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A FIELD FOR WOMEN.

THE FOLLOWING editorial from the Journal recalls the fact that the Beautiful America Club has done and is doing much for civic improvement in North Bend and the A. N. W. Club performed a like duty for Marshfield. There is ample room and opportunity for this work on Coos Bay, and it is to be hoped that the ladies will not weary of well doing.

A society note in yesterday's Journal challenges the consideration of Portland women. It relates how society women in Walla Walla are leading a movement for civic improvements in that city. From funds they have themselves assembled, they are building children's summer houses, rest rooms for mothers who accompany their children to the parks, an open air house for a children's nursery, and are in other ways promoting the beautification of the city.

Civic conditions drift into the un-beautiful and unwholesome because most men are busied with private concerns. They languish because the large and small enterprises in commerce and industry claim the almost undivided attention of the male population. If there were more leisure for masculinity, probably there would be more thought about civic environment. It is for the same reason that political conditions are left to the manipulation of professional politicians, and lapse into an unwholesome status.

The situation gives to women of social position opportunity to be of splendid value to the city. They are usually of large means and abundant leisure. They have the time and they have the talent for leadership in civic improvement. They are temperamentally more artistic than men, and for that reason better fitted for such a leadership. Their influence is not confined to their own personalities, but carries with it the larger interest into which they can lead the male population.

Sociologically, over leisure has an ill effect on the social atom. Whether true or not, it is a frequent charge that the idleness in the social sphere begets decadence. It is certain that beautification of the home and beautification of the city are a wholesome field for the thoughts of women. The two are so closely allied that interest in the one is inspiration for the other. Both are higher thought than the ordinary social endeavor, and peculiarly adapted to the temperament and taste of women.

IS HILL BEHIND IT?

The rumor that Hill is behind the Coos-Bay-Ontario railroad is a persistent one, but it may or may not be true. The fact remains, however, that Col. Wood and Wm. Hanley are greatly interested in seeing the thing put through, and when those two men set themselves to solve a problem, it generally gets solved. To

the Optimist's way of thinking the most encouraging thing about the railroad project is that men who are financially interested in this locality are the ones who are determined to see the road go through. When people set about doing a thing for themselves it usually gets done. —Ontario Optimist.

KEEPING HISTORY STRAIGHT.

The statement telegraphed from Marshfield that a man named Joel Bond had been killed in Curry County by James Curry, son of the man for whom the county was named, needs correction in this, that no descendant of George L. Curry lives, or ever lived in Curry county. For information of those not acquainted with Oregon's early history it may be well to say that George L. Curry was connected during many years with the early government of Oregon. He was Clerk of the Territorial Council in 1850, and was a member of the House from Clackamas in 1851. He was Secretary of the Territory from 1853 to 1855; then Governor till 1859. Curry County was created by the Territorial Legislature in 1855.—Oregonian

SURE THING!

Looks like that Roseburg-Coos Bay railroad was sure to become a reality. People are discovering that they can help themselves.—Portland Journal.

ISN'T THIS AWFUL?

Mayor Straw of Marshfield and Mrs. Straw were carried by an unmanageable automobile into a deep slough, but being Straws they floated out.—Portland Journal.

If Editor Jackson ever makes another visit to Marshfield, he will get ninety days for this.

TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Now Mr. Patten has cleaned up a cool million in cotton. That ought to help him pad his bank account.

Some people on Coos Bay should remember that when they are hurting another person's reputation they are not doing their own any good.

Friends of some of these railway promoters should see that they are provided with muzzles so that they will not bite themselves every time they think of the other fellows' road.

By the time Taft gets through with that long round of frilly dinners, he may be yearning for something plain, like beefsteak and potatoes. That is, if he is yearning for anything beside dyspepsia tablets.

Of expositions there is no end. Boston has already announced a fair for 1920 and now San Diego announces that it will hold the Panama-California exposition in 1915, Winnipeg, Canada, in 1912 and Tokyo, Japan, exposition in 1917. If San Diego's Panama-California fair is held in the winter time it may attract many visitors, but who would care to visit San Diego in the summer?

A RAINY NIGHT.

I hear the plashing of the rain upon the roof, upon the pane. It murmurs at the door; it patters forth a futile boast; it whispers like a timid ghost; it streams upon the floor. And as I sit me here alone, and listen to its monotone, strange fancies come and go; I seem to see, distinct and plain, dim faces drawn upon the pane, of friends I used to know. Soft voices whisper in the rain, and friends I ne'er shall see again, are crying bitterly; the rain-drops seem to be their tears, and o'er the misty void of years, they're calling, calling me. O shadows from the starless shore, begone, and torture me no more, and leave me here alone! I fear the voices in the rain, the voices vibrant with their pain—I fear the specters that complain, in weary monotone! But still they chide me at the door, and whisper there for evermore, and murmur in their woe; I hear them in the tempest's swell, I hear them sigh. I hear them yell: "Where is that old green umbrella, you swiped two years ago?"—Walt Mason.

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JACK!

Little brown, Jack, you're my friend;
You're clever and cute as can be—
And your tail, with its tiny curl at the end
How you wag it in limited glee!

Little brown, Jack, you're so genial and bright,
So winning and fond, I suppose
Your heart must be happy as youthful and light,
Though you have such a sharp little nose.

And your eyes! How they sparkle and how they express
The words that your tongue cannot say.
How pitiful, too, as they turn when you guess
Your master has wandered away.

Oh, Jack, you're a blessing! It ne'er can be told
How loyal you are, nor how cute;
And how I'd resent it if somebody, cold,
Should christen you merely a brute.

You're a dog, little Jack, but you're more, and your face
Speaks wonders! you're faithful and true—
And you're something so fine that a mortal can place
Full trust in your friendship as you.

So here's to you, Jack, with your pretty brown coat,
And here's that no joy you may lack,
For I love your brown coat—on each curl I dote
And the dog dwelling under it, Jack.

Some Coos Bay people should stop knocking their neighbors and knock a few spots off their debts.

If you want to say a man hasn't much sense, say he doesn't know enough to turn around in a revolving chair.

"What makes you keep on asking me if the razor hurts?" asked Cell Ireland who was being shaved by Lee Edwards. "I've said 'yes' three times and it hasn't made any difference."

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