts the testimony of this same conspirator, thief and perjurer against Hermann and Mitchell and recommended their indictment upon this weighty and irrefutable (?) testimony.

For the man who is for peace and prohibition, the only consolation he can get at this time is to know that a bottle of champagne is being smashed every time one of these new warships is christened.

The Salem Statesman is out with an elaborate holiday edition which reflects great credit upon the management of that enterprising Journal.

STATEMENT OF SENATOR MITCHELL AND CONGRESSMAN HERMANN

Senator Mitchell's Statement.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 31.—If any body says Pater ever paid me any money in connection with land matters or anything else, he is a liar. This statement was made by Senator John H. Mitchell of Oregon, who passed through Spokane on his way to Washington tonight.

"I never saw Pater in my life," said Senator Mitchell, "until he called on me in Washington with a letter of introduction from F. P. Mays, a friend of mine in Portland. In helping him before the Land Office, I did what I have done for a thousand other citizens of Oregon. He told me that he had been employed by Mrs. Watson, as I recall it now, to look into her matters for her. Never in the slightest degree was the matter of compensation mentioned between Pater and myself."

"If an indictment has been returned against me, I am prepared to meet it before a trial jury immediately, and, in this connection, I defy the prosecuting office to produce against me one particle of evidence worthy of a moment's belief which in any manner improperly or criminally connects me with any land frauds, or with any confessed criminals."

"I demand a trial at the earliest possible moment, and I will return to Portland whenever I can be assured by the prosecuting officer of an immediate trial. I denounce this prosecution against me as the result of a most damnable and cowardly conspiracy, in which Secretary Hitchcock and this man Heney are the chief conspirators, their motives being partly revenge and partly politics."

"This man Heney is a California Democrat, who is trying to blacken and destroy the character of leading Oregon Republicans. That there have been land frauds in Oregon I do not deny, but speaking for myself, I do deny in the most positive and unqualified manner that I have been in any wise, either directly or indirectly connected therewith, or received any benefit therefrom."

"I was told by Mr. Heney that I could go before the grand jury. On my appearance there I was told by Heney that no evidence had been submitted to the jury against me. I then said that if there was no charge against me to answer, I was still ready to submit to an examination. This I did for two hours and a half, and answered promptly all questions. I was not advised as to what the charge against me was, and assured the jury that I was ready and willing to answer any other questions which either Heney or any member of the jury might wish to ask me, and especially did I desire the privilege of answering any charges that might be made against me by any witness."

"Having been assured that no such evidence, up to that date, had been submitted, I then remained in Portland for four days after that, and receiving no word either from Heney or the grand jury, the latter being in session all the time, I left Portland last evening for my post of duty in Washington."

Mr. Hermann's Statement.

Representative Binger Hermann, who left for Washington today issued the following written statement last night:

"The indictment returned against me is the result of the basest of conspiracies and malicious persecutions. I came here upon the advice and urgent suggestion of my friends two weeks ago as I had been informed by them that efforts were being made to implicate me and Senator Mitchell in Oregon land frauds which have been under investigation and trial, which frauds it was rumored I had knowingly aided and advanced during my service as Commissioner of the General Land Office."

"I knew I was free from any imputation of wrongdoing, and that no honest witness could implicate me in that charge. Several inspections were made as to these land entries. They passed the approval of the local land office. They had been under the careful scrutiny of the Assistant Commissioner, whose testimony in the late trials in this city was to the effect that he had found evidence satisfactory. I believed the law had been complied with. I had no acquaintance with the lands, no intimacy or associations with any of those to be benefited, no interest in the transactions, direct or indirect, and had no promise, no consideration, no inducement, and I scorn any suggestion that I ever hesitated to stand by my sworn duty in this or any other trust imposed upon me."

"I have been a resident of Oregon since boyhood and have been intrusted with many transactions affecting the public interests and my fellow men, and in them all my single endeavor has been to discharge my duty and preserve my honor. Mistakes may have sometimes been made, and I may have been imposed upon, but I am not conscious of having violated my obligations as an officer, or as a private citizen."

"If frauds were practiced upon the office, the imposition was as grossly perpetrated upon me as Commissioner as upon others in the office."

"In view of these conditions, I am amazed at the action of the grand jury and realize my disadvantage in not knowing who the witnesses were who testified against me, or what their statements were, to all of which I had no opportunity to cross-examine or explain."

