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Boys flying kites haul in their
white-winged birds;
You can's do that when you are
flying words;
Thoughts unspoken, sometimes
fall back dead,
But God himself, can't kill them,
when they're said.
—Will Carleton.

The Baker City Herald says no living newspaper man can give the amount of precious metal mined in Baker county for the month of September, and then proceeds to give the exact figures.

Portland is going to freeze out the gamblers by a high license. As long as men have money they are going to gamble—if not in a licensed club room, then in some place beyond the reach of the law. Some of the old sports of Portland will be at the freezing out.

In Eastern Kansas the people are organizing anti-flood societies, to prevent the destruction of property by spring freshets, and in Western Kansas they still have rain-making parties and are studying how to increase the moisture. The best way out of both these conditions is to buy a homeseeker's ticket to Oregon, where rain-makers and anti-flood societies are unknown.

That the majority of the people of Eastern Oregon favor the forest reserve policy, is shown by the wide circulation given the East Oregonian's brief defense of the policy in commenting on the position of Judge Clifford, of Grant county, against the reserve. It is incongruous to ask for the reclamation of the desert, and to oppose the preservation of the forests, in one breath.

A Southern girl visiting in Western Oregon, has discovered why it is that the people of the state are called "Webfoots." Her explanation is that they do not recognize the fact that it is raining when rain is falling. She finds they play golf, baseball and all other outdoor sports while rain descends in torrents, and that the downpour never affects any kind of an entertainment. From this the deduction is to be drawn that a Webfoot is one who makes the best of a bad weather case by ignoring conditions that he cannot remedy.

The attitude of the Oregon Daily Journal toward the theater trust of Portland is universally endorsed. The Capital News of Boise, one of the many outspoken friends of the Journal, says: "The Capital News hopes the Journal will win its fight against the theatrical trust and overcome all other obstacles in the way. Being a year older and having progressed further on the road towar the goal of success perhaps, this paper speaks from experience when it asserts that the public will lay aside all narrow partisan considerations and stand by a newspaper that is fearless, honest and reliable in its treatment of the legitimate news of the day, as well as those subjects that of right should be editorially discussed."

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, one of the "dressy," feminine dudes of Newport, has remarked that "Mrs. Roosevelt dresses on $300 a year, and she looks it." Mrs. Fish's hose bill is greater than Mrs. Roosevelt's entire bill for clothing during the year, yet Mrs. Fish does not represent the American woman. She represents a sort of hybrid breed that has grown up in society in the East, which is part refuse foreign nobility, part outcast American rubbish, and a greater part money-mad lunatics. Mrs. Roosevelt's $300-a-year wardrobe is sufficient for any self-respecting American woman, and in making it answer her purpose, she sets an example to the great thinking mass of Americans, which is of more service to humanity than all the combined virtues ever emanating from the nauseating, sexless harpies who live in unnatural luxury on the earnings of some old ancestor who made the mistake of piling up a fortune to be spent by those who never earned a cent in life.

The Salem Statesman is mourning over the government census report, and to comfort herself, has incorporated all the villages in Marion county as "Greater Salem." "How long," wails the Statesman, "will this distortion of facts, concerning the population of this city, go on?" Only four thousand people shown by the government census, as residing in the capital of Oregon! This is horrible. But then among that number you have some politicians who count for more than one, in the estimation of your people, so the balance is struck. The way to get population is to grow. Any village in Eastern Oregon can tell you all about the process.

Parents who give excuses for the absence of their children from school on petty and fancied pretenses, are doing an injustice to the children than can never be remedied If the pupils of the public schools are encouraged by parents in being absent from school, all the money spent on those children by the state and district is wasted. Half attendance and broken attendance is worse than not attending at all. It keeps the child behind the classes, makes additional work for the teachers and spoils all the effect of study. Many parents are in the habit of allowing children to remain away from school on slim pretexts, and of sending no excuses, or excuses that are not within the lawful limits. The teachers are doing all in their power to keep up the regular attendance. The school board will see that the law in regard to this matter is enforced, and it remains for parents to take enough interest in the welfare of their own children to see that they go to school and arrive there on time, unless there is some valid reason to the contrary.

LEND A HAND.

"Look up, and not down." Do you
see how the tree-top
Rejoices in sunshine denied to its
root?
And hear how the lark, gazing skyward is flooding
The world with his song, while the
ground bird is mute.

"Look out and not in!" See the sap
rushing outward!
In leaf, bud and blossom all winter
it lay,
Imprisoned, while earth wore a
white desolation;
Now Nature is glad with the beauty of May.

"Look forward, not back!" 'Tis the
chant of Creation.
The chime of the seasons as onward they roll;
'Tis the pulse of the world, 'tis the
hope of the ages,
'Tis the voice of our God in the
depths of the soul.

"Lend a hand!" Like the sun that
turns night into morning,
The moon that guides storm-driven
sailors to land.
Ah! life were worth living, with this
for the watchword,—
"Look up, out, and forward, and each
lend a hand."
—Alice Freeman Palmer.

POOR OLD NEW YORK.

The resolution of Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt to remain at Newport the entire winter, visiting New York only occasionally, deprives town of seeing and entertaining the latest Vanderbilt bride. Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt will likewise remain at Newport and will not open her New York house until late in the spring, when the coaching season begins. She will be here as usual during the horse show. Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish has also come to some determination of the same kind, and it really looks as if country life would succeed the former gay season in town. Mrs. Francis Ormond French, the mother of Mrs. Alfred Vanderbilt, will be with her a greater part of the winter, and Newport is never dull and is always at its best after the summer crowds leave it. Those who are fond of mild climates find that the Atlantic coast is much warmer in winter than the interior, and those who prefer the rugged sports prefer to entertain at their country mansions along the Hudson.—N. Y. Times.

The libel suit against the Baker City Herald will be heard in Union on October 9.

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