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GETTING BACK TO NATURE.

"It would be idle to assert that life on the farm occupies as good a position in dignity, desirability, and business results as the farmers might easily give it if they chose. One of the chief difficulties is the failure of country life, as it exists at present, to satisfy the higher social and intellectual aspirations of country people."—President Roosevelt, in transmitting the report of the Country Life Commission to Congress.

That the whole problem of farm life is making it attractive is apparent. For so long as it is not attractive the ambition of the young will be to get away from it. The fortunate will be those who can escape to remunerative employment in the city, the unfortunate those who are doomed to the country.

The conditions that go to making country life attractive are innumerable. The country life commission if it had extended its report to twice its length, would not have named all. But there is one condition that underlies all others and that is the idealization of nature. It is lack of appreciation of what the country gives, that the town does not, for the present generation at least has not been overcome.

In older countries the tide is turning. The buzz and whirr of the city, the smoke, and the resounding pavements wear on the nervous energy. Men and women seek the calm quiet and pastoral beauty of the country. Nobody lives in the city who can afford to go to the country. But in the newer regions where the hardships of pioneer farming are a deep seated, hereditary dread, the boys and girls flock to the city as they would to vanity fair.

It will require at least one remove from the generation that did the pioneering to give the open mind. Then if good roads and trolleys and rural delivery and the automobile and the rural telephone diminish the actual physical inconveniences of country life sufficiently the love of nature will come back and like the Greeks of old we shall build our temples among the trees.

SHOP-KEEPING AMERICANS.

It may be of some interest to note that of the \$12,000,000 contributed for the relief of the sufferers of the Italian earthquake the United States' share was nearly a fourth. According to a recent statement of the Italian government, the subscriptions of the various nations were as follows:

The United States, \$3,600,000; South America, \$2,000,000; Great Britain, \$600,000; France, \$560,000; Spain, \$400,000; Australia, \$160,000; Belgium, \$150,000; Russia, \$150,000; Japan, \$84,000; Germany, \$60,000; Austria, \$32,000; Egypt, \$22,000; and the Balkan states, \$20,000. Italy raised something over \$2,000,000.

Presumably the nations gave what each respectively could afford. It is not the amount but the spirit of its giving, of course, which really weighs in the scales of humanity. The United States will not feel too proud in its surpassing generosity. Yet, at the same time, the contempt which Europeans have always felt toward the "miserly shop-keeping Americans" has stung. The United States is a wealthy nation, but not because of niggardliness. When charitable enterprises are afoot this country is usually foremost among the contributors. Yet Europe has sneered at the money-grabbing American. The foregoing figures ought to give Europe something of a wholesome nature to consider.

WITH THE
TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Why not cast a gleam of sunshine over
Life's rough road today?
Why not brighten up the shady spots we find along the way?

—Selected.

AT THE END OF THE DAY.

How is it with you at the end of the day?
Is pride in your heart and is peace in your breast?
Can you sit in the darkness and honestly say
That in all of your acts you have tried for the best—
That if profits have come to you, little or great,
No wronged one may think of you, treasuring hate?

Can you turn at the end of the day and be glad
That no one is poorer for aught you have done—
That no one has reason to curse or be sad

Because of a triumph that you may have won?
Can you go to your bed with the peace in your heart
That is his who has acted a praiseworthy part?

Can you gaze at the stars when the silence is deep
And say, as if God was consenting to hear,
That no one to-night will be robbed of sweet sleep

Because you have won a success which was dear?
Have you crushed no fair hope, nor spread grief on the way?

How is it with you at the end of the day?
S. E. KISER.

The wire "rat" is being displaced by the pneumatic pompadour, and as a result fewer women may complain of having too much on their minds.

A new song popular at weddings is, "There Let Me Rest." But after the honeymoon is over, the groom finds it is up to him to hustle more than ever.

Strange that a man who couldn't shoot a burglar at a distance of four feet invariably kills somebody half a block away while fooling with an "unloaded" pistol.

It is estimated that in 3,000 years there will be but one man to every 200 women. We wonder if the women will be any happier then, with no men around to pick up after.

By importing 5,000 cats from Chicago, to kill rats, Japan has also gladdened the hearts of many Chicagoans who have yearned for peace and quiet in their back yards.

