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Oregon, settled by missionaries, whose very lives were wrapped up in education, has always been a school center from the first; back in the '50s the Oregon colleges had many California students. The early schools of this state, which can be judged by their fruits, were not inferior to the best, for had not the cream of thinkers flocked here? We had all the virtues and none of the follies of the great centers.—Joaquin Miller.

DESERVE HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

The legislative committee of the State Federation of Women's Clubs has prepared six specific measures which will be presented to the twenty-second legislative assembly.

These six measures all lie close to the home life of the state. They are the result of studied efforts to correct evils that retard the finer development of social and public life.

They were thought out and prepared by the mothers of the state, who feel the need of future safeguards for the weak; who recognize the evil effect of a lack of legislation on the minor details of state government.

The absence of law and the enthrone of custom, is one of the evils in all pioneer communities. Men become accustomed to following a method or a custom that has prevailed for years, and unless the evil of this custom as applied to the surroundings, is analyzed and brought to their attention directly, they follow on and on in the easy path.

The first of these measures provides that a female attendant accompany all women patients to the insane asylum.

The commonest laws of decency and good taste imperatively demand this. There should not be one voice against it.

The second provides for the care and education of defective children. The state does not search out the weak-minded as closely as it should. As a consequence, children that might have been cured of infirmities in their early stages, are allowed to grow into incurable lunatics or invalids.

The third measure makes it necessary for the wife to sign with the husband as security, where the common property of both may be taken to liquidate a debt.

How many homes have been swept away by the security debt misfortune? What happiness might have resulted to the families that are now destitute, if husband and wife had talked over the possibilities of the wrong step, before it was taken.

The fourth measure of the list provides for an amendment to the library law, striking out the one and a half mill limitation, leaving the amount of the levy optional, as the very small amount of funds raised by this rate makes the law prohibitive in small towns.

The fifth provides for an appropriation for the Lewis and Clark fair and the sixth for an appropriation for the St. Louis fair.

The legislature can do no better than to place these measures upon Oregon's statute books. They need no elaborate defense. The justice of them is apparent at a glance.

The women's clubs of this state are growing stronger year by year. They

are studying and acting upon the most vital issues that confront the people. The improvement of laws, towns, public highways, homes, streets and institutions is being constantly made by these earnest workers. They are in closer touch with the community than any other good agency. They are the fireside councillors of the state and nation and their judgments seldom ever go astray.

As a business institution, Oregon is eminently successful. She has \$2,500,000 of school funds loaned upon real estate security, with interest paid up to date on most all of the 2000 loans. She has in cash on hand belonging to the school fund \$750,000, and there is due the school fund on land sales \$1,000,000, making a total irreducible school fund at the beginning of the year of over \$4,000,000. The mortgages are first-class in every respect, and no loss on any of them is anticipated. The 6 per cent interest rate makes the burden light on the borrower and pays the state a handsome income.

It is amusing, and yet disgusting to a certain extent, to follow the details of the testimony before the coal strike commission. The operators are using every trace of damaging evidence they can rake up from every source to make a point against the union miners. Sickening details of the strike have been brought out which show the bitter passions that emouldered in the breasts of both sides during the entire period of idleness in the mines. It is one of the greatest events in the industrial history of the country and will teach many a wholesome and unwholesome lesson.

The invention of a machine for blowing and preparing glass, kills another great industry which has furnished a livelihood for thousands of workmen. Glass-blowing has been a profitable employment, but it has sent thousands of strong men to early graves. The great hand crafts are being driven from the labor market, one by one. In Umattila county one simple derrick fork replaces ten workmen, and the steam shovel operated by three men, will load a train with gravel quicker than 100 men with shovels could do the task. The printers are not alone at the funeral of a trade.

The true inwardness of the desire of the government of Colombia to break off canal negotiations with the United States is now made plain. Germany had jingled \$40,000,000 in her ear for a canal concession. No wonder she was reticent in accepting the propositions of this government. What is needed in that region is some of the old American policy that made the foreign powers tremble in their shoes when they thought of treading American toes. We are losing ground in South America. The people will see it when too late.

Six months of idleness in the great coal regions of the United States caused the country to suffer the actual pangs of a coal famine. This touch of hardship should drive congress to throw such safeguards around the great necessities of national life that the selfishness or private interests of a half dozen men could not, in future, bring this condition to pass.

Alfred Beit, the richest man on earth, reputed to be worth one billion dollars, is lying at the point of death at his home in South Africa. He would perhaps give the last dollar of his fortune for health and vigor again. After all, wealth forms one

of the meanest possessions of life when the spectre of death hovers near.

Mrs. Nation has at last done one sensible thing to offset her innumerable follies. She has founded a home for drunkard's wives, those poor creatures whose sufferings are often unbearable. Let the people forget Mrs. Nation's foolish deeds in the light of this superb philanthropy.

No matter how good an official a man may be; how well he may satisfy the people, or how thoroughly competent to perform his duties in the game of politics, he must be cut down in the height of his usefulness to satisfy the whim of the gamekeeper.

President Roosevelt wants no Apositie in the United States senate. Almost every other occupation in the category has been represented there, why not try one saint?

Since the beginning of the recent land frauds in the West, all measures touching upon this subject must be considered guilty until proven innocent.

The death of R. J. Rogers, of La Grande, removes another one of the sturdiest pioneers of Eastern Oregon. The list is narrowing down.

THE UNEVEN OCEAN BED.

In a direct line on the surface of the ocean the distance between San Francisco and Honolulu is 2403 miles; but 2600 miles of cable were required to cover it.

The difference is due to the up-hill and down-dale character of the ocean bottom, making it 207 miles longer by land to Hawaii than by water, so to speak. The depths encountered have been variable and at some points very great.

The deepest point was 18,000 feet, and it is directly from this great depth that the island Ohau rises. Westward from the Hawaiian group even greater depths will be encountered, the island of Guam rising from a depth of 29,500 feet.

Through these dark recesses of the ocean's bottom it is hoped to establish communication from Manila, Philippine Islands, by July 4, 1903. From Honolulu the cable is now to be extended to Midway island; from Midway to Guam, and from Guam to Manila, then with branches to other parts of the Orient.—Pacific Home-stead.

FOUR LEAFED CLOVER.

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And one is for love, you know—
And God put another one in for luck;
If you search, you will find where they grow.

But you must have hope, and you must have faith—
You must love and be strong—and so—
If you work, if you wait, you will find the place
Where the four-leafed clovers grow!

—ELLA HIGGINSON.

"WILFUL WASTE"



MAKES WOEFUL WANT."

That old copybook maxim finds its most forceful application in the waste of vitality, which is called "burning the candle at both ends." A woman is often tempted beyond her strength by domestic or social demands. Some day she awakens from this waste of strength to the woeful want of it. She has become weak, nervous and miserable.

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