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COOPERATION IS URGED.

What Coos county needs more than anything else is a trunk line of railroad, and if the various towns of the county would get in and work together we could accomplish the desired end with comparative ease.

PEOPLE OF OREGON ARE PROGRESSIVE.

Galveston, Texas, Los Angeles, Cal., Des Moines, Iowa, and other cities have adopted the commission plan of city government.

That means that three or five men govern the city just as three or five men govern a county and do it successfully in Oregon.

In addition to the commission plan the cities above named and other cities have adopted the "Oregon Idea" of self-government.

While we are told the people of Oregon are going crazy over new ideas, some of the above strong Republican cities have gone crazy too.

For instance, Des Moines and Los Angeles are strong Republican cities and are rapidly growing progressive cities.

We copy what follows from a beautiful pamphlet advertising the city of Des Moines, and commend it to communities making new charters:

The "Des Moines Plan" of municipal government is the most advanced form of government by commission. It has attracted world-wide attention, and its practical application will be watched by men of affairs in every city of Union.

Under the "Des Moines Plan" the entire government of the city is vested in a commission of five. One of this number is the mayor, and the entire body constitutes the council. The function of government is divided into five parts, each commissioner being the head of one department. The mayor is the executive of the department of public affairs by virtue of his office. The five departments are named as follows:

- 1. Department of Public Affairs. 2. Department of Accounts and Finances. 3. Department of Public Safety. 4. Department of Streets and Public Improvements. 5. Department of Parks and Public Property.

The initiative, referendum and recall are combined with government by commission in the "Des Moines Plan." By the initiative, the voter may force the enactment of legislation demanded by a majority of the electorate, even though opposed by the governing body. The referendum makes it possible for the electors to check the unwise expenditure of public funds, the granting of franchises, or the adoption of an ordinance until such action is approved by a majority of the voters. The

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

AGRO-DOLCE. ONE kiss from all others prevents me And sets all my pulses afloat.

ONE kiss for all others requites me, Although it is never to be, And sweetens my dreams and invites me— 'Tis the kiss that she dare not give me.

TRIFLES.

THEY that wander at will where the works of the Lord are revealed Little guess what joy can be got from a cowslip out of the field.

THE CRY OF THE DREAMER.

I AM tired of planning and toiling In the crowded hives of men, Heart weary of building and spoiling, And spilling and building again,

I am sick of the showy seeming Of a life that is half a lie, Of the faces lined with scheming In the throng that hurries by.

I can feel no pride, but pity For the burdens the rich endure, There is nothing sweet in the city But the patient lives of the poor.

No, no! From the street's rude bustle, From trophies of mart and stage, I would fly to the woods' low rustle And the meadow's kindly page.

An Oregon lawyer asked a witness if the lady in question was his wife still. He refused to answer the question until the attorney had divided his interrogation. She was his wife, but she was not still!

Foolish Man.

The Summer Girl is getting ripe, And she is very fair to see; But everywhere the Summer Man Is just as green as he can be.

A little fellow who had just felt the hard side of the slipper, when the tears had dried somewhat, turned to his mother. "Mother," he asked, "did grandpa spank father when he was a little boy?"

"Yes, answered his mother impressively. "And did his father whip him when he was little?"

"Yes." "And did his father spank him?"

"Yes." A pause. "Well, who started this thing, anyway?"

A Misfit Adage.

When asked to pay a little bill The average man doth fret, Because, while time is money, It will not pay the debt.

Rules for a Man Who Would Marry. Learn whether she is selfish. You can tell this in three ways—by the manner in which she listens to what you say, by the way she accepts what you do for her, and by the difference between the way she treats you and the way she treats others.

Is she fickle? If she talks about light things she isn't. Deep, she is. Is she extravagant? Study the way in which she protests against your spending money on her and always arranges matters so that you can't help but do it.

Is she a bad housekeeper? Watch the way she dresses. If she is spic and span she isn't. If she isn't then she is.

When you have satisfied your mind that she is all of these things marry her at once, if you can get her, for the following reasons:

First, because if she really loves you she will change. Second, because if you love her it will be so much more interesting.

