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**A CITY BEAUTIFUL.**

IT IS the function of the artist, says Anatole France in "The Garden of Epicures," to love life and show us that it is beautiful. Without him we might well doubt the fact. It is the function of the artist to be the eyes for us, to be ears for us, to catch upon the plate of his senses vibrations of color or sound to which our own does not so vividly respond. It is then the function of all of us to follow the example of the artist in contributing our quota to the beautiful in life. To add to it the environment of our daily lives.

The artist is always a discoverer, and finds for us islands and seas of experience of which but for him we should remain unpossessed. The great creative artists, Michael Angelo, Rodin, Rembrandt, Bach, Beethoven, Wagner, Whistler, Manet and the impressionists, have not merely given us great masterpieces. They have given us new eyes, new ears. They have not merely created works of art. They have created us. They not only discovered a richer life for themselves. They have helped us to possess it ourselves. When Manet painted the violet shadow, he created for the world eyes that could and do see the violet shadows under certain conditions of light. The nature we see today is not the nature we saw before the impressionists gave us new eyes to see effects of light and color which had existed since time began, but existed unseen because we had not eyes attentive to see them. This is not illusion. It is the discovery of new realities. The dream city of the San Francisco exposition, a creation of artists, gave every beholder a glimpse of new glories in city buildings.

With a charm, that is original in itself, with natural landscape and seascapes that cannot be duplicated, Marshfield has the possibilities of one of the most beautiful places on the Pacific coast. It is up to the men and women and the boys and girls, a future men and women, here to help make it such a city.

It is for such a purpose that The Times is offering prizes for the best suggestions along practical lines that will contribute to such a result.

Nowhere in the world will flowers grow and flourish so quickly and with so little care as on Coos Bay. There is a great opportunity here to make a city beautiful that should not be neglected.

Our duty is plain. We should not shrink it. The time to begin is NOW.

**REGISTER**

IT CANNOT be repeated too often, nor too forcibly emphasized, that if you desire to take part in the coming primaries, or cast your ballot this fall, you must be registered. This far there has been but little attention paid to this vital essential of using the rights of franchise. Let it be understood that this is a final registration, not necessary again, unless one moves from one precinct to another, in which case only the necessary change is needed, and it is believed that more interest will be shown. It is but little trouble and no expense attached, and it is one of the absolute safeguards of the ballot, as nearly as such safety can be assured. From the records at the registration office, it is seen that the proportion of women voters who are making themselves eligible to participate in the election, is not in proportion of the sexes of legal age, either in the city or county. It is especially urged upon the women that they show their interest in public affairs by taking that first move which is essential, if they desire their interest to be of any actual avail. This is not urged as a party measure, but the appeal is made to every citizen, men and women alike, to go and make yourself legally fit as a voter by registering, and do not put it off any longer.—Roseburg News.

Steps have been taken to form the Malheur Irrigation district to water 29,000 acres. Monroe wants an electric light and power plant.

**ROBBING THE COMMUNITY**

MANY a backward Oregon community contains one or two or more individuals, men or women or both, who through upbringing and education and natural talent are capable of serving in capacities that are difficult for the person not so equipped. Sometimes such individuals offer themselves for public service; usually, however, they are retiring and are easily frightened out. Give them a chance. Don't always ask yourself "what is he after?" when a man tries to promote what looks like a good community movement. A good many Americans have really socialized instincts. Don't stand back and wonder and suspect and knock and grumble and pick flaws and finally oppose. Your community is a loser for every day it is without the services of the individual described.—Extension Monitor U. of O.

**WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST**

**GOOD EVENING**  
Our business is to make the most of this great and beautiful experiment of living, to leave behind us flowers for beauty and fruit for use, to make our life a harmony, our ending a serenity and our awaking an eternal joy.—Hobbs.

**THE HOUSE OF DREAMS**

Beyond the hills, behind the dawn, across the Seventh sea, There is a moonlit garden, lass, that waits for you and me. Where past the river Letha flows, and by its brooding streams That lovers know, the popples blow, it is the House of Dreams. And when our hearts are weary, and when our eyes are blind, With tears of silent sorrowing for loves we've left behind, Deep do we drink upon its brink, until our fingers meet, And all the past is gone at last. And, oh, the draft is sweet! The heights are high, O love o' mine beyond the vales of pain, Yet shall we seek the utmost peak again and yet again; The paths of God our feet have trod shall lead, like unto thee— Beyond the hills, behind the dawn, across the Seven seas. —Selected.

