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WRITTEN ON A LAUREL LEAF

THE COLOR of the Moth's surcoat was an Elysian evening sky, with a flaming Sun centered on each fluttering sleeve. He loitered up to the Wistaria and lit heavily. The slender Leaf swayed to his weight.

An orchestra of hidden Insects began the Interlude to Evening, with the Crickets fiddling the lead.

Shuttling his wings gently, so that the wondrous beauty of them winked and came again, the Moth communed with Nature.

"Mother," he said, "when I was a forty-footed Larvae, you gave me tender nurture. I remember the delicate foliage of Spring. Life had a Reason then. I lived and grew fat; until I slept, and woke to THIS!" The surcoat flashed in a wide stretch of baffling colors.

"But now—" the Moth resumed, "your Wind carries me; whither I do not know. I am tired. Your Light lures me; why I cannot tell. I am blinded. Is there a Reason for me, Mother? Tell it. I am gross, and stupid, and weary."

From Earth and Sky, from tossing Leaf and rustling Grass, from the crooning River, was blent and borne a Voice. The Crickets hushed to hear it.

"Child," soothed the Voice, "be not importunate. Life is its own Reason. I may not tell my secrets, lest the River leap in one bound to the Sea; lest the Sea yield to the wooing Sun and reach him with a single rush; lest the Sun free himself to countless Stars; lest the Stars shiver to silver Dust; lest the Dust fade to darkness, and Night remain forever. My secrets are my secrets. Be content."

"I must know," grieved the Moth.

"Be content," soothed the Voice.

"I MUST KNOW!" plained the Moth. The faery furnace of his wings pulsed in a glow of beauty.

"Ah, my children. My wilful, wilful children," mused the Voice. "Know, then—pretty Moth! Leave the Wistaria and take the left turning of the Breeze, beyond the Oak. Life has its Reason."

He lifted wonderful wings. The Breeze took him forth into the Dusk. In the eddy above the Oak it bore him sharply to the left.

With a zoom of pinions the Night Hawk swooped downward. One startled second the Moth saw the cavern before him. The sweep of attack baffled his flight and held him—waiting. Not for long.

"Since the first egg," sighed the Voice. "Since the first egg. Life is its own Reason. And . . . my fowl will be fed."

Now, the Crickets did not see the drama of the Moth; and the Voice, being not for them, was merely melody. [So they fiddled again.

But the Toad, hungered from his siesta in the cool garden, crept closer . . . and close.

MADE IN OREGON TEXT BOOKS

ONE and forever inseparable have seemed the text book and its attendant petty graft. Shifting, sliding, changing, text books come, go, and are replaced by others of different authority or publication. An entire American generation recalls the ruination of its penmanship by the abrupt and despotic order for a change from the "spencerian" to the "vertical" system, at a formative period in school. The main idea seems to be that the presses of the school book trust should never slacken—more speed to them!

The state of California prints its own text books. It prints them for an average of 22 cents apiece. The state of Oregon buys its text books from the trust. They cost the parents or pupils an average of 43 cents apiece. How do you like it?

The saving of one system over the other, in Oregon, would amount to \$50,000.00 annually, with a like amount paid at home FOR HOME LABOR.

This home printing plan is fostered by prominent educators and supported by the Typographical Union. It is not only feasible, it is an assured success. Ask California. Certain citizens of our state, always to the fore with the "MADE IN OREGON" slogan, will prove themselves and their sincerity by the quality of the support given this excellent proposal.

First Lunatic—"I invested ten thousand in a Polar refrigeration project. The earth shifted; bingo! my plant was valueless. So I went crazy. And you?"

Second Lunatic—"Interesting, but tame—very tame—old top. I read an emperor's prayer to God, while his submarines sought another Lusitania. The blasphemy sickened my senses, till I became as callous as a kaiser. That made me mad."

Overdrafts (Secured & Unsecured)

B. H. L.

Found in a Book

I
Somebody gave a Flower to you, Book; and closed you and put you away. Here have I found the Rose they took, to hide a year and a day. Maybe the garden missed you, Flower, when summer had poured her urn; you drank the dew and the slanting shower—to wait a year, and return. I wonder if Somebody read you, Song—here where the crushed bloom lay—and marked the page you lit along . . . a year ago and a day.

