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PEOPLE AND COUNCIL

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And these results are in large measure due to the state development league. It has worked, and very successfully, to bring about these results. And not only these, but actual, tangible, significant development along various lines.

practical way. Everybody should consider himself in sentiment and local action a member of it. Everybody should pull for a Greater Oregon. It is coming, anyway, but how much greater, and how rapidly, depends on the Oregon people as a whole.

VALUATION OF RAILROADS.

IT HAS BEEN well suggested that the determination of the value of the materials used in the construction of railroads, in the open markets of the world, is necessary to a fair valuation of the properties.

But this is not the railroads' fault; it is the people's fault for sending men to congress who will allow the people to be thus plundered by the steel trust, which could hold the American market if the duty were entirely removed, as is proved by their ability to sell at a profit abroad.

CONCERNING GUDGEONS.

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LAZY PEOPLE FEEL HEAT.

According to Professor Morrison of the University of Chicago, summer is not the logical season for taking vacations. As shown by the action of certain people, it is the season for laziness.

CAMPAIGN TEXTBOOKS.

A CAMPAIGN textbook is like a lawyer's plea, too one-sided to be accepted without close scrutiny and analysis. It sets forth some facts and figures correctly, no doubt; but they are only such as are calculated to laud and exalt the party in power, or to criticize and condemn it.

A Little Out of the Common

THINGS PRINTED TO READ WHILE YOU WAIT.

The Vague and Tender Dream.

And is the vague and tender dream of dead love's lingering kisses? To crush'd hearts, hallowed by the gleam of unreturning blisses; Deep hours the soul in anguish'd prayer, and in cooked and eaten after the fashion of an egg plant, instead of being used as a relish.

Odd Items From Everywhere.

Mount Sangay is the most active volcano in the world. It is situated in Ecuador, is 13,120 feet in height and has been in constant activity since 1728.

The population of Brooklyn at the time of consolidation was 238,000; it is now 1,335,000, a gain of 600,000, relatively larger than Manhattan's.

The assessors' returns show that Gerham has more cows than any other town in Maine, 1,587. Auburn is second with 1,458 and Turner third with 1,225.

Joseph Fontana of Augusta, Georgia, has grown a cucumber six feet long, which will be exhibited at fairs to be held soon.

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Lucky Horseshoes.

There is a right way and a wrong in the picking up of a horseshoe. A Somerset man was walking with a country-bred boy along a road, and saw one lying in the crumbling summer soil.

Letters

Re Says Dear Drink. Portland, Sept. 10, 1906. To the Editor of The Journal: In Friday's Journal an editorial page is an article headed "Dear Drink."

Household Notes. One of the most useful things to have about the house is a Standard Oil magazine. Run through a wringer daily, he will yield enough money to keep the automobile in repair and to buy chicken sandwiches for the cat.

Some day the farmers of the state of Washington will think the lumbermen have had their fat innings about long enough, and will demand a square deal. Then the stand-pat congressmen will be left at home.

From his conversation one would think that J. J. Hill was the greatest pessimist in America; judged by his railroad building he is the foremost optimist in the world.

Unless the railroads submit to government regulation and control, and obey the laws regarding them, the demand for government ownership will increase and become irresistible.

The only office for which W. R. Hearst has not been a candidate is that of presiding elder in the Methodist church. Mr. Hearst is not a Methodist.

Now a lot more people are accused of land frauds up in Idaho. O. Oregon will have plenty of company if the square deal goes all around.

As long as the wind is in the southwest the weather forecaster is safe in predicting rain, tonight, tomorrow, or before long.

A Little Nonsense

A New Degree.

Merritt Starr is telling a story apocryphal of the declaration made against spelling reform by President Eliot of Harvard university.

Some time ago said Representative Longworth at a recent dinner, a contractor was going down a street in which he was having a building erected, when he saw a man standing on the scaffolding with his hands in his pockets and smoking a pipe.

Montana Distances. "Let me have \$30," said a prospector one day to a lawyer friend. "I must have powder and grub. I'll pay you back within a week. I've struck it rich. I'm within three feet of a million dollars."

Getting It Right. At a table d'hote in Baden was a young American couple, and one lady was asked in conversation whether she liked Botticelli. The reply came somewhat hesitatingly.

A Matter of Complexion. Sir Robert Ball, after a lecture on "Sun Spots and Solar Chemistry," met a young lady who expressed her regret at having missed the lecture.

The Secret. By Edward R. Hill. A tide of sun and song in beauty broke against a blither heart, where no voice waked.

What was it, in the old time that I knew, That made the world with inner beauty glow? Now a vain show?

Still dance the shadows on the grass at play, Still glide the clouds like great, calm thoughts away, Nor haste, nor stay.

