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The choicest garb, the sweetest grace.

Are oft to strangers shown; The careless mien, the frowning face.

Are given to our own. We flatter those we scarcely know.

We please the fleeting guest; And deal full many a thoughtless blow.

To those who love us best. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Let us go after a federal building for Pendleton. We don't need a "pull"—we need only push.

La Grande will imitate Pendleton's example and build a hospital. She can get many valuable pointers from Pendleton's energetic methods.

Captain Booz, of Baltimore, celebrated his 86th birthday yesterday. The W. C. T. U. will have to catch a fresh breath after this solar plexus blow.

The first thing a party of Filipino students did on reaching San Francisco this week, was to blow out the gas. They escaped Mauser bullets in Luzon to be overcome with one of the more tame features of American civilization.

The Lewiston Tribune aptly suggests that while the laws by which individuals are enabled to rob the government domain, are being repealed, those by which the railroads are given princely grants, should also be taken out of commission.

The O. R. & N. could make friends and make future business for the company by gracefully relinquishing a right of way for the portage road. The state will get it in the end, and other roads will be built into the state. It is an opportunity to clinch the friendship of the people of Oregon.

It now remains for the people of this city to ask the O. R. & N. company to make St. Anthony's hospital here a company hospital for the system. It is conveniently located on the main line, and is equipped as well as any like institution on the coast for the care of the sick and injured.

The transient mining corporations, boasting of the repeal of the corporation tax law at the special session, if called, have no permanent interest in Oregon. They have nothing invested and are here to reap as much as possible and escape all the just burdens possible, before flying to other fields.

What about the city poll tax? Is it ever to be collected? Is that ordinance of no force or value to the city? We talk about curtailing the expense of improving and maintaining the streets, and permit all the uncollected poll tax to remain uncollected. If the county should pursue these methods in collecting and applying county road tax, where would the county roads be? They would be just where the streets of Pendleton are: in need of work and funds.

The politicians who are lying in wait with a stuffed club, expecting the governor to call a special session, will be disappointed if he does not receive assurances that no general legislation will be considered. Governor Chamberlain is right in his conclusions that a temporary financial embarrassment in the state would be a lesser evil than a prolonged special session, coating more than the interest on borrowed money necessary to carry over until next year.

The suggestion of Representative Charles V. Galloway, of Yamhill county, that inasmuch as the legislature made a mistake, the members should rectify it, without cost to the people, is a just and timely thought. If any member of the legislature let a con-

tract to build a house, he would not pay the contractor, if the house was set up on false props, without a foundation under it. The special session of the legislature should not cost the taxpayers one cent for mileage or per diem to members. They should deliver the goods. They got their pay for the work.

If the bill for the repeal of the timber and stone act, introduced in congress by Senator Hansbrough, passes, all the timber land on the remaining public domain will be immediately withdrawn from settlement, and steps taken to sell such timber as the government does not care to reserve, to the highest bidder. This will insure a marketable price for this valuable land, and will protect the choice tracts from private purchase by placing them in reserves. It is a vital question, and one on which some radical steps must be taken. The forests must be saved for the future, and the public domain must be protected from the land sharks. Whatever law will accomplish these two ends will be good, no matter what it is called, or who is its author.

The electric lighting facilities of Pendleton are to be enlarged and improved. The telephone system should keep pace with the growth of the city also. If the business and professional men of the city will go after a change from the present bell system to the more improved express system, in use in all cities of any proportions, they can get it. The offices are to be fitted up at once, and the progressive company would rather make the change during the move than later, if convinced that the people want the new system. It is a subject for the Commercial Association's action, and also deserves the attention of the city council. A word from these bodies would have weight with the management of the telephone company. Pendleton is a good patron of the telephone, and deserves the best going. Many cities of less population than Pendleton support two companies.

There is now an opportunity before the business men of Pendleton which should not be overlooked. The Simpson-Perringer race track and grounds, consisting of 15 acres, is said to be for sale at a reasonable figure. While the East Oregonian is not agent for this firm in selling the property, it seems that the purchase of this ground, either by local capitalists or by the county court, to be converted into a fair ground as the basis for the organization of a county fair association, would be a wise and commendable move. Pendleton and Umatilla county can support such an institution, and instead of offering the citizens of the surrounding country a hoochie-coochie, sea serpent, glass-eating, sword-swallowing, high-kicking street carnival next fall, this city should hold a clean, high-class, instructive and enjoyable county agricultural fair. It seems that the opportunity is ripe to grasp right now. It is a good investment from a financial standpoint, aside from being public-spirited and progressive.

