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**Two Men and the Kids**

Old Bill is tattered of pantaloons, patched and faded and out at shoon, the reek of tobacco is on his clothes and the blush of Bacchus tints his nose; life has roughed him and tossed aside, the years have stolen his swinging stride—the years have furrowed his grizzled cheek till the wrinkles play at hide and seek; but out of his map the glad grey eyes still greet the world with a gay surprise, and under the shaggy eyebrows lurk a jest for the world and a song for his work. Old Bill has little of pelf laid by, for he gleans his gold from the painted sky; the only opera he has heard is the lilting breeze and the singing bird—and these are little enough, I wot, when man approaches the potter's lot. As men reckon, his life is spent with never a glimpse of the goal, Content; by Bungtown ratings we write him, "Fool"—but the children follow him home from school.

Old Scads goes by in his big machine, and we whisper his wealth tho we own him mean; but the years sit light on a man who knows the latest word in bon t n clothes, and the world is ready enough to hail the genius who captures the good green kale; the fragrant scent of choicest Turk floats after Scads as he goes to work—to sit on leather in deep content and figure his loans at twelve per cent. There is never a light in his cold grey eye that is born of joy in the great blue sky, there is never a song from the crafty mouth when the breezes blow from the balmy South—for the sound that cheers as Scads grows old is the slur of notes and the clink of gold. Men own his station and hail him wise, but they sun the glint of his cunning eyes, and never a wight would call him "fool"—but no kids follow him home from school.

**Disappointed (Contributed)**

My life's just a jumble of sorrow and pain, A little of sunshine and unlimited rain. Sad disappointment in all that I do, Hours of dull care, bright moments but few.

I work hard and long for some beautiful end, And meet disappointment to great for my pen.

And what is the reason for this earthly hell, Can anyone say in his heart "It is well?"

We are placed here by hands unseen and unknown, To live here together or exist here alone,

And great is the struggle to live or exist, Of the latter my name is the head of the list.

—R. M. A. Rogue River, Ore., Sept. 20, 1912.

**BUSINESS SENSE APPLIED TO POLITICS**

**T**HE TENDENCY to draw a strict party line from president to poundmaster is rapidly disappearing. The fundamental value of men and principles when weighed in the balance against a blind and fatuous devotion to party is gradually soaking thru the American cranium. Henceforth the tendency will be toward men and measures, deeds and deserts, rather than a fanatical allegiance to the disrupted theory of the "straight vote."

The influence of the party dominance has, in the past, been most harmful in its effect upon administration of public business, from national affairs down to the selection of town councilmen. By the adaption of this misguided theory incompetents have been elected and retained in office, when the first promptings of intelligent choice should have demanded an opposite selection. The party whip prevailed, the big bosses begat small ones, the small bosses begat lesser satellites, the murky constellation of machine politics was complete and the party captains marched to victory with an assurance born less of faith in their inherent ability to serve the public than in their knowledge of men and sheep.

In local politics, where the ability of the aspirant to administer the duties of office is brot closely home to us, the choice resolves itself into a mere question of business ability and personal integrity. The taxpayer who permits his party allegiance to dictate his choice of county officials is a poor business man. He is spoiling his own pocket to bolster up a party system which has little use for him save in his utility as a single vote. The News believes that the Democratic ticket of Jackson county is composed of thoroly reliable and competent men, well qualified to fill the offices they seek. It believes that the business interests of every voter in Jackson county demands a just appraisal of their probable worth in county service. The day of party politics in county affairs is passing—as it should. The split ticket is the criterion of good sense and good business.

**Near Neighbors**

**Debenger Gap**

By Norman Gage.

T. W. Stacy made a business visit to Central Point last Saturday.

Dr. Kirchgesner of the Riverdale ranch made a flying trip to Gold Hill Saturday.

Florence Walker of the Meadows was a business visitor at Central Point Tuesday.

G. W. Stacey of Willhiteville made a trip to Central Point with a fine load of wood.

Born to the wife of John Payne of the Meadows, last Wednesday; a fine eleven pound boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Albright of Trail are visiting Mrs. Albright's sister Mrs. Jane Ragsdale of Beagle.

