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Methinks I see in my mind a noble and puissant nation rousing herself like a strong man after a sleep, and shaking her invincible locks; methinks I see her rising, like an unfettered eagle toward the midday sun of human prosperity and glory, leaving the other nations, like a flock of heavy-winged birds, below.—Milton.

SAVE THE WATER.

Water is going to be a precious liquid in Pendleton before the dry weather yields to Jupiter Pluvius, from present indications.

In view of this fact, it would be well for the city to make arrangements with the Ross Ice plant and Cold Storage people to utilize the overflow water from the plant for street sprinkling purposes, and thus save the city water for household use.

The overflow from the ice plant amounts to about 10,000 gallons per day and is running to waste in the sewers. This water is pure as the filtering and purifying processes of science can make it, and contains no refuse matter whatever and could be economically applied to street sprinkling.

Get after it, save it, turn it to use. There are streets in town that have not been sprinkled all summer, and the dust is ankle-deep in some of them. Because they are on the hillside, out of the sprinkling zone is no good excuse for causing the residents upon these streets to suffer the intolerable curse of dust all season. The property on Thompson, High and Tustin streets near the school house pays taxes into the treasury and is entitled to the same protection as other property.

Water may be scarce in the river and in the municipal well, but here is 10,000 gallons of available water going to waste every day in the week.

This water can be had at small cost and the streets of the city need it. The use of it will save water in the reservoir for home use and fire protection and some arrangement should be made to save it and utilize it.

The cost of connecting pipes to the overflow pipes from the plant would be small, the location is central and would be convenient for loading and it is the most economical water proposition ever presented to the city.

LEGISLATIVE BUNGLING.

It now dawned upon the framers of the bill by which the price of school land was to have been raised from \$1.25 per acre to \$2.50, that the words "school land" were omitted from the title of the act, and that the law as applied to school land is inoperative.

The bill included school and indemnity land in its provisions, but through some inexcusable bungling, the title was worded wrong and the law does not raise the price of school land, as intended.

Attorney-General Crawford has rendered an opinion on the bill which discloses its utter weakness and emptiness. He says the state land board cannot enforce the provisions of the would-be bill, and the price of Oregon school land remains at \$1.25 per acre.

However, the board has charged \$2.50 for all school land sold since the bill went into effect, and each member has expressed the willingness to follow the intention of the

legislature and sell all school land at \$2.50 per acre.

Of course, the land grabbers are kicking at this and claim the right to secure valuable school lands at \$1.25 per acre. It is the opportunity of the grafter to get in some hard licks before another legislature meets to change the meaning and title of the act.

The people of Oregon are in hopes the land board finds legal grounds for following the intention of the law. The cream of the school land area of the state has been skimmed off at a shamefully low price. The legislature, after 40 years of lethargy on the subject only awakes from its inactivity to make a mistake and a blunder. So far as the people are concerned it might have allowed the matter to stand as it was, and it would have been much more complimentary to the business qualifications of the legislature.

This is not the only blunder made by the Oregon legislature in the past. On account of its coarse and heedless work, the initiative and referendum will probably be declared inoperative and that entire campaign will have to be fought over again. What's the matter with the Oregon legislature, anyway? Out of 50,000 voters, isn't it possible to select 90 men who will make laws that will stand the test?

There's nothing the matter with Kansas. She is pouring into the lap of industry an \$2,000,000-bushel wheat crop this year despite her chastisement by floods and cyclones.

THE FIFTY BEST POEMS.

A Boston critic, Mr. Frederick Lawrence Knowles, has compiled a list of what he calls the 50 best American poems. Need it be said that his list is made of for the most part by bards who frolicked with the muse in and around Boston? We find that the 50 poems which the Bostonian selects, 30 were written by Longfellow, Emerson, Holmes, Whittier, Lowell, Mrs. Howe, and T. B. Aldrich. Bryant comes in for two and Poe is credited with eight probably because the latter is regarded by English critics as the foremost American poet. What the English think well of is not lightly passed over in Boston.

Here is the list in full: "Thanatopsis" and "To a Water Fowl," Bryant; "Israel," "To Helen," "The City in the Sea," "The Haunted Palace," "To One in Paradise," "The Sleeper," "Annabel Lee," and "The Raven," Poe; "Divina Commedia," "Nature," "The Skeleton in Armor," and "The Discoverer of the North Cape," Longfellow; "The Problem," "Days," "The Rhodora," "Concord Hymn," "The Humble Bee," and "Each and All," Emerson; "Skipper Ireson's Ride," "Telling the Bees," "In School Days," "Ichabod," "The Eternal Goddess," and "Playmates," Whittier; "Hebe," "She Came and Went," "To the Dandelion," "Auspex," "The Courtin'" and "Peace," Lowell; "The Chambered Nautilus," "The Last Leaf," "The Living Temple," and "Old Ironsides," Holmes; "When Lilacs Last in the Douryard Bloomed" and "Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking," Whitman; "The Marshes of Glynn," Lanier; "Bedouin Song," Bayard Taylor; "Abraham Lincoln," R. H. Stoddard; "Battle Hymn of the Republic," Julia Ward Howe; "On a Bust of Dante," T. W. Parsons; "The Venus de Milo," E. R. Sill; "Columbus," Joaquin Miller; "Echo Song," "Sleep," and "Unguarded Gates," T. B. Aldrich; "Sesostriis," Lloyd Mifflin; "An Ode in Time of Hesitation," William Vaughan Moody.

The last named in the list is that of a Chicago poet, hence this city has one representative against Boston's 30 odd. Perhaps we ought to be grateful to the Boston critic for letting Chicago in at all, in view of the fact that he has shut out Indiana with her wealth of poets and doesn't give the Sweet Singer of Michigan or Ella Wheeler Wilcox even honorable mention.

We do not believe the list will give much satisfaction outside of a certain

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circle in Boston. It doesn't contain "Maud Muller," "The Village Blacksmith," or "Casey at the Bat," and without these the masses will refuse to be satisfied.—Chicago Record-Herald.

WORLD'S OPINION OF LEO XIII.

Many eminent men have given to the world their respective impressions of Leo's temperament and personality. F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, thus described him:

"As a man, he possesses the simplicity of character which almost always accompanies greatness, together with a healthy sobriety of temper, habit and individual taste rarely found in those beings whom we might call 'motors' among men. It is commonly said that the pope has not changed his manner of life since he was a simple bishop. He is, indeed, a man who could not easily change either his habits or his opinions; for he is of that enduring, melancholic, slow-speaking, hard-thinking temperament which makes hard workers, and in which everything tends directly to hard work as a prime object, even with persons in whose existence necessary labor need play no part, and far more so with those whose little daily tasks hew history out of humanity in the rough state. 'For he is a great pope.' There has not been his equal intellectually for a long time, nor shall we presently see his match again."



Fantastic stories have been written of magic mirrors in which the future was revealed. If such a thing were possible many a bright-faced bride would shrink from the revelation of herself, stripped of all her loveliness. If there is one thing which would make a woman shrink from marriage it is to see the rapid physical deterioration which comes to so many wives. The cause is generally due to womanly diseases.

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