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THE PRAYER PLAN

The Oregonian of recent date contained a very bitter denunciation of Mr. Harriman whom it holds responsible for what it calls the systematic neglect which Oregon has suffered. It says in part, "the power to create and destroy railroad facilities in this part of the world lies absolutely in Mr. Harriman's hands."

After conceding this one man such vast power it asks, "What is the remedy for this systematic neglect of the interests of Oregon by our railroad autocrat? Prayers have been tried 'ad nauseam,' and they have been useless. Is there anything besides prayer which the outraged commercial interests of the state can now resort to?"

But the Oregonian does not suggest a remedy. It admits itself all done when prayers are over. The Times suggests a state railroad which could be leased, but this remedy the Oregonian denounced as crazy, socialistic and sure to lead to bankruptcy.

Yet the greatest state in this union—namely New York—richest and most populous—to which all the wealth of Oregon goes, did not hesitate in 1817 to commence the construction of a canal, three hundred and fifty miles long, through a wilderness. That was ninety years ago.

Now no vestige of wilderness is left and if the state of Oregon had the same population to the square mile that New York (half Oregon's size) has it would have 16,000,000 people. It was a government and a state enterprise. President Jefferson said: "You talk of making a canal three hundred and fifty miles through the wilderness. It is little short of madness to think of it at this day."

Then the Oregonian thinks it possible for Oregon to do as well as the people of New York did? They made their state the greatest in the Union. Oregon can make herself the greatest in the west. Does the Oregonian want a remedy which is better than praying to "OUR AUTOCRAT?" Is the "OUR AUTOCRAT?" Can't the Oregonian think of a real remedy? The construction of the Erie canal was a very great enterprise in its day. New York state had, at that time a smaller population than Oregon and New York City had a smaller population and less wealth than Portland has today.

Remedy? You wouldn't charge New Yorkers of 1817 with being socialists even though you might say with Jefferson that they were crazy. It would not be anywhere near as much of a dream to build a state railroad as it was to propose a canal for New York state in 1817.

Shame on Oregon—if the Oregonian's idea that Oregon is incapable of getting on beneath Harriman's feet, is there shame on the Oregonian if it has belittled the people of Oregon by asserting that they are too corrupt to free themselves from autocratic control? Perhaps the Oregonian would, if the matter were sufficiently important to discuss it, mention the fact that the canal has been, at times, corruptly controlled. The fact remains that it made New York the Empire state, just as a railroad through Central Oregon, whether built by public or private enterprise would make Oregon the Empire state of the Pacific.

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With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them; the kind things you mean to say when they are gone say before they go. The flowers you may mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body I would rather they would bring them out in the weary and troubled hours, and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without an eulogy than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to annoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post mortem kindness does not cheer the troubled spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over life's weary way.

—Selected.

Look Pleasant.

Look here you grumpy old growler, Why are you creakin' so much? You're a gloomy dismal howler, Spoiling every thing you touch. Round up all that bunch o' trouble An' corral it for a while Let your bottle spirits bubble, Be an optimist and smile.

Be it fair or gloomy weather, Don't you get morose and blue— Don't allow the white feather To wave in triumph o'er you. Don't forever be talkin' 'Bout the ills that on you pile; Quit your pessimistic squawkin'— Be an optimist and smile.

Durn it man, keep a-peggin, Don't you ever lose your hope; You'll win out if you keep a leggin' Though in doubt you now may grope, Come old seat, pretend you're happy.

Though your heart is full of guile; Keep your spirits bright and snappy. Be an optimist and smile. —E. A. Brimstool.

A Coos Bay man complains since he got a new typewriter that it can't spell any better than he does himself.

The gentleman with the cloven hoof You'll find as sure as death A-keeping company with the man That's got the cloven breath. —ROY LAWHORNE.

In the Poets' Corner of the Mill-coma club several of the members were discussing the merits of different kinds of game. E. K. Jones preferred canvas back duck, P. E. Devars, woodcock while W. R. Haines thought quail the most delicious article of food. Just about this time Frank Parsons dropped in. "Well Frank, said one of the party, "what kind of game do you like best?" "Well," said Frank, "to be frank with you and no pun intended, almost any kind of game suits me but what I like best is the American eagle served on a silver dollar."