Third, because you are probably mistaken about her, anyway.—Judge

My landlord came in the other day and remarked that he would have to raise the rent. I assured him that such an action would please me because it kept me pretty busy trying to raise it and I would be willing to assign the job. When he told me however, that he meant to raise the rate I raised a protest but being a Coos Bay booster I had to

last provision—the Recall—is the most important of the trio. While the commissioners are elected for a definite term, their tenure of office may be terminated at any time. Thus the governing body is always directly and immediately responsible to the governed.

admit that this was the best place on earth to live and stand for it. I know it pays to be a booster but what I am wondering about now is if it doesn't pay the landlord more than it pays the booster.

How Manager Bedillion Feels. When the home team wins Pa grins, An' he don't say the steak is as tough as a hide,

An' he don't say the pie doesn't feel good inside, An' he don't find a fault in most every old thing.

An' grumble this town's gone to blazes, by jing— Naw, he isn't cranky at all, but just grins

When the home team wins. But pa gets the blues When they lose— He growls about boneheads and mutt an' all that,

Says ma cooks as bum as those ham-fatters bat, An' says if he only had his way he'd fire

If he didn't clean kill that doggoned umpire, An' grumbles his troubles near drive him to booze

When they lose. —Exchange.

A grouch costs more than you spent the night before acquiring it, and that's always plenty in itself.

The person who really expects to be disappointed isn't.

You need to have plenty of friends if you have a perpetual grouch, and then you can annoy them in relays.

The man with rollers isn't the only fellow on a skate.

Why is it that last season's hat is always so horridly unbecoming to my lady?

There are plenty of people who know how to earn an honest dollar who hate like the mischief to do it.



Keeping up appearances is undoubtedly necessary until a disappearance becomes imperative.

He is a great man who can always please a woman and himself at the same time.

Sunburn would be dreadfully painful if it were not fashionable.

Don't feel so bad when the other fellow gets what you want; it makes him feel so good.

Piling It On. When a man marries, his troubles begins: That is the time he gets paid for his sins. Later the trouble Appears to him double— When he is told by the doctor, "It's twins."

Only Thinks. "He thinks he can play golf." "Funny." "Yes." "I know a lot of people who waste strong and fertile imaginations in like manner."

Couldn't Go Wrong. "Do you think it is wrong to beat the street car company?"

"Yes, I do." "But why is it?"

"Because I am never able to."

"Baseball is a funny proposition," observed the umpire. "It has different effects upon different people.

Some fans are tempted to an apoplectic display of voice during a game. Others," here he unconsciously ducked his shoulders and side-stepped, "get rid of their enthusiasm by throwing pop bottles. I know one woman at least who became a regular attendant at the games because she could acquire a heavy coat of tan in the bleachers and give the impression to her friends that she had been away to the beach. And I know another little lady who wouldn't think of attending a ball game because they brought out her freckles.

"Yes baseball is a funny thing. One of the saddest cases I know about is that of a Marshfield young man. He was rational enough apparently until he got to hitting the hives down to the baseball park. I guess the long walks down there in the sun and worry over the ice cream season must have affected him. Or may be it was some of that hereditary insanity that recent murder trials have made popular. But anyway whatever the cause, he handed me this today that he calls a 'Sonnet

on Baseball.' Ain't it fierce to see your friends go that route? Lemme read it to you."

The umpire then made a home run of the following:

The umpire dons a mask to see more clearly The difference 'tween fouls and strikes and balls, And to the grand stand petulantly calls

The tabs—which are but his opinion merely; The pitcher ties himself into a knot, By this contortion seeks to fool the batter,

Yet dauntlessly before the plate the latter Meets the whirling, twirling spiral with a swat;

The felder, with his mitten poised unerring, Nonchalantly nabs the fly and nips the joy

Of the fan who'd just prepared himself to crow; While for fear the copper might look round, not daring

To express his feelings freely, the small boy Through a knot-hole in the board fence views the show.

"Yes sir," concluded the umpire

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In a hollow voice that sounded like three strikes, "that young man was his mother's pride and a credit to the family before he got to perusing the rhyme book.

"But enough of this, as the saloon men would say after the first day of

Sunday closing. There isn't a patent medicine in the whole euphonious galaxy that can cure the poetry habit when it gets a full Nelson on a man."

The umpire shook his head. It was back to the bench for that young man. The umpire smiled. He had injected a happy look into his eyes.

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