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St. Patrick's Day.

"Pearly are the skies in the country of my father,
Purple are the mountains, home of my heart.
Mother of my yearning, love of all my longings,
Keep me in remembrance, long leagues apart."

LONG LEAGUES APART from us is a little green island set with its face to the West; an island where the smiles and tears are chasing each other the long years through; where the cheeks of lassies are rosy and the eyes of them put in with a smutty finger; where hearts grow as big as cabbages, and buttermilk and prattles are as plentiful as the vows of men and maids.

Because of it we celebrate. Because of it March 17 is written in letters of Emerald around the world. Because of it hearts are stretching across the sea and memories are crowding back upon other days.

St. Patrick's Day—they call it just "Patrick's Day" when the good father's back is turned or his ears obligingly deaf, and never an Irishman there was who meant disrespect in the abbreviation.

When "Patrick's Day" goes tumbling off an Irishman's tongue a caress goes with it, says Bessy Beatty, and now and then if you have more than a thimbleful of intuition you will detect a tear in his voice.

The calendar has counted out the March days and the seventeenth is again here and thoughts go turning to another land that was the Irishman's before he made his voyage of discovery to his new world. They are thoughts that fill the heart of him to overflowing and make him a better Irishman and the best American in the world.

Many a man, and many a woman, too, with hair grown gray and grandchildren playing around their feet, are looking backward to the day when they said good-bye to the green land and looked back from the ship to see the clouds weeping them a farewell, when they turned their faces from all the realities the world held dear to dreams and the unknown.

None of them, rich or poor, but would do again what they did, yet on St. Patrick's Day, through all the rejoicings, through the laughing, and the singing, and the dancing, and the "Erin-go-braghs," the top of the mornin's and the Caed mille fallthes, there's a wee bit of an ache for:

"The homes that our father—our childhood endeared—
That our memories cling to with pining desire—"

And the tears are very near to falling.

With no Irish at all in you, you suspect the spirit of the Irishman's holiday; with a few drops in your veins, you feel it, but we who have the green blood coursing through every bit of us—we know what St. Patrick's Day means.

While there has been no formal celebration on Coos Bay, many bright bits of green were worn in honor of the day and many a genuine shamrock was worn for the little three leaved green sprig so dear to every genuine Irish heart flourishes on Coos Bay where many patches of it are cultivated.

"That dear little plant that grows in our isle,
'Twas St. Patrick himself sure that set it;
And the sun on his labors with pleasure did smile,
And with dew from his eye often wet it."

HARRIMAN AND OREGON.

The net earnings of the Harriman system are so great that it is a problem how to get rid of the money. That some of the system's huge surplus might be used in developing central Oregon or the Coos Bay section, does not seem to be seriously considered by Mr. Harriman. Pay bigger dividends, issue more stock and pay dividends on that, make an extra distribution, but never, never build a mile of road in Oregon.

In the face of such evidence as this latest financial statement of the Harriman system, the assertion that the people are oppressing the railroads is mere drivell and bosh. In the light of these figures the recent advances in terminal rates and the advances in lumber rates were absolutely uncalled for. In view of these huge earnings, what can courts think of the plea of confiscation so earnestly urged by the railroads.

Yet the people of Coos Bay are asked to guarantee operating expenses and 4 per cent interest as the only condition on which Harriman will build into their territory. The railroad will take no chances, even though its enormous earnings come from roads that only a few short years ago were in the hands of receivers. Now the earnings of these roads are so great that it is a problem how to spend them. The people of Coos Bay are expected to guarantee a fair return on Mr. Harriman's investment but are to get none of the profits. When the road begins to pay largely, as it would if built, the profits are to go to the system, none to the guarantors.

What grim, sardonic humor there is in the proposition. When bread was asked a stone was given, although as far back as 1905 the con-

struction of the road was positively promised.

What difference in principle is there between the offer made and the building of the road by the people themselves? If the Harriman system owns Oregon as its exclusive territory, does no obligation rest upon it to aid in the state's development? It is just such disregard of the rights and welfare of the people that will lead ultimately and inevitably to steps that many now fear to tread.—Portland Journal.

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THE GREEN LITTLE SHAM-ROCK OF IRELAND

There's a dear little plant that grows in our isle,
'Twas St. Patrick himself, sure that set it;
And the sun on his labors with pleasure did smile,
And with dew from his eye often wet it.

It thrives through the bog, through the brake, through the mid-land;

And he called it the dear little shamrock of Ireland,
The sweet little shamrock, the dear little shamrock,
The sweet little, green little shamrock of Ireland.

The dear little plant still grows in our land,
Fresh and fair as the daughters of Erin.

Whose smiles can bewitch, whose eyes can command,
In each climate they may appear in;

And shines through the bog, through the brakes, through the mireland,

Just like their own dear little shamrock of Ireland,

The sweet little shamrock, the dear little shamrock,

The sweet little, green little shamrock of Ireland.

This dear little plant that springs from our soil,
When its three little leaves are extended,

Denotes from one stalk we together should toll,
And ourselves by ourselves be befriended;

And still through the bog, through the brake, through the mireland,

From one root should branch, like the shamrock of Ireland,

The sweet little shamrock, the dear little shamrock,

The sweet little, green little shamrock of Ireland.

ANDREW CHERRY.

"What state has the worst legislature?" asked the Kansas City Star. What's the use? It wouldn't do any good to tell.

Now and then mere man finds something to cheer him on the way. A Pennsylvania woman, when it was put up to her to lose \$40,000 or her husband, gave up the forty thousand.

A Missouri judge has decided that a woman may paint and powder without being subject to divorce. Since getting the ruling in her favor it is probable she won't care to paint and powder.

Because her husband eats with a knife a California woman wants a divorce. She says it cut her terribly and she wants him to fork over alimony. She probably wants to spoon with another fellow.

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