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Rexall Remedies

recommended for that tired feeling

An Advance Confession

When snowy locks wave on my
thoughtful dome,
And whiskers white as oceans' glis-
tening foam
Sway in the winds that through them
plouette;
When eyes now bright as those of
graceful fawn
Are clear and watery—all their beau-
ty gone,
When every time I load my rations
in
My nose comes down and hooks
around my chin,
When I am old and quite played out,
Ready almost to be laid out,
I know just what I'll do.
When I am old, decrepit, senile, lame,
I'll sit before the gas logs' cheer-
ful
flame
And tell the children as they gather
round,
Some tale that to my credit will re-
dound.
If it be winter and the north winds
blow
They shall recall how, many years
ago,
On such a night I was obliged to go
With bag of corn upon my back
through snow
Fifteen feet deep and have it ground
to make
My daily bread that was just Johnny
cake.
If it be summer and the men afield,
I'll toddle out where they their sick-
les wield,
And there relate how in the days
gone by,
When I was young and vigorous and
spry,
With my keen scythe I could cut all
the grass
Upon one farm ere noon had come
to pass,
And I'll lament that reapers ever
came
To do such work, and deprecate the
same.
On rainy days I'll tell of fish I've
caught,
Of monstrous beasts with which I oft
have fought,
Of deeds of knightly gallantry,
How maidens sighed and died for me;
And though I sometimes rouse up
ire,
I'll be a garrulous old liar.
When I am old
I'll do the very things that make me
mad
As Jehu now, I vow I will, by gad,
And I'll expect that those who hear
me then
Will say I'm nothing but an old has-
been,
Just as I say it every day of those
Who come around and stick their
peaked nose
Into my business every day or so,
And who lament for fear this world
won't go
Its daily rounds when they are laid
away
To wait the coming of the judgment
day.
I'll fret and fume and kick and scold
And raise the devil when I'm old.
—Author unknown, and perhaps pre-
fers to remain so.

A Brief Reminiscence

Gold Hill had a railroad. Then
Grants Pass had a railroad. Both
railroads had an engine. Both en-
gines gave a few hoarse toots and
that concluded both railroads. Let us
now discuss a live subject, like who
built the pyramids, or did Caesar de-
serve to die because he ate onions?

Progressive Woodville

The Woodville Argus says that the
completion of the new municipal wa-
ter system will be an "earmark" in
the history of the town.

Where the Stars Are Shining

Where do these big league players
Put in the winter time?
Why, some are running pool-rooms,
And some help lure the dime
From out the public's pockets
As headline vaudeville stars,
And some are home with father,
And some are tending bars,
And some are hunting grizzlies
In mountains where they lurk—
That is, where lurk the grizzlies—
And several are at work.

A STRING OF WHYS—GIVE US SOME WHEREFORES.

OVER fifty per cent of the money spent on bridges in
Jackson county in 1911 was spent without adver-
tising for competitive bids on the work. WHY?
Sixty thousand dollars were wasted on the roads of
Jackson county in 1911, according to County Roadmaster
Harmon. WHY?

Insofar as the proceedings of the county court concern-
ing contracts for bridge work are concerned, there are
practically no records in the county clerk's office, except
for warrants drawn to pay for such work. WHY?

Although the law expressly provides for two official
papers, in which county publications shall be made, there
is but one such "official" paper in Jackson county. WHY?

No record of the payment of the \$10,000 received "by
public subscription" to help build the Flounce Rock grade
appears in the offices of either the county clerk or the
county treasurer. WHY?

When W. W. Harmon first began to "work" for Jack-
son county, and for months afterward, he was called
"county engineer". Suddenly the title was shifted to
that of "county roadmaster." WHY?

Cement work in the new Gold Hill bridge cost the peo-
ple of Jackson county \$14 per yard. WHY?

When the old Centennial bridge at Gold Hill was
wrecked there were no competitive bids for the work, so
far as is known by several who intended to offer bids.
WHY?

