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Today's Weather.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Sunday, rain.

SOMETIME.

There is a time—we call it "sometime." A vague, sweet word, which ever beckons us onward, as we seek a realization of our dearest hopes and loftiest ideas.

A fond sweet mother sits gazing on her sleeping children: a noble looking boy and a lovely daughter, dreaming of the "sometime," when they will have grown to manhood and womanhood; she pictures her son as a man, noble and grand, full of wisdom, beloved and respected by all, against whom no one can speak a word of reproach.

A young man whose life seemed full of promise of coming greatness, is stricken down with disease, but full of hope he still dwells in his mind on that "sometime" when he shall be well and strong again and be able to do all he had planned.

The soldier upon the field of battle thinks of the "sometime" when, having won fame and renown for his bravery he shall return to his home and the fair maiden, whom he left in sorrow one beautiful summer day, to fight for his country, for freedom and liberty.

The artist dreams of a picture that shall make him famous. The poet will leave a poem, the singer compose a song that will make the world better, more bright and beautiful in the wonderful "sometime."

We are told that there is an unknown world where the weary and heartsick, the tired, sad and lonely ones of earth shall find happiness. The mind of man is infinite in its capabilities. The earth does not afford him opportunities of growth, so that his soul powers may reach their highest unfoldment.

The eyes of the young man on the couch of pain and suffering sees, as his eyes open upon scenes celestial, the land of promise, the sometime of his dreams. It flashes through his mind

that in this land of beauty his hopes will be realized to a greater extent than they would have been had he remained in the mortal form, and he is satisfied. Here the soul is satisfied in its home relations. Here harmonious homes are again formed, similar to the ones on earth, by kindred hearts, reared in shady Jells, or by sparkling rivers. Here loving hearts long severed are united and the ideal home of the sometime is created.

"And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, the first things are passed away."

STRIKE WITHOUT CAUSE.

The strike in New York this week on the interurban roads resulted disastrously for the strikers, yet no sympathy for deluded individuals makes it possible to forget the fact that their pitiable condition is the just penalty of their own folly and the example of their sufferings a necessary element in the evolution of well ordered society.

Here are a great many men who enjoyed good wages and an assured employment as long as they were able to work. They were getting more than their fellows engaged in similar occupations elsewhere, and part of them worked with exceptional protection from the elements and from physical hardship.

Perhaps as a result of this wage earners will come more than ever to realize how their capital is invested in industry and is dependent on obedience to law. The reckless leaders had been telling their dupes that they did not need to abide by the union constitution or their contracts with the company.

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In other words, there is a confusion in church requisitions concerning the Christian life that tends to estop many sane and strong thinkers from committing themselves to their dogmatists on what are clearly non-essentials. One church sect prohibits the use of wine except for sacramental purposes; another allows its use without moderation.

NO REGARD FOR LAW. Judging from the many arrests in Portland of saloonkeepers for violating the laws of the state and ordinances of the city, the time will soon come when public sentiment will be so thoroughly aroused in that city that many of the low dives of Portland will be closed and licenses refused to a number of saloons.

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no regard for law, order and decency, but are determined to carry on the nefarious business in the face of public sentiment. Time was in Portland when very little attention was paid to the liquor business, but as time went on and the saloon men became more arrogant, crimes and hold-ups increased to such an alarming extent that it is hardly safe for a man to be on the streets of Portland after dark.

The keepers of the dive saloons aid and abet these criminals to commit crimes and their dives are the rendezvous for cut-throats, thieves, highwaymen and murderers. It is this class that violate the laws and against whom Sheriff Word has inaugurated a crusade. It is such actions that build up a strong sentiment against the liquor traffic. All the sure thing gamblers swarm around these dives and fleece the unwary and the greeney.

BECOMING LITTLE CHILDREN.

When children begin to make a religious creed for their own faith without the help of their elders, and the creed they fashioned puzzles and defies the doctors of the divine law, it would seem that the time draw nigh when out of the mouths of babes and suckling wisdom shall come unto men.

A few weeks ago 40 school children of various sects concluded that it would be better for their mutual relations to agree upon some simple principles of moral faith and credit each other with a common sincerity in their fealty and obedience to this consensus creed. It is remarkable how simple these children related those foundations of religious faith which have been instinctive since the recorded history of men began and have been the religio-physic force of all the better civilization since the coming of the Christian era.

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