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WESTERN TOWN NAMES.

An Oregon newspaper, backed by public sentiment, proposes to rename several hundred of the towns in that state which are today striving to grow under the handicap of the most grotesque and outlandish appellations, says the Register and Leader of Des Moines, Ia.

There is nothing like a euphonious and unpretentious cognomen. The life activities of many a man have been seriously hindered by the unfortunate significance, or absurd sound of his name. Men who for any lawful reason find their family names a source of inconvenience or humiliation, are permitted to choose some other title. The people of Oregon think that the same right should be extended to towns.

A person studying the map of Oregon would discover in unblushing print a civic nomenclature which would outdo in bizarre ineptness the infamous titles chosen by the graceless young officers of the British army a few centuries ago when they were required to rename the Jews of London. The map is spotted with towns bearing such names as "Murderer's Gulch," "Crooked River," "Desolation Creek," "Rattlesnake," "Pistol River," "Muddy," "Needy," "Sucker," and scores of others which are no less ridiculous. All of these towns, assert most of the people in the state, ought to be renamed immediately.

There certainly is reason in such a movement. There would indeed, be much wisdom in appointing some sort of committee to rename a certain per cent of the towns of a half dozen other western states. A town which is known to men as "Murderer's Gulch," must have an arduous time of it trying to convince prospective residents that it is a decent and proper place to live. The literature disseminated by the booster's committee of "Desolation," no matter how specious, would defeat its own purpose by the mere name of the town it celebrated.

When white men first invaded the western country they had little thought of acquiring permanent residences. Most of the early settlers hoped to make their fortunes and return to the east as speedily as possible. The idea that the rude camps they formed would endure and become identified with wealthy states, did not come until later. Consequently, when the names for such camps were chosen, the temporary residents had no hesitancy in giving expression to the grim humor which was an essential part of their rough lives. The old pioneers were a light hearted, careless, irrepressible breed of men who could laugh at their own misery and homesickness, and who named their towns with facetious regard for their desperate condition.

The names of these western towns served them well enough a few years ago. But the west is changing. Great prosperity has come to the country, and dignity. Many of the towns will eventually become cities, and figure largely in the commercial world. It is time that the western towns prepare for their future greatness by preparing, first of all, to do business under responsible names.

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INDEPENDENCE.

We strut when others may behold And vainly boast that we are free; We cling to doctrines that are old And still to custom crook the knee;

We have the wish to earn applause, To claim the honors of the great— But let old superstitions cause Us still to weakly hesitate.

We speak with unconcealed contempt Of those who serve exacting kings; And, fancying ourselves exempt From all the hardships serfdom brings,

We stagger slowly down the years, Too deaf to hear, too blind to see— The prey of foolish doubts and fears That keep us chained in slavery.

It's easier to fall in love than to get out of debt. Character is what we make of life's conditions. It takes more than good living to make the good life. It takes a lot of piety to stand up against prosperity.

He is a foe to truth who would try to defend it with error.

The Coos Bay man who is busy with his hands is seldom busy with his tongue.

It's a good plan to look out for the man who looks out for himself.

One song in the heart is worth two in the house next door.

Sunday piety will not make up for six days of depravity.

The woman who has ceased to weep is no longer young.

There is nothing flatter than flattery that doesn't flatter.

Why isn't a cook who stuffs turkeys and chickens a taxidermist?

Once in a great while a Coos Bay woman gets a hat that actually looks like one.

If a Coos Bay woman is unable to preserve her complexion she begins to pickle it.

You may have noticed that there are more Coos Bay men with blockheads than wooden legs.

The day has passed when you can pretend to know things. People want to be shown.

Lots of Coos Bay people imagine there is something wrong with them if they haven't got a cold.

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