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If your face wants to smile let it—Billikin's Philosophy.

STANDARD OIL AND FORAKER.

IN THE revelations by Hearst at Columbus yesterday, there is a mighty moral. It justifies President Roosevelt's many denunciations of "rich malefactors of wealth."

Though a senator of the United States, Foraker was the paid servant of Standard Oil. "My dear Senator," wrote Archbold to Foraker March 26, 1900: "In accordance with our understanding, I now beg to enclose you a certificate of deposit to your favor for \$15,000."

If we have had doubts before, are we not all convinced now that there are paid agents in high places who betray the country and the people into the hands of "rich malefactors."

IS IT A STILETTO, OR LETHAL ARGY?

IS a stiletto to be plunged into the back of the open Willamette project? Or is it only one of those unhappy cases in which its friends assume that the project is as good as accomplished?

That gentlemen outside of congress will oppose the open Willamette project is as certain as that rivers run. Every argument in favor of an open river and reduced freight rates, is to a certain interested group, an argument why the river should not be opened.

THE WEBSTER PLAN.

ONE of several factors that have contrived to make Oregon a laggard in road building, has been lack of plan. Plan is the first essential to success in any enterprise.

County Judge Webster, who has built masterfully for the roads of Multnomah county, has a road plan. It is comprehensive, and undoubtedly worthy of consideration, because it is the product of a man who has given years of study, and himself achieved things, at practical road building.

From the first feature, Judge Webster expects the greatest benefit. It eliminates the objections and embodies all that is valuable in the Johnson bill. It is equitable between the counties. It offers state aid to counties that will help themselves.

The fourth and last feature of the Webster plan is practically the Johnson bill. It would be an aid in building neighborhood and side roads to connect with the main macadam.

The plan has the virtue that it is not paternal. It only offers state help to those who help themselves, which is wise. Its creative value is that it offers stimulus, and amply of it, to those willing to avail of it. It is comprehensive, in that it invokes every instrumentality and every influence possible as assets in road construction.

THE TYRANNY OF FASHION.

WHEN WE REFLECT that the Bois de Boulogne of Paris is a favorite resort of the bon ton and the demi-monde of the city, that Paris delights in its Moulja Rouge and Chateau we are apt to wonder that it should be scandalized by the appearance of those four young girls in director dresses on their famous avenue, last spring.

In ancient times it was certainly a great luxury. In Rome, in the apogee of its grandeur, it was dazzling; but then it had a permanent character, as is now the case with oriental nations. In China, Turkey, Persia, the mode follows models of immemorial origin, and the splendor of the Astecs and Incas of the new world never experienced the vicissitudes of present modes.

Gompers Indorsed by All Union Workmen

From Chicago Union Labor Advocate. History was made by the Chicago Federation of Labor at its meeting held on August 15. The outcome of this meeting was awaited with great interest by trades unionists all over the United States.

At the end of the eighteenth century in some countries of Europe they did not use some articles of dress now considered indispensable. Thus voltaire records of Frederic the Great, that he did not wear a shirt, but in its stead a sort of plaster, a false bosom, held in its place by strings.

Napoleon I, from the beginning as first consul introduced many changes in the dress of both men and women. With the restoration of the Bourbons and the reign of Louis XVIII came the modern style of the austere suit for men and supreme elegance for women.

THE BIG APPLE SALE.

WHAT BRAINS and progress applied to Oregon resources can do, was emphasized yesterday at Hood River. A sale of \$90,000 worth of apples is the incident. The buyer sought the fruit, and is happy in its possession.

Granting that the buyer's possession of \$90,000 worth of such apples may influence somewhat his roseate view of Hood River stocks, the fact of the sale is still proof of his statement. It is the first large sale of the season, and the figure is "highly satisfactory" to the growers.

Members of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education have an opportunity to visit the southern industrial schools at the meeting of the next annual meeting of the society which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, September 15-17.

Dead Herring in Yaquina Bay.

From the Newport Mail. For weeks the herring have been running into Yaquina and Alsea bays in quantities as to excite the greatest curiosity in that section of the coast. This week some slight plague seems to have afflicted them.

THE SPEECH OF A DEMOCRATIC DEMAGOGUE

The following is the speech of Delegate Raymond Robins of Illinois to the Denver convention, which was criticized by Collier's.

It is good to have been one of the boys of 1896 and to be one of the men who came out of the west, and the man with a message, a man who made that message the conscience of the nation.

Within that time a great leader of another party in this country has risen to national fame upon the basis of the policies declared by the man in his message to a Democratic people in the convention of 1896 in the city of Chicago.

Letters from the People

Letters to The Journal should be written on one side of the paper only, and should be so written as to be understood by the writer. The name will not be used if the writer is withheld.

Another Alfalfa Poet.

From The Dalles Optimist. We do not know who is to blame for the outburst of poetry now prevalent in Oregon, but we know that every poet who writes in this style is a failure.

Prohibition Does Hurt.

From the East Oregonian. Last spring, when the matter of voting on the prohibition question was put to a vote in Umatilla county, numerous substantial but misguided citizens declared that if such a vote was taken, their vote would be voided, and society would be demoralized, and the towns of the county would be ruined.

How Foreigners Live.

Recent statistics show that the proportion of people in London, who live in one room is 14 per cent; in Berlin 12 per cent; in Glasgow 12 per cent; in Dublin 12 per cent; in Edinburgh 12 per cent. The mortality in London is 26 per cent.

After the Season, or, The Fate of the Hero

Mr. John Spratt was married yesterday by Miss Lotta Swin. The marriage was the culmination of a romance begun at South Beach.

Miss Swin had ventured six or seven feet from shore, when she was observed by a lone fisherman, which instantly started in pursuit of her. Cries for help proved unavailing, the spectator toward the shrieking girl, and the ferocious Lafayette, which was nearest upon the water, sprang into the air.

The Emperor and I

The German emperor and I Within the self-same year were born. Upon the self-same morn; A Kaiser he of high estate, And I the usual chance of fate.

Put Up the Sword.

I have sung of the soldier's glory; As I never shall grieve again; I have blood in the slaughter pen, And there is blood in the ink well clotted.

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From the Baker City Herald. It is little wonder that Oregon elected Chenoweth to the senate when the spotlight is thrown on the state.

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California Republicans for Bryan.

From the Medford Tribune. A heavy vote in November for James J. Bryan is the opinion expressed by James H. Hawkins, a prominent business man of Medford.

Sir Henry Norman's Birthday.

Sir Henry Norman, author, traveler, newspaper writer and former member of the British parliament, was born at Leicester, England, on September 19, 1835.

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