### A FABLE.

A queer and cranky man, who calls himself John Bryan, of Ohio, once told a fable about some rats and cats. The story has a Teddine flavor. It runs about like this:

A certain Rat Family of ambition moved to the Other Side of Town. In their new home was a Pair of Cats, but as the Cats were fat, sleek and contented, they never troubled the Rats.

Yet one of the Rats, being of a neurotic temperament and always on the Lookout for Trouble, said to the old father Rat, who had long whiskers and was very wise: "Father, it is true that this pair of Cats do not wage war on Rats, but I have heard that cats have kittens and kittens grow, and become mischievous, and then they will fight us—alas, alas!" "My child," said the wise old Rat, "My child, we now live on upper Fifth avenue. These are fashionable Cats, and Fashionable Cats do not have kittens." So saying he placed a copy of the New York Journal over his face to keep off the blue-bottles, and relapsed into a quiet doze.—The Philistine.

### TEMPERANCE IN THE SOUTH.

The North Carolina legislature has adopted a measure making optional in rural towns either total prohibition or the alternative of a dispensary on the South Carolina plan as a substitute for the barroom. There are 97 counties in North Carolina, and sixty of these had already adopted prohibition before the passage of this measure.

Both Texas and Mississippi are now practically prohibition states. A pioneer in the movement was Georgia after the adoption of the dispensary system in South Carolina, and Florida and Arkansas were soon afterward added through the establishment of absolute prohibition in 50 counties of Alabama, 30 of Florida, and 50 of Arkansas.

In Tennessee two-thirds of the counties have adopted prohibition, and that state is the next on the program of the temperance men for "ransom, from rum," as the agitation is called in the South.—N. Y. Sun.

### CIVIC CORRUPTION.

Speaking of the Macedonian question before the Channing auxiliary in San Francisco yesterday afternoon, Professor Jerome B. Landfield of the University of California said that the Turkish administration in Macedonia was very corrupt, especially as the officials sent there were palace favorites given their positions to make their fortunes. Professor Landfield said that such a condition of affairs, however, did not differ so materially from the corruption in the government of some of America's cities.

The acute situation in Macedonia, he said, had quieted down chiefly because the Christian brigands have had withdrawn from them the moral support of Austria and Russia, whose joint note to the sultan had done so much to restore order.

That, he said, seemed a satisfactory solution of the Macedonian problem. He was of the opinion that the just treatment of the Turkish agriculturists of the peninsula could only come by the restoration of the Turkish administrative authority, but though it be, and by the improvement of that administration by European diplomatic pressure at Constantinople, which could easily be brought about if the powers would lay aside their self-interest for the good of all.

### TROPIC PRODUCT.

The taste of the people of the United States for tropical products seems to be increasing at a very rapid rate. It is stated that the value of the tropical and subtropical products brought into this country in the past year was over \$400,000,000.

In 1895 the value of this class of merchandise imported was only \$300,000,000, in 1875 \$200,000,000, and in 1870 \$140,000,000. Thus the value of the tropical products brought into the country in the year just ended was about twice as much as in 1875, and one-third more than in 1895, says Harper's Weekly.

Even these figures do not show the real increase, because of the great reduction in prices of many of the articles forming this huge total. The value of the sugar of tropical production brought into the country in the past year, for instance, was \$104,000,000, as against \$70,000,000 in 1870; but the number of pounds brought in from the tropics last year was more than four times as great as in 1870. The total number of pounds of tropical sugar brought into the country last year was over 5,000,000,000.

### L'ENVOI.

When earth's last picture is painted, And the tubes are twisted and dried, When the oldest colors have faded, And the youngest critic has died, We shall rest—and, faith, we shall need it—

Lie down for an aeon or two, Till the Master of All Good Workmen Shall set us to work anew.

And those that were good shall be happy, They shall sit in the golden chair; They snarl splash at a ten-league canvas

With brushes of comet's hair, They shall find real saints to draw from—

Magdalene, Peter and Paul; They shall work for an age at a sitting, And never get tired at all.

And only the Master shall praise us, And only the Master shall blame, And no one shall work for money, And no one shall work for fame; But each for the joy of the working, And each in his separate star Shall draw the Thing as he sees it, For the God of Things as they are. —RUDYARD KIPLING.

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