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PULL BACK AND PUSH AHEADS.

People do not differ much in communities wherever they may be and the following from the Omaha Bee may be studied here with profit as showing what Omaha has had to contend with in pushing itself ahead to its present size. The Bee says:

"In every community there are always two contending elements—one pulling back and the other pushing ahead. The city or town in which the push-aheads are in the majority is always a thriving, progressive, wide-awake place, constantly at the head of the procession. The city or town in which the pull-backs have control is usually afraid to take up any new enterprise, however, promising; it never starts until its rival has gotten a good lead, and it is always to be found among the stragglers on the highway to prosperity. "Omaha has been singularly fortunate in having been dominated from its pioneer days by push-aheads instead of by pull-backs. The founders of Omaha did not sit and wait for things to come their way but they went out with a helping hand and accomplished wonders bordering on the miraculous. There were, of course pull-backs tugging in the opposite direction all the time, but the push-aheads kept their shoulders to the wheel, forcing Omaha further and further to the fore and dragging the pull-backs along.

"There are people in Omaha, as in every community, who would stop all public improvements and let the city stagnate at the slightest pretext. They are the same sort of obstructionists as those who opposed and predicted failure for the great Trans- Mississippi exposition of 1893, which was prosecuted to triumphant success in spite of them in advance of recovery from the severest industrial depression in our history. Because of the possibility, more or less remote, that we may have to buy the water works at what seems to be an exorbitant figure some apprehensive folks would vote down paving bonds and park improvement bonds and court house bonds to avoid paying interest on what we borrow. That would be a manifestation of what we have termed the pull-back spirit.

"When the builders of Omaha put \$250,000 into the old court house and jail more than twenty-five years ago with the population and taxable resources of the county less than one-fourth what they are today, they were courageously imbued with the push ahead spirit. They thought they were building for the Omaha of the future but unintentionally failed to look far enough forward, with the result that the structure has been long since outgrown and already needs replacement by a new and adequate building.

"It is for the push-aheads of today to bend their energies to the upbuilding of the twentieth century Omaha. Having made such great strides in the past few years, the pace must not be allowed to slacken now when Omaha has every prospect of soon passing many of its commercial and industrial rivals."

MAN AND HIS WHISKERS.

An Iowa man is visiting relatives in a Kansas town who is said to have the longest beard on record, the man being five feet seven tall, while the beard is seven feet five. To get about with his beard the Iowa gentleman tucks it under his vest and winds it about his body. It is a trait of long bearded men that they take a sensitive pride in the length and profusion of their whiskers as women of hair, like the seven Sutherland sisters. When they are at home, visitors to the town are introduced to them as to celebrities. When they go abroad they confer distinction on their relatives. This Iowa's hirsute foliage is the subject of envy and newspaper

pieces in the Kansas town where he is a guest at the present time. To a reporter he stated that he had watched the newspapers carefully for twenty years on the subject of beards and had yet to find a rival who equalled him.

The vanity of men "bearded like a pard" is no disparagement to them; men are equally vain of their stature, their pulchritude, real or fancied, their muscle and any other physical attribute, and whiskers seven feet long are something to look at with awe and envy. A man once wagered a dinner with a friend that he could stroke every long beard encountered on a walk down the length of Broadway. He won his bet, even to caressing the stately whiskers of a Wall street millionaire accosted as he was entering his carriage and in a hurry. In fact, the magnate was so flattered by the ingratiating manner of this admirer of beards that, purring like a kitten, he permitted him to unroll a tape line and measure it from tip to tip. Kansas populists are popularly supposed to take great pride in their beards, but as a matter of fact Kansas has to take a back seat to Iowa in the matter of whiskers.—Topeka Capital.

HELP OREGON UNIVERSITY.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the voters of Oregon pass the University of Oregon appropriation bill at the coming election. The bill will be on the official ballot for a referendum vote. Oregon cannot afford to have it said that she refused to build up her State university. She cannot afford to drive her young men and women to Washington and Idaho to secure a higher education. Let us pass the appropriation and never again hold up an educational bill.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

WE ARE DYING YOUNGER.