Until the money ran out, County Roadmaster Harmon
used to go before the county court with a written order,
demanding five or ten thousand dollars, and a warrant
would be drawn in his favor for that amount. He would
then pay for road work by personal check. WHY?

After county warrants went below par and became
non-negotiable except at a discount, Mr. Harmon ceased
to do the disbursing for the county, and warrants were
issued direct to those who had them coming. WHY?

These are only a few of the Whys. It is up to some one
to furnish a few Wherefores.

"BEATING BOURNE."

CERTAIN rock-ribbed standpat republican papers,
notably the Astoria Astorian, are now engaged in
the highly diverting and entirely harmless pastime of
"beating Bourne." They demand that he be replaced in
the United States senate by a man who will, in plain lan-
guage, "bring home the bacon" to Oregon. This idea of
seeing that Oregon gets her full share of appropriation
"pork" is the mainspring of their argument. Bourne has
failed to get the same liberal slices of federal money for
harbors and jetties and roads and reclamation projects
and postoffice buildings that were brought home by his
illustrious senatorial predecessors. Therefore he is no
good.

The squealing "beat Bourne" chorus, headed by the
Astorian and dominated by the pork-motif, is accompa-
nied by an undercurrent of dissatisfaction with Senator
Chamberlain, who is also condemned because he gets no
porcine by-products for Oregon.

The trouble with both Bourne and Chamberlain is that
they stand squarely and solidly for the Oregon system of
popular legislation. This puts them "in bad" with the
standpat senate. Hence, being of the progressive minor-
ity of which Senator La Follette is the recognized leader,
they get but little "pork" in the way of appropriations
for Oregon. And Oregon standpatters, like the Astorian
and the Oregonian, squeal and shed crocodile tears by the
stinking pailful.

Bourne, because he is the more aggressive propagand-
ist, gets more attention from the Oregon standpat press
than does his colleague.

But the "beating Bourne" game is an innocent pastime,
after all. It does the doughty Jonathan no harm. And it
gives the Astorian and the Oregonian and their disciples
a chance to squeal.

It will not be long until the Oregon system will have
taken the country. Then there will be no "pork." Then
there will be no use of being a standpatter. And the tribe
will have vanished.

SNAKES.

STORIES of graft in Jackson county official life are
flying fast and loose throughout the length and
breadth of the county. But they wriggle away and are
lost like snakes in the grass upon the approach of any one
who is looking for snakes. Acting on the adage that
where there is much smoke there must be some fire, the
News proposes to pursue these stories until some of them
are caught, killed and hung on the fence, so that the public
may see what manner of reptiles it is that keep the grass
of gossip rustling. The News believes there are snakes
in the grass. It believes they can be caught and killed.
It proposes to catch, kill and hang them on the fence for
the benefit of the people of Jackson county.

WARNING!

Scarlet fever is epidemic in Central Point,
Oregon; and all persons are warned of the dan-
ger of infection, even on the streets of that
place. The infection is readily carried in the
clothing. All cases of sore throat, or cases
presenting an eruption must be reported to a
physician, and also to the undersigned.

C. H. SMITH, M. D.
City Health Officer.

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By Reducing Your Cost of Living!

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System to a CASH BASIS, it became necessary also for us to
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every sack is warranted to be
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Diamond Chick Feed, sk. 2.75
Scratch Food, per sk. - - 2.75
Fine Salt, per sk. - - - .50
Half Ground, per sk. - - .40
3 lb. cans Coffee, - - - 1.00
Spitzenberg Apples, box - 1.75
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REMEMBER THE PLACE

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Pork Chops, " " " 25c
Beef Steak " " " 25c
Sausage " " " 25c

We satisfy our customers.

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Parties

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tools put in good
shape be sure to see

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en, repair or make
tools, and guarantee
my work to stand
the racket; try me
and be shown

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