Miss Eula Hauston of Long Branch is visiting with her cousins G. W. Stacy and family of Willhiteville.

William Cottrel, the Cattle King of the Meadows passed thru Debenger Gap enroute to Medford with a band of cattle last Friday.

Norman Gage, who has been indisposed for some time with a severe cold, resumed his work on Tresham's threshing machine last Saturday. During his illness his place was filled by Bird Johnston.

**Kanes Creek**

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis visited Medford and the fair on Tuesday.

Mary Boggis is attending the Gold Hill high school this term.

All those reported on the sick list last week are convalescent.

Elmer Higinbotham and wife were recent Medford business visitors.

Mrs. Bean spent a day recently with Gold Hill relatives and friends.

Our weather Prophet Foster predicts continued warm weather for some time.

Frank M. Avery, of Gold Hill, made Kanes creek a business visit on Tuesday.

Prof. Greenleaf and family, of Central Point, spent Sunday at their Kanes creek home.

Jack Ralls and party returned from their hunt on last Saturday and report it a success.

Mesdames Swinden and Rhoten of Galls creek were guests of Mrs. Mardon on Monday.

Frank Foley, who is working in Medford, spent several days recently here with home folks.

Ike Householder and wife spent Sunday on Sardine creek the guest of their daughter, Mrs. C. Dusenberry.

James Lawrence and family, who have been residents of Kanes creek for some time, have moved to their home in the Blackwell district.

Kanes creek business visitor to Gold Hill this week were: Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Mardon, Mrs. Swinden, Mrs. Higinbotham, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Byerly, Mike Foley, Mr. Foster, Tom Kirk, Ike Householder and wife, and Mrs. Taylor and daughter.

Lance and Co. are paying 25 cents per dozen for eggs.

**Affairs at Washington**

Secretary Fisher has ordered cancelled all the 33 Cunningham Alaska coal land claims.

The department of justice at Washington has reversed former Judge C. H. Hanford's decision and restored Leonard Olsson of Tacoma to the rights of citizenship.

Permission to cross the border and drive the Mexican rebels from close proximity to American soil was asked by General E. Z. Steever, commanding the United States forces in Texas.

The United States is about to intervene in Santo Domingo. Warships will be dispatched at once to the island. A revolution has broken out which threatens Americans and other foreign interests.

Proposed increases in freight rates on many commodities from southeastern territory to Pacific coast points were suspended by the interstate commerce commission until December 31, to afford opportunities for investigation.

Interest in the forthcoming hearing of the senate campaign expenditures committee when Colonel Roosevelt, J. P. Morgan, George W. Perkins and others are expected to testify, has caused a heavy demand on Senator Clapp's committee for special accommodations for spectators.

Under a ruling by the department of the interior, forms of application to be used hereafter in connection with Carey act projects must recite that the applicant has never used up his right to the purchase of one tract of 160 acres of that class of land. This means that no person can secure more than 160 acres of Carey act land, whether both tracts are in one state or in separate states.

President Taft has given President Madero 30 days in which to protect American property and lives in Mexico. If Madero fails to do this the United States will require that he resign immediately. If Madero should refuse to resign intervention will follow speedily. Recent events in the Mexican situation have forced this action by the administration. The message to Madero was delivered personally by the Mexican ambassador.

**A Bull Moose Breakfast at Portland Recently**

- One big canteloupe.
- One large dish Oregon strawberries and cream.
- Two slices Oregon ham.
- Two lamb chops.
- One order bacon.
- Four eggs.
- One order fried potatoes.
- Bread.
- Rolls.
- Five cups of coffee.

Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., has for distribution a number of bulletins issued by the Bureau of Mines and of particular interest to managers of power plants, coal mines, metal mines, or quarries, and he will be glad upon application to send a copy to any person interested therein.

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**Come and Get Shod**

**T**HE time of year is fast approaching when those friends of yours that have been carrying you around the long summer through will begin to kick out and ask you what you expect to put on them the coming winter. If you're figuring on making your feet a nice present, one that will keep them warm and comfortable, we suggest that you call in at our place and look over the new stock which we have just unpacked:

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—Oregon Water & Power Company, H. D. Reed, Manager.

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