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THEN AND NOW.

What do we live for? To work. What do we work for? To get the means of living. This is the philosophy of life which many people practice, even if they do not preach it, and through its influence existence is reduced to a dull grind, from which even death seems like a welcome and desirable escape.

Truly we have taken much from the Greeks. Whether the study of their language makes us more or less grateful for our obligations may be questioned, but the obligations themselves are indubitable. One ideal which the Greeks had, however, we have missed. To them the great end and aim of human life was beauty and happiness.

The old Greek thought of his city as a place where human beings might lead healthier and happier lives. Whatever interfered with this end he removed. Whatever contributed to it he builded up, no matter at what expense of time, money and labor.

It is interesting to see how the different ideals have been worked out in practice. The old cities were clean, beautiful and spacious; ours are sordid and ugly. The ancients had to depend upon slaves for their menial tasks, while we have machines; but upon the whole, there was more leisure for all men in Greece than there is in America.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Republican electors of Coos county, state of Oregon, are advised that a Republican county convention will be held in the court house, Coquille City, at 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, March 24, 1908, for the following purposes: To perpetuate party organization; to discuss and recommend Republican candidates for county and state offices.

The representation by precincts will be one delegate for each ten votes or fraction thereof cast at the general election of June 4, 1906.

The following is a list of the delegates to which each precinct is entitled:

- Bandon 16
Burton 2
Coaledo 3
Coos City 2
North Coos River 3
Coos River 3
East Coquille 10
West Coquille 9
Deer Park 1
Dora 3
Empire 4
Enchanted 3
Four Mile 2
Lake 2
Lee 2
North Marshfield 9
South Marshfield 18
Missouri 3
Myrtle Point 15
Newport 3
North Bend 18
Norway 6
Parkersburg 4
Prosper 3
Riverton 4
Rowland 1
South Slough 1
Summer 3
Ten Mile 2

It is recommended that precinct caucuses be held not later than Saturday, March 21.

P. L. PHELAN, Chairman Pop. Co. Central Comm. E. L. C. FARRIN, Secretary.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

I live in two worlds, one in which I must consider the weather and clothes and meals and bills coming due and a host of duties and obligations, some of which weary me. It isn't really a bad world, and I haven't much ground to complain of it. It is comparatively a poor world, however, when set against that other world into which I retire with every opportunity—the glorious, free and perfect world of my imagination.

An Unwelcome Guest. About this season of the year a little germ comes snooping round. Not bigger than a pauper's hoard, but able quite to hold its ground. The naughty, husky son of toil it meets and gets him on the hip; it gnaws into the inner man, and then a fellow has the grip.

He may be walking down the street, without a care upon his mind. When, uttering no warning shout, the little germ comes up behind. He does not know he is attacked, because the foxy germ is sly. But when he opens up his mouth it goes inside to multiply.

Next morning as he starts to rise he gets a sort of wireless hint that something's wrong in his inside. And says some things not fit to print. His head seems made of solid lead; he has the toothache in his bones, and as he tries to lumber up the neighborhood can hear his groans.

It dandles with him through the day; it doesn't kill him on the spot. But sort of burns him at the stake. To add heart interest to the plot, a boiler works in his head. His body feels the driver's whip; his bones are broken on the wheel, and then he knows he has the grip.

There was an adjourned session in the poet's corner at the Millcoma Club on the evening of the smoker. "That leap year poetry about the girl who proposed was somewhat putrescent," remarked "Billy" Ford, who is given to large sized English. "I think it went something like this:

'But dad said yes, He sort o' think He liked a gal What had some spunk.'

"The real reason probably was this—

'You see he thought She had some scads, But their address, Is same as Dad's.'

Then Dr. Haydon chimed in:

'But dad's pleased with The chance he took— She's teaching mother How to cook.'

Here Ivy Condon, who is always practical, cut in with—

Poor mother stood it Just one day Now she and dad Have moved away.'

W. R. Haines added his thought to the effect that—

'But still to dad They send their duns, So he's locked up His other sons.'

Jack Flanagan here recited his chapter of the poetical story:

'When bride and groom A squabble had, He left her and Went back to dad.'

Will Kennedy then finished with: 'Dad's heart is flint, No more he'll shirk, So now the boy Has gone to work.'

NOTICE, EAGLES!

Every member of the order is requested to be present at the meeting which will be held on Wednesday evening, March 18, as business of great importance is to be transacted.

PHONE 111 for messenger boy to carry parcels and run errands.

Concert by Bandon Concert Band at Masonic opera house Saturday evening, March 21.

THE OREGON LAND GRANT

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upon legitimate industry, and he believed that purchasers of large tracts would receive fair treatment in a court of equity, if forced to go there. But they seek to avoid equity proceedings, and ask Congress to give them what they do not have—a clear title. He objected to any legislation which would in any way change the status of these purchasers before the law; they are not entitled to special relief.

If, after the grant is forfeited, Congress should deem it advisable, it could, by a special act, extend relief to purchasers who are other than pure speculators, who are expending good money in developing their land.

Plea of Lumbermen. Following Mr. Townsend, Arthur Hill, of Saginaw, a heavy stockholder in the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co., addressed the committee in favor of the "innocent purchasers" amendment. His company, he said bought in good faith and not for speculation. He quoted Attorney-General Bonaparte as saying that purchasers had no equities and therefore declared they must be protected by an amendment to the resolution or enter into litigation, which, he said, would last fully ten years. He frankly admitted on cross-questioning that what his company wanted was a clear title to its 70,000 acres bought contrary to law.

Oregon's Growth Retarded. In concluding the hearing the committee listened to a brief argument from Representative Hawley, who has been following the matter closely from the first. Mr. Hawley contradicted the statement of the lumbermen that the remaining land, if opened, would not be suitable for settlement. He knew of his own knowledge of thousands of acres now held by the railroad which is the very best kind of farming or orchard land, and he declared that thousands of applications had been made for this land by intending settlers since 1902, all of whom were refused the right to buy. He explained how Oregon's development had been seriously retarded by this and other land grants.

Danger in Amendment. Mr. Hawley impressed on the committee the importance of rendering the Attorney-General every possible assistance in his suit against the railroad company. Should the railroad company in any way be released from its obligation it would be in unquestioned possession of over 2,000,000 acres of the best remaining land in Oregon, worth \$35,000,000, and no power under heaven could compel it to sell. While he said he would like to see Oregon's industries protected and while he wanted nothing more than absolute justice done to all parties, he wanted full justice and he did not want the railroad company released from its clear obligation.—Portland Oregonian.

NORTH BEND CAUCUS.

The Republicans of North Bend are hereby notified that there will be a caucus held at the city hall in North Bend Saturday, March 21, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting eighteen delegates to the Republican county convention to be held in Coquille Tuesday, March 24, 1908. J. J. CURREN, Congressional Committeeman.

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