Every Coos Bay girl expects the young man to get down on his knees when he proposes to her. But it is a delightful surprise when she discovers that he merely takes her on his knee when he asks the question.

**GOOD ADVICE**

This life is brief. You can play your part. And all too soon you're dead; So always make sure that your heart is softer than your head.

When a Coos Bay girl is acting as if nobody else ever had any clothes it is a sign that the clothes she is wearing are brand new.

**CHANGING THE GEAR**

When I need a rime for "rant" And another rime for "dant" For the former I use "Aunt" For the latter I use "Aunt."

The reason why a Coos Bay girl lets a man do all the talking when they are courting is because she is going to need all her jaw power for after the honeymoon.

**THE DIFFERENCE**

The changes made by time enrage, But there's no way to heal it. A Coos Bay woman hates to look her age. A Coos Bay man hates to feel it.

The Coos Bay man who can't find anything to praise even when he is wearing glasses hasn't any trouble finding fault even when his eyes are saut.

**OUCH!**

Said a teaty old fellow, "Although I ought to be cheerful I know it's hard to be sweet. When you walk down the street with a big burning corn on each tought."

A Coos Bay woman never feels so comfortable as when everything she is wearing is too tight.

A Coos Bay girl can have a cold in her head and look nice enough to kiss. But it's different with a man.

**TODAY'S ADVICE**

"If you'd pursue your peaceful way," Advised Matt May with a wink; "See that you think just what you say. Before you say just what you think."

**THE ROAD TAX**

IT IS very unfortunate that there should be any differences between the cities and the country over a question so vital to the development of this county as that of raising funds for the construction of good roads. There are very good arguments on both sides of the question.

Those who take the position that when people of the city have raised money to build fine hard pavements that are used quite as much by people from the country as by the city dwellers, that the city has done all it should be legally required to do in the line of building good roads, and if it does more it should do it voluntarily and not by a tax levied arbitrarily by the County Court upon city property for country road purposes.

Those who take the opposite view insist that city street pavements and improvements are paid for by the owner of the abutting property and the cost is fully reflected in the increased value of the property abutting, therefore a general tax levy on city and country property alike for the building and maintenance of country roads is just, fair and equitable, because good country roads are used as much by the city people as the country people and they induce and make it easy for the farmers to bring their products to the city market from greater distances, with less effort, build up the city markets, increase trade with the merchants, build a larger and better city, increase property values and city population and thereby give full value to the city taxpayer for his contribution toward the construction of such country roads. If it was a year or so later and we were enjoying some of the prosperity, as we will, that is now so manifest in the east and middle west, taxes would be a little easier to pay and this question would probably not be taken to the courts.—Eugene Guard.

**APPEAL DOUGLAS LAND GRANT TAX CASE SOON**

Southern Pacific Will Carry Case to Supreme Court—Large Amount Involved in Oregon

EUGENE, Ore., March 1.—An appeal from the decision handed down by Judge J. W. Hamilton, circuit court judge at Roseburg, in the Douglas county vs. Southern Pacific railway case, is being prepared by the Southern Pacific company's lawyers, according to Judge Hamilton who was in Eugene yesterday. The case involves taxes on the Oregon and California railroad grant lands.

"This case is of special interest to Lane, Douglas and one other county because there is approximately \$1,000,000 in taxes which are delinquent pending the final decision on this case," said Judge Hamilton yesterday.

Judge Hamilton's decision was in favor of the county in the Douglas case making the taxes payable. The Douglas county situation is considered analogous to Lane county, where valuable timber lands are involved.

Over \$200,000 delinquent taxes are due Lane county on these lands, consisting of 298,713 acres. The case in Douglas county decided in favor of the county several months ago, by Judge Hamilton, makes these taxes delinquent and payable.

**INVALID FOR 16 YEARS WALKS AFTER PRAYERS**

Healing of 70-Year-Old Pennsylvania Man Is Regarded as a Miracle.

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 1.—Walter McCue, seventy, for sixteen years a helpless invalid, is able to walk again, and his recovery is declared to be a direct answer to a prayer.

He is a member of the Youngwood United Brethren church. Recently a series of cottage prayer meetings was held, and, at McCue's suggestion, it was arranged to pray for his healing. Rev. John Watson, pastor of the church, with twenty-five members went to his home. Mr. Watson read from the third chapter of Acts, where it is recorded that Peter and John caused the lame man to walk, and from the fifth chapter of James, which declares: "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." The minister and others followed with prayers for McCue's recovery.