The showman who offered Roosevelt \$200,000 to head a wild west show knew very well that the offer would be turned down. Also that he would get his name into the papers.

The Chicago police department has offered a reward of \$100 for the capture of certain egg thieves. From the sum offered, we infer that they got away with at least two dozen of the eggs.

One Woman's Views.

The great matrimonial problem—How to Get a Husband!
No matter how dead in love a man may appear to be, marriage will always revive him.

Real love is the kind that is built on mutual admiration and trust and sympathy—and only comes in novels.
It is the husband who cannot raise the rent who always raises the most objections round the house, in order to keep up the illusion that he is really important.

Most married men appear to think that "it is better to give than to receive"—when it comes to advice and criticism and orders and little things like that.

Remember "ROANOKE" at MASONIC OPERA house, Friday night under the auspices of Fraternal Union of America.

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ANTI-RAILWAY
BILLS KILLED

Committee in Oregon Senate Slaughters Measures — Other Proceedings.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 17. — Until a few minutes of midnight the Senate worked and the last bills disposed of were two affecting the railroads. These were slaughtered. Albee's bill to increase the power of the Railroad Commission so as to embrace street railways and Sinnott's bill to have stock rushed through were both indefinitely postponed.

In the afternoon late, W. D. Fenton, railroad attorney, and W. W. Cotton, chief counsel for the Harriman system, appeared before the railroad committee and knocked these bills. In the case of the Sinnott measure, they were assisted by the Railroad Commission. Adverse reports were brought in, but this did not prevent the authors of the measures from making a desperate fight. Senator Coffey, chairman of the railroad committee, reported there were good reasons why these bills should be reported adversely. He explained that the railroads could not maintain an average speed of 15 miles an hour with stock cars. Sinnott defended his bill and was reinforced by Selling, Abraham, Albee and Oliver. Selling announced that the Senate had been protecting the sheep and game and now wanted to protect the railroads, but that there appeared to be no desire to protect the taxpayers.

\$300,000 Road Bill Passes.

Virtually a substitute for S. B. 3, Johnson, providing for the permanent improvement of roads and highways, was reported by the special committee. It provides for an indirect tax of \$300,000 by a half mill levy. Johnson spoke at some length on the merits of the bill and the necessity of highway improvement, explaining that the common opinion as to the total tax being \$600,000 is erroneous, as the law will not go into effect until January 1, 1910. Those voting no on final passage were: Kay, Miller of Linn, Nottingham, Parrish, Selling and Smith of Marion. The bill passed by 21 ayes.

Bills Slain in Senate.

Coffey—Amending law governing State Board of Health.
Wood—Licensing embalmers.
Smith of Marion—To provide for establishment of road districts.

Chase—For transcribing town plats.
Albee—To regulate carrying of concealed weapons.

Beach—For licensing of chiropractors.
Hedges—Permitting judges to withhold certain classes of evidence from jury-room.

Mullis—To punish gross frauds.
Barrett—Regulating fishing on Nehalem river.

Multnomah Delegation—Licensing sailor boarding-houses.
Wood—Reducing salaries of circuit judge in Fifth District.

Bills Passed.

Bills passed the Senate as follows: M. A. Miller—Authorizing county courts to levy 10-mill special road tax in road districts and require expenditure of proceeds in that district.

Selling—Regulating sailor boarding-houses.

Ways and Means—For purchase Oregon City locks, contingent on Congressional appropriation.

Hart—County clerks to take post-office addresses of registered voters and forward names weekly to Secretary of State.

Norton—Prescribing names of sale under execution.

Kay and Johnson—For referendum by counties on acts affecting counties alone.

Caldwell—To prevent goats at large in Yamhill county.

Oliver—Terms of court in 10th district.

Johnson—Salaries of clerk and recorder Benton county.

New Bills.

These four Senate bills were introduced: Sinnott—County Courts to fix county salaries subject to referendum.

Ways and Means Committee—Annual appropriation for State Fair premiums, \$15,000.

Ways and Means Committee—\$25,000 for sewerage and toilets, State Fair.

Medicine Pharmacy—\$45,000 for tuberculosis sanitarium and creating state commission.

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