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WORMY APPLES.

THE apples that are the easiest to pick are the ones that lie on the ground.

You have only to gather them up, without taking the time or trouble to climb the tree.

Unless you are familiar with perfect apples, those on the ground seem as sweet and sound as those which are harder to get.

You can quickly fill your pockets with them, and imagine you have struck something easy—and so you have.

But you haven't got good apples. Bite into one of them, and you may find that your teeth have cut a worm in two.

Put them away for the winter, and in a week they will be rotten.

What you have got by merely stooping and picking it up wasn't worth the mere stooping.

And all this is true of many other things besides apples. It is true of almost everything in life.

If you would fill your pockets with the good things of this world, don't waste time on the windfalls.

The apple that falls at your feet has a worm at its core and a bruise on its face. Both will develop in the eating.

To patiently cut them out takes more time and trouble than to climb the tree and get apples that are sound.

True, there is a lot of talk about luck, but it is all talk and no luck.

He who only picks up the windfalls of life never knows luck, and he who climbs the tree never needs luck.

There is no lazy way to true achievement in any line of endeavor.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

The more honesty a man has the less he affects the air of a saint.—Lavater.

A FINE COUNTRY.

No room in this bright country for the solemn ones that say: "She's had her time, I reckon,—she's seen her brightest day."

For the bloom is bending brightly 'neath the gold-weight of the bee;

The rivers—they are singing as they ripple on to sea.

And the country is as joyous as she's beautiful and free!

II.

No room in this glad country for a dreary hall of sighs

When the Morning wakes us, singing,—when the light is in the skies.

The light that comes a-thrilling where the shadows used to be;

The wilderness is waking, and the glory it shall see

In the country that's as joyous as she's beautiful and free!

—Selected.

QUESTION FOR THE DAY

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GOV. WEST TO PLAN ACTION

LEGISLATION FOR GOOD ROADS IN OREGON DRAFTED BY SPECIAL COMMISSION.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 19.—A special session of the Legislature to enact good roads bills has been recommended by Governor West's commission, named some time ago to outline needed laws on this subject.

Harmony marked the sessions of the good roads promoters, although expression of individual opinion was at times rather spirited. The commission members realized, however, that if much is to be accomplished, there must be unity of action, and all this was kept in mind.

Four bills were recommended by the commission for passage into law. One is an act establishing a State Highway Department and appointing a state highway commissioner. This official must be a skilled road engineer and will be named by the governor. All roads built by state aid will be under his supervision.

Another bill provides for the establishment of a state highway fund, making provision for an annual levy for the purpose, which will be supplemented by a portion of license taxes.

Another proposed measure is the act providing for the construction of state-aid roads out of the state highway fund. Whether the maintenance of these roads shall be left to the state or the counties was a point that provoked debate.

The fourth bill is an act enabling the counties to avail themselves of the provisions of the state constitution permitting the issue of bonds for the prosecution of road work, upon a special election being called by the county court upon petition of ten per cent of the voters of the county.

NINE KILLED BY AUTO.

Many Onlookers Victim of Racing Auto at Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 19.—Nine were killed, 14 injured, some seriously, as the result of an accident in the closing miles of the 50-mile automobile race at the state fair Saturday when a Knox racing car driven by Lee Oldfield leaped from the track and crashed through fences and plunged into the throng that lined the side of the speedway.

The accident occurred but a short time after Taft, the honored guest of the day had left the grounds. Just before he left, Taft took a ride in an automobile on the track, which was wet to keep the dust from annoying the president and his party. This caused competitors in the 50-mile race to protest, and when the race was called Ralph DePalma and Bob Burman refused to start, declaring that the wet track made it dangerous. Later, after the track had been dried somewhat, they, with other drivers, started in the race.

The accident occurred in the 43rd mile. The big car was traveling 75 miles per hour. Suddenly Oldfield's car leaped into the air, swerved and finally crashed through the fence. The runaway car left victims piled together several mangled almost beyond hope of recognition. It is claimed that for more than 20 miles Oldfield drove his car with one of his shoes flapping. Oldfield is in the hospital suffering with serious injuries. He will be arrested as soon as he is able to be about.

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