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LIFE INDESTRUCTIBLE.

A log is slowly consumed upon the hearth until nothing remains but a heap of filmy ash, but the light and energies of that log are not lost, the life which was in the tree deposited in that log certain forces, and the fire has liberated these forces in other modes of activity, the whole universe is a vast area of ceaseless, indestructible energy, of which life is the highest type.

Within the last half dozen years science has emphasized still another fact, namely, that the more powerful force is the less visible it is to human sight, the less susceptible of recognition. The energy of radium, for example, is so tremendous that the hundredth part of a grain of radium dropped into its own weight of water will change the temperature of that water from the freezing point to the boiling point in a single hour.

It is of course admitted that this does not prove the immortality of the individual soul by any means, but it does prove the indestructibility of life. Religion has surely gained a magnificent trophy from science when science tells her that life is an indestructible element in the universe.

THE NAME.

The total vote which was cast on the question of naming the proposed new city on Coos Bay was six hundred and thirty-eight. Of these votes the name Empire received a very pronounced majority, its vote aggregating three hundred and seventy-five. The vote of Coos Bay, of Coos-bay and Coos, was one hundred and thirty-six.

Those who voted were therefore mostly interested in the name Empire and in all probability the name Empire will be carefully considered by any committee which may hereafter be charged with the selection of a name for the cities on Coos Bay.

The proposition to take this vote was suggested to The Times by interested citizens. They evidently thought it was time to learn what Coos Bay people desired. The schools and the families were all expected to take part and the polls were held open for three weeks to enable them to show their sentiment. It is possible that eight per cent of the population has voted. The vote is suggestive, but it is not decisive. However, it helps to make it plain that the hour for consolidation for any purpose is still remote. The greater City of Coos Bay is not yet in sight. Not that the vote on name has alone served to show that fact, but that the few large interests which are to be directly and immediately benefitted are utterly indifferent to political action looking to a union of the cities and cooperative financial aid through equal taxation for the harbor. The slow methods must be endured, in all likelihood, until private activity changes them.

It has been said that the future of the municipalities on Coos Bay will be decided by one of two methods. The first of these is Absorption—which means that one city will so far outstrip the others in wealth and population that it will naturally absorb and take in all its little neighbors. The other is Consolidation—which means that all will unite voluntarily and work cooperatively for the common good. The method of consolidation is the one which commends itself to progressive minds, but absorption will accomplish the same end. Sooner or later the great consolidated, expanding city will demand results and will direct its destiny.

Are You Going?

—To Eckhoff Hall Saturday, December 21. Cash prize masquerade.

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GOOD EVENING.

Happiness, perhaps, comes by the grace of heaven, but the wearing of a happy countenance, the preserving of a happy mein, is a duty, not a blessing. —Bliss Carman

He Never Amounted to Much.

He was gentle and kind, he would plan half the day For an unlooked-for act that would please you some way; He would sit up all night with a friend who was ill, And to do you a favor would work with a will— But he never amounted to much.

There was something about him that got to your heart; It was plain that he never was playing a part, And that he was a friend who was lasting and true— But he never amounted to much.

All the boys he grew up with went rising to fame; There was some who made money, and all made a name; Art and music and letters, in law or finance, Every one of the rest made the most of his chance— But he never amounted to much.

Why, there wasn't a child but would come to his arms, For of jingles and stories he knew all the charms; Yes, and even the dogs in the street used to leap At his hand with a bark that was laughingly deep— But he never amounted to much.

And nobody could tell why he had such a hold On the rich and the poor and the young and the old, He was always on hand for some kind little deed, He instinctively knew when a friend was in need— But he never amounted to much.

They have folded his hands, they have laid him to rest— And the church couldn't hold all the friends he possessed; And fair memories mingled their smiles with the tears Of the ones who recalled the good deeds of his years— But he never amounted to much.

Idle curiosity is often very busy. Any height reached at the expense of another's downfall can never be permanent.

There are some men on Coos Bay that should be taken into dry dock and have the barnacles scraped off.

The latest version is so live every day that you can look any d—a man in the face and tell him to go to—Portland.

A North Bend man says football is demoralizing. The kind that Marshfield showed North Bend certainly was this year.

"Oysters are quiet," says a market report in a Portland paper. It is very well known that a noisy noise annoys an oyster.

It is possible, and many Marshfield men do serve two masters—whiskey and tobacco.

The North Bend man who before marriage claimed to have a mind of his own discovered after marriage that his claim had been jumped.

They were seated in the North Bend Commercial club discussing various topics when Secretary Brigham remarked: "Who invented electric meters?" "Judging from my electric light bills, I should say Annanias," quickly answered Editor Whisnant.

The American Bankers' Association propose bank notes with a color for each denomination, slate, brown, green, blue, yellow and white. There would be more desire than ever to see the "color" of the other fellow's money.

Here is a boy's funny essay on hens which I have just come across, says a writer in McCall's Magazine: "Hens is curious animals. They don't have no nose, nor teeth, nor no ears. They swallow their vittels whole, and chew it up in their crops inside of 'em. The outside of hens is generally put into pillers and feather dusters. The inside of a hen is sometimes filled up with marbles and shirt buttons and sich. A hen is much smaller than a good many other animals,

but they'll dig up more tomato plants than anything that ain't a hen. Hens is very useful to lay eggs for plum pudding. I like plum pudding. Hens has got wings and can fly when they are scart. I cut my Uncle William's hen's neck off with a hatchet, and it scart her to death. Hens sometimes make very fine spring chickens."

It seems strange but it is true that some of the steady drinkers in Marshfield are seldom steady.

In front of a Sonora hotel hangs a sign reading, "Wanted: A boy to wash dishes and a girl." The absence of a comma seems to throw out a double meaning to this unique placard.

A Redlands society woman gave an informal reception at her house, but the printer made it an "infernal" reception in the paper, and this is why he is seeking a more congenial climate for a few weeks.

He took her hand. "A heart flush," he whispered. "Isn't it time you went?" she murmured. "Not with this hand," said he, "I'm going to stay." Suddenly a great tumult injected itself into the room. "Are, eh?" cried the old man. "Well I'm a-going to call you!"

Wanted the Drink Anyway. Tommy, after going to bed, became thirsty, or thought he did. He called out: "Ma I want a drink."

The mother's voice answered back: "Tommy, you go to sleep." Tommy grunted, turned over and was silent for ten minutes, then again: "Ma, I want a drink."

"Tommy, you go right to sleep," was the reply. Intense silence again for ten minutes and then: "Say, ma, I want a drink."

"Tommy, if you don't go right to sleep I'll come and spank you." More silence, this time for about two minutes, and then: "Say, ma, when you come to spank me won't you bring me a drink?"

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