But I have lost that breath within the light, That light to which the daylight was a veil, The star-shine pale.

Still all the summer with its songs is filled, But that delicious undertone they held— Why is it stilled?

Then I took heart that I would find again, The voices that had long in silence lain, Nor live in vain.

I stood at noonday in the hollow wind, I listened at midnight, straining heart and mind, If I might find!

But all in vain I sought, at eve and morn, On sunny seas, in dripping woods forlorn, Till tired and worn.

One day I left my solitary tent And down into the world's bright garden went, On labor bent.

The dew stars and the buds about my feet, Began their old bright message to repeat, In odors sweet;

And as I worked at weed and root in gleam, Now humming and now whistling cheerily, It came to me—

The secret of the glory that was fled, Shone like a sweep of sun all overhead, And something said—

"The blessing came because it was not sought; There was no care if thou wert blest or not; The beauty and the wonder all thy thought— Thyself forgot."

Coal in Manchuria. According to the Japan Herald, the Fushun coal mine in Manchuria, which is to form a part of the Japanese government investment in the south Manchurian railway, is believed to be one of the richest coal fields in the world.

In washing dishes it is inadvisable to break any but the dirtiest. This saves time and money, for it takes a long time to gather up the pieces of dishes flung against the ceiling in a fit of pique.

When writing out an order for the butcher or baker, don't lose time bothering about whether "roast" is spelled "roast" or "roste"; let it go any way, and add "a la T. R."

Lemons should always be kept in the house. You never know when a guest may require to be handed one, and, in addition, lemons make delicious flavored for roast beef.

BIRDSEYE VIEWS OF TIMELY TOPICS

SMALL CHANGE.

They've mostly scoured or straggled home from mountains and seaboards. Spelling reform was also badly needed in the time of Chaucer and of Boccaccio.

Georgians are likely to think that Bryan should now stand aside for Hoke Smith. Probably the real cause of the trouble in Russia was that there weren't enough officers.

Already some idle-minded fellows are predicting what sort of a winter the next one will be. The salmon pack, like most other good things in Oregon, will turn out better than was expected.

Nebraskans gave Bryan a warm, hearty welcome, but what he will need in Nebraska is more votes. The next legislature should and probably will pass a car shortage bill. The railroads had better get ready for it.

W. W. Astor may be made an English baron. But then he will come no nearer signing up to a good, solid, sensible American citizen. Nearly every wedding one reads of nowadays is the result of some "pretty romance." Of course; love is always a romance.

What horrible work a Democratic president might do in revising orthography! Spelling must be reformed by friends of the language. A debate is on in the east as to whether deer drink water. They do, out in this country, not being able to obtain champagne, or even beer.

Something is reported almost every day calculated to make Bryan's chances hopeless. For instance, old Dick Crocker says he is coming over to work for Bryan. Like a good many others Bryan doesn't practice what he preaches. He often works a good many more than eight hours a day. But then he isn't a hired man.

A Cottage Grove young man has published a song entitled, "My Darling is Waiting." Why doesn't he get a move on, then? It's usually the girl's fellow who has to wait. An alleged prophet predicts that the people will utterly destroy the government of the United States in 1915. Which is only saying that another crazy man has managed to break into the news columns.

Taft opened the campaign in North Carolina. Beveridge opened the campaign in Maine and Cannon opened the campaign in Illinois; but it seems to be closed up again. There will be plenty of reopeners, however. W. W. Brown of Paulina, Crook county, who recently gave \$10,000 for a boys' dormitory for the Pendleton academy, on condition that \$10,000 more should be raised to sustain it, is a bachelor, 60 years old. He recently sold \$40,000 worth of stock. A man near Corvallis is one of many who have proved the value of spraying fruit trees. He has 2,000 trees and heretofore almost all the apples have been wormy and were not worth much. This year he sprayed four times, at a cost of \$50 besides labor, and 95 per cent of his large apple crop is sound and will command a good price. Next year he will spray five times.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS.

A family named Snowgoose lives at Keno. Harney valley may have artesian wells. Rainier's river commerce is steadily growing.

Hayrides and melon parties in Jackson county. Albany has first-class waterworks and sewer system. No longer doubt of rich minerals in the mountainous south of Lostine.

A Coos bay paper says town property is higher in Marshfield than in Portland. This is ideal fall weather, says the Independence Enterprise. Wonder what it considers summer weather.

A Soap creek, Benton county, farm bought a few years ago for \$1,500 was sold later for \$11,500 and more recently for \$14,000—and it doesn't grow soap, either. A Roseburg woman has supported her able-bodied husband and his brother and a son for three years, and now the Albany Democrat remarks the heartless woman wants a divorce.

