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THE CITY BEAUTIFUL.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT, especially by the individual residents beautifying their own property, lawns and parkings has been touched on by The Times on numerous occasions. It is the remark of nearly every visitor to the Bay of the wonderful opportunity here to make one of the most beautiful cities in the country, the natural contour and climate being such that practically no effort in comparison with what other cities and sections require would be needed to transform the cities on the Bay into the "City Beautiful." Many here are familiar with Eugene and Corvallis, and the following little comparison of the two by a Corvallis paper, handed The Times by Judge J. S. Coke, who has just returned from there, is an object lesson to Coos Bay:

"The man who wrote glorious things of Eugene, wrote of Corvallis also, and told only of weeds, bad streets and worse walks. Was that his fault, or the fault of the people of Corvallis? Eugene is beautiful today, not so much because her citizens have spent huge sums of money in beautification, but rather because men and women have been making an intelligent, concerted and effective campaign for civic improvement in yards and parkings, for cleanliness, flowers, uniform planting of trees, etc. They have given effort rather than money, and Corvallis can be made beautiful with little money. With cement walks, which are a necessity, and curbs which may be added at little cost, Corvallis can be made as beautiful as Eugene simply by giving a little effort to the planting of trees, lawns and flowers. And every man will live happier for lending a hand to make his city a real city beautiful."

SCHOOLGIRLS AND FALSE HAIR.

There was a young lady named Fitch
Who heard a loud snoring, at which
She left of her hat and found that her rat
Had fallen asleep at the switch.

LOS ANGELES IS having its turn with the crusade against ridiculous coiffures among schoolgirls. A score or more of students in the lower grades of the state normal school in that city have been sent home by their teachers to remove rats, puffs, Billie Burkes, Janes, switches and immense bows from their hair.

The teachers say that something had to be done, for the wearing of these adornments was becoming a veritable nuisance. The girls were devoting too much time to keeping watch over their headdresses that the accessories to their natural hair might not get disarranged. And there was much study of styles that distracted from the study of books.

The size of bows worn at the back of the head was constantly increasing. Actual measurements showed bows 10 inches wide which extended 16 inches across.

The teachers have thus far had no trouble in enforcing their reform. Parents have shown a disposition to cooperate. Mothers have helped their daughters to make themselves presentable with the tresses that nature gave them, and fathers have doubtless welcomed the movement, for some of the extras that go into an up-to-date coiffure are rather expensive.

But the incident is not yet closed. Some of the upper-class maidens, who are soon to graduate as teachers, assist in instructing the younger girls, and these assistants still wear as much as they please on their heads, thus setting a bad example, in the opinion of the regular teachers. The question with the authorities of the school is how far they may safely go in imposing their rules upon the older girls.

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

Believe what you choose about life and death, only let your belief be without fear and one that brings happiness. There never is one window closed but that in some way, another is opened.

—Selected.

NOW IS THE TIME.

Forget the past and live the present hour;
Now is the time to work, the time to fill
The soul with noblest thoughts the time to will
Heroic deeds, to use whatever power
Heaven has bestowed, to test our utmost power.
Now is the time to love, and better still
To serve our loved ones, over passing ill
To rise triumphant; thus the perfect flower
Of life shall come to fruitage; wealth amass
For grandest giving ere the time be gone.
Be glad today, tomorrow may bring tears;
Be brave today, the darkest night will pass,
And golden rays will usher in the dawn;
Who conquers now shall rule the coming years,

—Sarah K. Bolton.

STORY OF THE DAY.

A Parallel Case.

A West Marshfield resident avers that he overheard the following conversation between two little girls: "What makes a horse act naughty when he sees an auto?" one asked. "It's this way, "replied the other, "horses is used to seein' other things pulling rigs and they don't know what to think of 'em goin' along without a horse. I guess if you was to see a pair of pants walkin's down the street without a man in 'em, you'd be scared too."

To those whom it may concern: A Philadelphia scientist declared a man need not die unless he wants to.

"After marriage," says the Detroit Free Press, "the only joys that a woman has to look forward to are new dresses." And too often, alas, she has a good, long, forward look before she has the new dress.

A Philadelphia thief arrested last week said, "It is a disease. Once you begin stealing, you can't stop." With the aid of the law, however, almost any thief can rid himself of the disease for stated periods.

A Mr. Bolton Hall comes to the front with the cheering information that "the world is facing no scarcity of food." Some Coos Bay folks, however, are confronted with a scarcity of money to pay for it.

"Yes, I tell my wife everything," remarked a West Marshfield man to his friend the other day.

"Well, I wish you'd cut it out. She comes and tells my wife and then I'm in bad," is the answer he got from his friend.

"Why not live to be 150 years old?" asks Professor Fisher of Yale. We presumme everybody has a different reason. Ours is that we do not like to be continually disappointed about the coming of the railway. It gets on our nerves.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

No use telling a duck it's foolish to waddle.

It is a good thing to stick to the right but occasionally you get left by doing it.

It is a good thing to save money for the fellow who finally gets it away from you.

An Ohio postmaster who resigned has been adjudged insane. In Ohio the man who voluntarily gives up an office is running a big risk.

An Indiana judge has decided that a mule is a horse. That settles it for the mule. It can no longer hope to become an automobile or an aeroplane.

There should be no surprise because the Indians of this country show an increase. They have been protected by the closed season for a long time.

Robert Tagg of Washington, D. C., has been declared a bankrupt, and his creditors will have to get what consolation they can out of the fact that they are "it."

Even Worse.

"Women's ignorance of cooking is the bane of married life."

"No; it's woman's ignorance of her ignorance of cooking."

An eastern physician says the people of the United States spend one billion dollars annually on sickness, but we do not understand that his comment is in the nature of a complaint.

"Man was made to mourn," quoted the moralizer at the Millicoma Club the other evening.

"Yes," rejoined the demoralizer, "and woman was made to see that he does it."

Noticed It?

"The horse laugh is going out of polite society."

"And instead?"

"We have the automobile smile of superiority."

Going Up!

The aeronauts may fly very high,
And their achievements all of us admire,
But many things these master men outvie—
Eggs, butter, meat and milk are going higher!

HARRY McKEOWN.

The Doctor's Last Hope.

The doctor had brought a patient to the hospital. The operation was not to be a complicated one.

"Was it really necessary for the patient to go to the hospital?" somebody asked.

The doctor nodded.

"Yes," he replied. "It means a roof for the new house I am building."

If one is to believe all the statements made by applicants for life insurance policies, some families have been distinguished by very curious, not to say inexplicable, happenings. The British Medical Journal selects a few of the most amusing blunders:

Mother died in infancy.

Father went to bed feeling well, and the next morning woke up dead.

Grandfather died suddenly at the age of 103. Up to this time he bid fair to reach a ripe old age.

Applicant does not know anything about maternal prosperity, except that they died at an advanced old age.

Applicant does not know cause of mother's death but states that she fully recovered from her last illness.

Applicant has not been fatally sick

Father died suddenly, nothing serious.

Applicant's brother, who was an infant, died when he was a mere child.

Grandfather died from gunshot wound, caused by an arrow, shot by an Indian.

Applicant's fraternal parents died when he was a child.

Mother's last illness was caused from chronic rheumatism, but she was cured before death.

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