The prayers finished, Mr. Watson said: "Let us rise and sing 'Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.'" To the astonishment of all, McCue rose with the others, joining in the singing and then walked about the room.

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**MAN, 85, BAPTISED**

BAKER, March 1.—Bidding for the baptismal age record of Oregon, Aaron Gardner, 85, was baptised at the Christian church by Rev. C. G. Seaton, pastor of the church. The aged man was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Francis Rose, with whom he lives. Mr. Seaton says Mr. Gardner is the oldest person he ever baptised and believes it is the record for the state.

**NEWS OF OREGON**

FLORENCE—Congressman Hawley writes that he has an appropriation of \$5,000 included in the rivers and harbors bill for clearing the Sluslaw channel below Acme.

FLORENCE—Mrs. Annie Huffman seized a club and killed a large chicken hawk which was engaged in deadly combat with her pet rooster, saving the rooster's life.

GRANTS PASS—A. E. Voories, a well known Grants Pass newspaperman, has filed as a candidate for the Republican nomination for state Representative.

EUGENE—The two-year old daughter of Fred Ream was badly scalded by tipping a pail of boiling water over on herself.

EUGENE—Mrs. Nettle Coleman who came here from Oklahoma a few years ago with a family and only \$15 cash secured a homestead on the Sluslaw, lost twenty-three calves, a cow and a horse during the recent snowstorm and cold.

PORTLAND—Robert H. Walker, pioneer and wealthiest man in Washington county, was struck by a street car and killed here.

PORTLAND—Mayor Atbee ruled that playing cards for soft drinks and lunches was not gambling and will not be prosecuted in Portland.

BEND.—District Attorney Wirtz holds that "near beer" is a malt liquor and has ruled it cannot be sold in Crook county.

SALEM—Promising to enforce the prohibition laws, James C. Johnson, district attorney for Curry county, announces himself as a candidate for nomination and reelection.

A gold mill is to be erected four miles from Redmond at Cline Falls. The St. Helens Shipbuilding Co. has under construction at their shipyard two five-masted auxiliary power schooners.

A giant shipbuilding plant will be located in Portland, officials of the Willamette Steel & Iron and the Northwest Steel Companies announce.

Public civil service employees at Portland have formed a union and joined the Federated trades to fight for shorter hours and bigger pay. The members work in offices now from 33 to 44 hours a week and get nearly twice the average paid for same work in open competition.

Cazadero is to be connected with Cartfield by railroad. At Hood River the Farmers' Irrigation Company power site is to be developed.

The Leona Mill Company is enlarging its sawmill and logging plant.

The Albany Lumber Company will cut 1,645,000 feet in Santiam National forest.

The Prairie City Power Company is building a power line to John Day and Canyon City.

Portland is enforcing laws against the declining jitney industry, and many jitney owners have been fined for violations. The city proposes to take them from congested streets and grant jitney franchises under bonds in districts not having car lines.

Yoncalla will vote April 17 on \$20,000 bonds for municipal water works.

Astoria may be the home port for the Oriental steamer line of 11 ships, with assets of \$9,500,000.

One Astoria contractor will build thirty homes this year.

**SUBMARINE CREW IS SHOT BY OWN CAPTAIN**

German Diver Caught in Net of British Tomb of Seventeen—Ghastly Sight When Brought to Surface

NEW YORK, March 1.—To avoid the horrors of a lingering death from suffocation, crews of the German submarines caught in the nets laid for them by the British hasten the end by committing suicide, according to Dr. M. S. Inglis, Canadian army surgeon, who returned yesterday aboard the steamship Cameronia, of the Anchor line, after half a year of service at the front in France.

"In one instance at Dover recently," he said, "I entered a large U-boat that had been trapped and the periscope of which had been wrenched away. Seasoned though I am to scenes of horror on battlefields and in hospitals, the sight that met my gaze in that submarine made me gasp. The entire crew of 17 lay dead, each man with a bullet hole in his head. From the posture of the bodies we judged that the captain of the craft had shot the men down, one after the other, as they stood lined up before him. When he had dispatched the last one he went to the turret and fired the shot that put an end to his own agony."

**BIG MILL IS TO RESUME**

Seattle Men Buy Lumber Plant on Vancouver Island

SEATTLE, Wash., March 1.—H. A. Dent and A. W. Milroy, Seattle lumbermen, purchased the Canadian Pacific lumber mill and 25,000,000 feet of fir and cedar timber at

**THERE GOES MY TRAIN**  
AND I CAN'T GET ANOTHER ONE TILL TO-MORROW.  
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