Suspecting that his stacks of grain would be burned, Rev. J. W. Wheeler county employed a night-watchman, who went to sleep, and the stacks, containing 1,000 bushels, worth \$2,000 there, were destroyed. A Lane county stage driver mentioning that it was his birthday, his two passengers said it was also their birthday, though they were of different ages. Next day the driver carried a passenger who had the same birthday and was the same age.

In Lane county a 7-year-old boy who was playing with a shotgun, supposed to be unloaded, of course, shot and killed his 3-year-old sister. Every few days this sort of an "accident" occurs somewhere. When will all parents learn to keep guns out of reach of young children? W. W. Brown of Paulina, Crook county, who recently gave \$10,000 for a boys' dormitory for the Pendleton academy, on condition that \$10,000 more should be raised to sustain it, is a bachelor, 60 years old. He recently sold \$40,000 worth of stock. A man near Corvallis is one of many who have proved the value of spraying fruit trees. He has 2,000 trees and heretofore almost all the apples have been wormy and were not worth much. This year he sprayed four times, at a cost of \$50 besides labor, and 95 per cent of his large apple crop is sound and will command a good price. Next year he will spray five times.

Nooks and Corners of History

LINCOLN'S FAMOUS PHRASE.

By Rev. Thomas B. Gregory. In his world-famous Gettysburg speech Lincoln declared that the men whose monument they were then dedicating had died in order that "government of the people, by the people, and for the people should not perish from the earth."

Like lightning the phrase electrified the nation, and from that day to this it has remained the most celebrated saying in the most celebrated speech of modern times.

But fame always has to pay a big price for itself, and repeatedly since Lincoln's brief but immortal address was delivered it has been intimated that the martyr president was a plagiarist, having taken from another the most striking phrase in his speech without making any acknowledgment of the fact.

To these intimations have come the counter claim that Lincoln's celebrated phrase was strictly original with himself, and that to Lincoln alone belongs the honor and glory of having coined it.

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In an address before the Anti-Slavery society of New England, Theodore Parker, the celebrated Unitarian divine, on May 29, 1850, used these words: "Democracy is a government of all the people, by all the people, and, of course, for all the people."

To go a great deal further back than we have yet done, we find a Greek demagogue of the age of Pericles, Cleon by name, saying, about the year 430 B. C.: "All government is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

The similarity between all these phrases is perfect, and it goes without saying that Mr. Lincoln could not, therefore, have originated the famous expression as found in his Gettysburg oration.

It does not by any means follow, however, that Lincoln was a conscious plagiarist. Mr. Lincoln had an inquiring mind, and knew a great many things, but no man can know everything. It is not surprising, therefore, that he had never heard of the phrase until his own mind had conceived it.

But even if it was proven that Lincoln had appropriated the phrase, as charged, the fact would militate in no serious way against his fame.

The greatest of the Germans, the immortal Goethe, declared one day to an intimate friend that if everything in his works that he had got from others should be stricken out he would not have a dozen pages left.

The greatest of the great in the fields of literature, philosophy and eloquence have plagiarized right and left, and that, too, without attempting to make any acknowledgment of the things appropriated.

If the martyr president appropriated the celebrated phrase in question without going to the trouble of mentioning the person who was the first to acknowledge that they are simply from the people, by the people and for the people, had done before him.

A Ballad of Heroes.

Because you passed, and now are not— Because in some remoter day Your sacred dust in doubtful spot Was blown of ancient airs away— Because you perished—must men say Your deeds were naught, and so profane Your lives with that cold burden?

Yes, The deeds you wrought are not in vain. Though it may be, above the plot, That in your own impetuous clay, No greener than o'er men forgot The ungrudging grasses away, Though there no sweeter is the lay Of careless bird; though you remain Without distinction of decay, The deeds you wrought are not in vain.

No, for while yet in tower or cot Your story stirs the pulse's play, And men forget the sordid lot— The sordid cares—of cities gray; While yet they grow for homelier fray More strons from you, as reading plain That life may go, if honor stay, The deeds you wrought are not in vain.

HEROES. Heroes of old! I humbly lay The laurel on your graves again; Whatever men have done, men may— The deeds you wrought are not in vain. —Adelin Dobson.

Cigarette Smoking by Children. A select committee of Englishmen, of which Lord Beauchamp, the Bishop of Ripon, Lord Eberhard, Lord Henslow and Lord Biddolph were members, have made a report in furtherance of a departmental report previously made on physical deterioration, and have expressed emphatically their approbation of a recommendation of the latter report that a bill should be brought before parliament at an early date, having for its object to prohibit the sale of tobacco and cigarettes to children below a certain age.