II
The Flower, were dust to a careless hand, the little dried bloom and blest—yet it carries a message from Noman's Land—in wither and saffron drest. The Song is only a silly thing, set to a madcap lay, but it bells the heart that heard you sing—a year ago and a day. The words well up from the printed Book, they flow to the outward track; the Rose of the garden leans to look . . . sometime, Friend, come back.

III
Sometime, my Friend that loved the Song, and cuddled the Rose thereby—sometime, Friend—for the days are long—come, ere the flowers die. The garden shall give you the witch-rose that queens in the dawning dew; the Song shall thrill the day to close, with starlight silvered through. For Flower and Book and Song, Friend, you loved and fled away, have waited overlong, Friend . . . a year ago and a day.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

State of Oregon, County of Jackson.

Sealed proposals, addressed to the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, and indorsed "Proposal for Constructing a portion of the Pacific Highway in Jackson County, Oregon," will be received by the County Court of Jackson County at its office in the Court House, Jacksonville, Oregon, until 11 o'clock a. m. of the 4th day of August, 1915, and at that time and place publicly opened and read.

All proposals must be made on blank form, to be obtained from the County Highway Engineer, at his office, Central Hotel Building, Central Point, Oregon, or from the County Clerk, Court House, Jacksonville, Oregon; must state the unit or units bid on (bidders may bid on all the units); must give the price proposed, both in writing and in figures; and must be signed by the bidder, with his address.

Each bid is to be presented under sealed cover, and shall be accompanied by cash, a bidder's bond made payable to Jackson county, or a certified check made payable to the County Judge of Jackson County, for an amount equal to at least five per cent of the amount of said bid, and no bid shall be considered unless such cash, bond, or check is enclosed therewith. Such bidder's bond shall be conditioned that if said bid be accepted, the party bidding will duly enter into and execute the contract. Should the successful bidder to whom the contract is awarded fail to execute the same within ten days (not including Sunday) from the date of notification of such award, such cash, bond or check shall be forfeited to Jackson county, and the same shall be the property of the county. All other cash, bonds and certified checks will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders who submitted the same.

A corporate surety bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum equal to one-half of the total amount of the bid.

All bids are to be compared on the basis of the county highway engineer's estimate of the quantities of work to be done as follows:

The estimate of quantities referred to in the foregoing notice is as follows:

Unit 3.

From station L285 to station 390.

Miles 6, 7, 8.

Embankment, 90 cubic yards.

Earth excavation, 5,997 cubic yards.

Hard pan excavation, 3,398 cubic yards.

Loose rock excavation, 200 cubic yards.

Soft rock excavation, 100 cubic yards.

Hard rock excavation, 1,165 cubic yards.

Rip rap, loose, 10 cubic yards.

Overhaul, per 100 feet, 9,805 cubic yards.

Clearing, 9.0 acres.

Grubbing, 470 square rods.

Tile drain, 4 inches, 10 lineal feet.

Corrugated iron pipe, 12 inches, 26 lineal feet.

Corrugated iron pipe, 24 inches, 28 lineal feet.

Concrete pipe, 12 inches, 178 lineal feet.

Read These

You may find "just the thing" Found—Valuable pair of eye glasses, specially ground lenses. Owner may recover property by calling at News office and paying charges.

Wanted:—Good milch cows, calves and little pigs, on time; deferred payments well secured. Address Sleepy Hollow Farm, Gold Hill; H. A. Ensign, A. E. Dixon, managers.

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—John R. Kelsey, with Gold Hill News.

Wood by tier or cord at lowest market price, delivered at your shed. Finest fir, pine, laurel and oak. John J. Ritter, Phone 3F21.

Stock Ranches —FOR— SALE

720 acres, solid body, in Meadows district, small house and good barn, old orchard in bearing, several good springs, about 40 acres under cultivation. Price \$12.50 per acre.

665 acres, near Debenger Gap, 16 miles from Gold Hill, over 100 acres under cultivation, 10 room house, good barn, live creek through it, and several springs, all good land. Price \$35.00 per acre.

200 acres near Beagle, finely improved, including stock and all agricultural implements, all for \$40.00 per acre. Terms.

604 acres in one solid body five miles out, Sams Valley district, nearly all under cultivation, no better alfalfa or grain land in this county. Price \$100 per acre.

120 acres on Foothills Creek, 7 miles out, 45 to 50 acres under cultivation, as much or more could be easily cleared and cultivated, almost unlimited range for stock, good house, two large barns, hog and chicken houses, good stream through it. Price \$75.00 per acre.