"Steward, how long will it be before we get into the harbor?" asked a passenger on the Breakwater the other day. "About an hour and a half, ma'am."

"Oh, dear, I shall die before then." "Very likely, ma'am; but you'll be all right again when you've been on shore ten minutes," he replied.

Respect for the Pioneers. "It looks odd to see a cemetery right in the middle of a town," said the traveler who was walking up and down the station platform while the train hands were trying to pacify a hot box. "Why don't the people here move it outside the corporation limits?"

"Well it's this way, mister," remarked the villager sitting on the nail keg. "That's an old part of

town, and the folks that's in that cemetery settled there first. We call 'em 'em git out.'—Chicago Tribune.

GOOD EVENING.

When a man can't afford cigars, he "hits" the pipe continually to keep from worrying about it and because it is cheaper.

Cartoon Was Appropriate.

Saturday's issue of the Coos Bay Times contained a cartoon that was very appropriate. It was headed "How Long, Oh! Fenton, How Long!" and under it was the picture of a broken down horse hitched to a wagon ready to fall to pieces in front of the postoffice, and it was raining only as it can in Coos county. —Coquille Sentinel.

VIEWS OF THE VALLEY

R. C. Dement, of Myrtle Point, was a Coquille visitor recently. C. C. Price, of Riverport, passed through town on Saturday on his way home from a trip to California where he has been to see his mother, Mrs. Y. M. Lewis, who recently came to the coast, locating at Ontario, California.

Rev. E. Keeler, of Myrtle Point, went to Bandon on Monday where he goes to assist in the construction of the new church being erected by the Latter Day Saints in that place. Alfred Johnson, the sawmill man, returned from San Francisco the last of the week. He informs us that at present the outlook for lumber is by no means bright. He reports all well down that way.

Mrs. H. J. Rice came over from Marshfield on Saturday and made her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Walker, a visit.

Misses Nellie Moore and Besale Robinson, of Eureka, Cal., went to the bay Friday to take a steamer bound south, on their way home. Many regrets are expressed at their leaving.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Osmundson, of Marshfield, visited in this city a day or so last week with Mrs. G. R. Wickham.

Born: In Myrtle Point, Oregon, January 20, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Tice Wagner, a son.

A large shed is being built near the ferry, under which will be built a boat which will take the place of the Antelope. The new boiler of the Dispatch is due and it will not be long till the steamboat company will be able to give us a greatly improved service.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ward passed through town Saturday on their way from the sound country to Bandon, where they will spend the winter with R. E. L. Bedillion, son of Mrs. Ward. Mr. Ward is a brother of S. A. Ward, who will be remembered by our old timers as having conducted a harness shop in this city eighteen years ago.

The three-masted schooner Advance arrived in the Coquille Thursday and is taking on a load of lumber at the Aberdeen mill.

Jim Collier and aunt, Mrs. George Collier, of Sebastopol, California, arrived here last week, and are enjoying a visit with relatives and friends. They will be here several weeks, the latter now being at present with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Collier, with whom their father, J. B. Harrison, is spending the winter.

Earl Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Goodman, of this city, whose health has not been very good of late, started for Southern California last Friday. He expects to spend some time with a government survey crew in Arizona this spring.

We are informed that friends of Henry Clemens, formerly a prosperous dairyman of the lower river, who went with his wife to Southern California not long since, have received word that he has suffered a stroke of paralysis, affecting one side of his face. We hope that it may not prove of a serious nature.

J. T. Jenkins, of Bandon, who recently returned from California, was in town a day or so last week. It will be remembered that Mr. Jenkins recently went to California with his son, W. T. Jenkins who was suffering with consumption from which he died, at the age of 25 years. He was born in Minnesota but came to Coos county when a small boy. He has a large circle of friends throughout the valley who will deeply regret to learn of his and an untimely taking off.

—Surpassing coffee at the Melrose.

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