In view of all that has been said about the fall in the death rate it seems strange to realize that we are not living so long as our grandfathers and grandmothers did. More babies live to grow up nowadays than formerly, but people in later life die younger. Once arrived at adult age the average man or woman has few years of survival to expect. This seems on the face of it so surprising a statement that in order to be accepted it should be backed up by data authentic and indisputable. Such data are furnished by the figures of the insurance companies (which all agree on the point), but it is easier to refer to the government census reports, which tell the tale in simple and convincing fashion. Even during the last fifteen years the death rate among all persons over fifty-five years of age of both sexes has risen very considerably.—Health Culture.

THE SALOON IN SWITZERLAND.

Consul Mansfield's report from Lucerne upon the system of controlling the saloons in the republic of Switzerland is of special interest at this time. Every canton is locally governed and regulates the number of saloons or bars, granting licenses according to the locality. In some towns and cities there may be one saloon to every 200 inhabitants and in rural districts only one to 1,000 people or even more.

The license fee varies and in the canton of Lucerne ranges from \$40 up to \$1,200 per annum. All revenue from the traffic is devoted to school and road purposes.

The rules governing the saloons in Switzerland are very strict, and any infringement results in a forfeiture of the license. As the number of licenses is restricted, the possession of one constitutes a valuable franchise, and the holder is bound by self interest to obey the law. The consul states that, while drinking is general among the men of Switzerland, drunkenness is rare and confined almost entirely to touring foreigners. This means that the irresponsible element abuses the saloon privilege, and it is this element chiefly which has brought the saloon under the ban of public opinion in this country.

The Oregon building will be the first state structure finished at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. The building will be finished within a month.

A POIK COUNTY, OREGON, FARMER

recently sold 11 head of market hogs, their total weight being 3310 pounds. Two were eight months old and the others nine, and they were fattened with skim milk and wheat.

A man living on the Willamette below Albany counted 25 swans on the Willamette, a remarkable sight, says the Democrat. They were as white as snow. He does not ever remember seeing any before later than March, and there were the first for about 10 years.

WILL buy your good potatoes. See F. S. Dow.

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

Joy From Within.
The great lesson to be learned is that Happiness is within us, no passing amusement, no companionship, no material possession can permanently satisfy. We must hoard up our own Strength. We must depend upon our own resources for amusement and pleasure. We must make or mar our own tranquility. To teach them this is the preparation for Life which we can give our children.
—Philadelphia Ledger.

MONA MACHREE.

Mona Machree, I'm the wanderin' creature now,
Over the sea;
Slave of no lass, but a lover of Nature now.
Careless an' free.
Nature, the goddess of myriad graces,
Pours for lorn lovers a balm that effaces
Scars from the heart, in these smilin' new places
Far to the eastward an' far to the south of you.
Sweet are the grapes that she gives me to eat
Red are the pomegranates, luscious an' sweet,
Dreamy the breath of her flowers in the heat—
But O! the dull ache in it,
Mona Machree!

Mona Machree, though it's here that the money is,
Rather for me
Dreams an' drowsed rovin's through blooms where the honey is,
Wild as a bee
She, the new goddess to whom I'm beholden,
Snare me in days that are scented an' golden
E'en as the tresses your temples enfoldin',
Aye! an' the blue, when the sun has forsaken it,
Blossoms with jewels, night-lamps of her throne,
Bright as two passionless eyes I have known,
Ah! it is here that my heart is my own—
But O! the dull ache in it,
Mona Machree!
—Catholic Standard and Times.

"The water of life," remarked the Sage One, "doesn't foam over the top."

The first strawberry short-cake of the season on Coos Bay was served at a little dinner party last evening.
Strawberry Shortcake.
Dew of dawn on hills of dream—
Beaten egg and lots of cream!
Breath of bloom from vales of sweet
Taste the flavor while you eat!
Layers of snow and bars of gold,
In between them, crushed or rolled,
Berries from the vines that run
To the reddening of the sun!
Gods, upon Olympus' height,
Cross your hands and take a bite.

Why He Mourned.
O'Flannagan came home one night with a deep band of black crepe around his hat.
"Why, Mike!" exclaimed his wife, "What are ye wearin' that mournful thing for?"
"I'm wearin' it for yer first husband," replied Mike firmly. "I'm sorry he's dead."—Everybody's Magazine.

If It Were So.
How fine our life would run along,
Just like the music in a song
Or like a train of Pullman cars,
With only soft and pleasant jars,
If things could happen every day
The way they work out in a play!

There everything is life and light,
The men are bold, the girls are bright,
Things for an act or two go wrong,
But in the end right comes out strong.
The hero always wins the bride,
With mirth and music on the side.