160 acres near Asbestos, 20 miles out, some under cultivation, small house, large amount of small fruit, small bearing orchard, most of this is heavily timbered, unlimited range for stock, several good large springs. This is a bargain at \$4500. Considerable stock and implements go with the place at that price.

Several other farms, large and small, several fine garden tracts from two up to 50 acres, improved and unimproved, several of them are decided bargains. If you want anything in this line it will pay you to call and see me, or write for particulars on any of the above.

C. S. REDFIELD-GOLD HILL, OR.

Concrete pipe, 20 inches, 60 lineal feet.

Concrete, class A, 22 cubic yards.

Concrete, class B, 2 cubic yards.

Concrete, class C, 12 cubic yards.

Reinforcing steel, 835 pounds.

Unit 5.

From station L484 to station L505.

Miles 10.

Embankment, 10 cubic yards.

Earth excavation, 250 cubic yards.

Hard pan excavation, 400 cubic yards.

Loose rock excavation, 10 cubic yards.

Hard rock excavation, 275 cubic yards.

Overhaul, per 100 feet, 100 cubic yards.

Corrugated iron pipe, 24 inches, 16 lineal feet.

Corrugated iron pipe, 36 inches, 40 lineal feet.

Concrete pipe, 12 inches, 36 lineal feet.

Concrete, class C, 6 cubic yards.

Unit 8.

From station Lg782 to station Lg795.

Miles 16.

Embankment, 300 cubic yards.

Earth excavation, 753 cubic yards.

Hard pan excavation, 100 cubic yards.

Loose rock excavation, 10 cubic yards.

Overhaul, per 100 feet, 780 cubic yards.

Tile drain, 4 inches, 10 lineal feet.

Corrugated iron pipe, 30 inches, 40 lineal feet.

Concrete pipe, 12 inches, 34 lineal feet.

Concrete, class B, 20 cubic yards.

Concrete, class C, 4 cubic yards.

Unit 10.

From station Lg930 to station Lg1104-50.

Miles 19, 20, 21, 22.

Embankment, 2,077 cubic yards.

Earth excavation, 6,456 cubic yards.

Hard pan excavation, 41 cubic yards.

Loose rock excavation, 1,462 cubic yards.

Soft rock excavation, 100 cubic yards.

Hard rock excavation, 3,556 cubic yards.

Rip rap, loose, 10 cubic yards.

Overhaul, per 100 feet, 5,660 cubic yards.

Clearing, 22.8 acres.

Grubbing, 1,360 square rods.

Clean Up Sale Of All Summer Dress Goods

We are going to mark every piece of summer goods at a price that will make it go regardless of cost.

New rice voiles, printed voiles, plain white voiles, lace cloth crepes, 25, 30 and 35 cent grades now 19 cents. 20 cent plain white, pink and blue crepe 15 cents. All 15 and 12 cent lawns and crepes 9 cents.

A big bunch of remnants at cost and less.

Flour Special Next Week
GOOD FLOUR \$1.60

LANCE &
COMPANY
The home store

Live Poultry Wanted

Of All Kinds
In Any Quantity
At Any Time

Medford Poultry and
Egg Company,
PHONE 583

Concrete pipe, 12 inches, 300 lineal feet.

Concrete pipe, 15 inches, 114 lineal feet.

Concrete pipe, 20 inches, 48 lineal feet.

Concrete, class A, 127 cubic yards.

Concrete, class B, 5 cubic yards.

Concrete, class C, 15 cubic yards.

Reinforcing steel, 15,115 pounds.

The foregoing quantities are approximate only, being given as a basis for the comparison of bids and the county court of Jackson county does not expressly or by implication agree that the actual amount of work will correspond therewith, but reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of any class or portion of the work that may be deemed necessary or expedient by the county highway engineer of Jackson county, Oregon.

Plans may be seen and forms of specification and contract may be ob-

tained at the county highway engineer's office, Central Hotel building, Central Point, or at the county clerk's office, Jacksonville, Oregon.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for Jackson county.

COUNTY COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY.

F. L. TOU VELLE,
County Judge.

W. C. LEEVER,
County Commissioner.

F. H. MADDEN,
County Commissioner.

Attest:

G. A. GARDNER,
County Clerk Jackson County.

Jacksonville, Oregon, July 16th, 1915.

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