"I rely upon my vindication before a trial jury, before which, as a citizen, I shall be permitted against mere insinuations, base persecution and perjured testimony."

"Having remained here expecting to be recalled before the grand jury for an opportunity of answering any accusation which might have been made since my appearance before that body, but which courtesy was not accorded me and an indictment having now been brought, I now feel it my duty to return to my special duties in Washington City, to come back after the session of Congress to meet these malicious and base accusations."

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

Gleaned by an Able Corps of Special Correspondents

Looking Glass News.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Simmons Wednesday.

Miss Pearl Simmons is spending several weeks in Oakland visiting friends.

G. W. Marsh made a business trip to Reston Wednesday, surveying for Charles Wilson.

At the road meeting held Dec. 27, a five mill tax was voted to be applied on the road west of the watering trough.

Mr. Anders has located at Dayton, Yamhill county, and moved his family there last week. We are sorry to hear they leave our valley.

In spite of the disagreeable night there was a good turnout at the Christmas tree. The church was beautifully decorated and everything passed off pleasantly.

Mrs. Clavton Arnold received word this week of the death of her brother Charles Herzer, who returned to Michigan from here last fall. No particulars have been received.

Miss Jennie Hart who has been teaching at Stacey the past three months is home spending the holidays. She will return in a few days to finish the five months' term.

The L. A. S. held its annual meeting with Mrs. Geo. Marsh. In reviewing the work of the past year the society was well pleased. One of its plans for the New Year is to purchase a new carpet for the church. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Best.

Olalla has one new settler who, from all appearances means to make his farm the one of the best here; that is Mr. L. Grimes, who bought the Fisher farm. He is renovating the improvements and clearing up the lands in which he shows energy. We have lands here that will eventually be converted into beautiful homes by such men as Mr. Grimes.

The road question is one which every citizen should advocate. It is one of the most essential things for the advancement of any farming community. There is plenty of excellent stone in this country for use in constructing macadamized roads and for we are, we should be pleased to see our county court make a decisive move at their next term, toward the best method of making good roads and show people of other counties that old Douglas is not behind on the road question.

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GROCERIES

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Musings.

Remember, we told you to practice writing it with a "5."

Tell your children white lies and they will soon hand you back the other color.

Why don't they have the clearance sales before the holidays when people have money?

The mowing machine knocked out the farmer's eye and the racing machine is after Death's.

Chicago has another reign of terror. That has been pretty steady thing ever since Carter Harrison was mayor.

A Nebraska boy wants to marry his stepmother. This should serve as a pointer to stepmothers. Let them be kind.

The Roseburg lawyers are reaping a harvest out of the city light and water litigation.—Salem Journal. Oh I don't know!

The St. Louis inventor who thought he had mastered the problem of aerial navigation is now in the hospital with a broken leg.

Chas. Gilvin is thinking of heading a subscription for the building of a bartenders home in West Roseburg, which will also admit "retired" saloon keepers.

It is said the brewery wagon came near being arrested this morning for hauling an empty beer keg through the "dry" portion of Roseburg.

If Princess Louise hadn't eloped she'd be the Queen of Saxony now. This should be a warning to women who are thinking of running away from their husbands.

When rich men's sons spend their money foolishly it gives poor men the opportunity to accumulate great fortunes to leave to their sons to spend foolishly.

An Arizona bachelor wants to know if he will violate the law by raffling himself off at \$1 a chance for 2,500 chances to get a wife. Certainly not. It has always been held that marriage is a lottery.

Those scientists assert that dental work may be made painless if the patient will only look steadily at a blue light have a lot of things to explain. To a man with the toothache all things look blue, and yet he keeps the toothache.

"You seem to stay at home evenings now" said a Roseburger to a friend "Yes," replied the other fellow, "my wife's father gave her \$500 for a Christmas present and I'm teaching her how to play draw poker."

Doctor—You can take this medicine either in capsules or in liquid form. Patient—Which kills the slowest?

Good Business Proposition—A nice clean stock of Confectioneries, Tobaccos and Fixtures, good location near door to post office, for sale. Inquire of J. V. Thornton, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

FARMERS' NEEDS

GRASS SEED

Now is the time to sow your field seeds. I have just received a large supply of Alsylke, Red and White Clover, Alfalfa, Timothy, Orchard, Blue Grass, Etc.

HARROWS

Buffalo Pitts, Pan American, Spike, Spring and Disc Harrows, and Syracuse and Steel Chilled Plows.

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GREETINGS OF THE NEW YEAR

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