No one is bothered in the play
About a small thing like his pay.
One always has a roll of bills
That easily a pocket fills,
And if he ever should run shy
A check book brings a new supply.

The bill collectors never knock
To give the timid ones a shock.
The only troubles on the mat
Pertain to love and things like that,
And even they have feeble power,
They come out right in half an hour.

Of course the villain does not fare
So well, but who for him would care?
He only serves to emphasize
That virtue draws the certain prize,
That the deserving wins the wife,
Ah, would that it were so in life!

like to show that they can either drink or let it alone.

HEARD AT THE MILLICOMA.

There is just this about it—it is impossible to be an easy mark and a hard case at the same time.

An easy spender is very rarely a toilsome earner.



It is said that money talks. Perhaps that is the reason that it makes some people keep their mouths shut.

The smile that won't come off is never acquired by associating with your dentist.

And then, again, the yellow peril is sometimes nothing but a well developed case of dyspepsia.

When you hear a man making a noise like a mule don't get into an argument with him.

All the good in the world can't keep a man from destruction if it is all outside of him.

When you execute an evil deed don't clutch the matter by paying a dollar to have it recorded.

Good intentions may be the beginning of good institutions, but it is impossible for them to be the end thereof.

Probably the reason why so many people are not good is because there are so many opportunities for not being good.

There are lots of people who won't lie who are nevertheless master hands at concealing the truth.

People can be good if they don't know what fun is.

Usually the flower of the family is a blooming nuisance.

A fool will rush in where a grafter is satisfied with a look-in.

When we refuse to meet an emergency it is apt to overtake us.

Most of the sure things we bet on are sure for the other fellow.

Work by any other name would be just as distasteful to a lazy man.

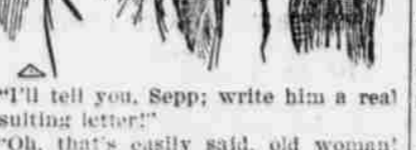
Razze Dazze.
Sing a song of love time,
Ozone in the air,
Now is mating dove time,
Joy is everywhere—
Apple blossoms shodding
Pink perfume about,
Little young branches quaking
In the west wind's rout.

Sing a song of love time
Just for Maud and me,
Now is turtle-dove time,
Cooling dove is she,
Really do I think so,
But the air of May
Has me on the blink, so
I don't know what to say.

Proof Enough.
"Taking any sides in this controversy about the authorship of Shakespeare's plays?"
"What is the controversy about?"
"They claim Shakespeare didn't write them."
"Pshaw, I know better than that."
"What makes you so sure?"
"Haven't I seen his name on the book?"

Demonstration.
"Do you know as much about politics as Wiseguy?"
"Him?"
"Sure."
"Say, I forgot more politics in a week than he knew in a year."
"I thought you must have forgotten an awful lot, judging from the small amount you know in that line."

Many of the small minds that run in the same channel get stranded on the same bar.



Under Difficulties.
"I'll tell you, Sepp; write him a real insulting letter!"
"Oh, that's easily said, old woman! And I don't even know how to spell 'scoundrel'!"—Flegende Blatter.

"You smoke all the time, don't

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you?" Frank Parsons asked of W. R. Haines.
"No"; Haines replied, "I often go for hours at a time without smoking. I seldom touch a cigar between 10 p. m. and 9 a. m."

Teacher—who was it supported the world upon his shoulders?
Tommy—Atlas, sir.
Teacher—Who supported Atlas?
Tommy—The book don't say; but I 'spect his wife did!

The gathering of the attorneys in Coquille has revived the usual number of court stories. Here are two.

A Valid Objection.
Judge—I note that you have already served two periods in the penitentiary. Have you anything to say before I sentence you for this offense?
Prisoner—Nothin', only to remark that, as a good American citizen, I object to a third term for any man.

Had Confidence in Him.
"Mind, now," said the judge, "you are sworn to tell the truth, and if you do not the penitentiary will be your portion."
The man took the oath, and then whispered to his friend:
"John, I'm afeared it's all up with you—the judge says I've got to tell the truth."
"That's all right, Jim," said his friend, with confidence, "I ain't a-worryin' about that, kaze you can't do it."
"Send back that new batch of bill- heads. They won't do at all," said the milkman.
"Why, I think they're very pretty," faltered the clerk. "What is your objection to them, sir?"
"Can't you see they're water-marked, stupid?"

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