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Just for a day you crossed my life's dull track,
Put my ignominy dreams to sudden shame.
Went your bright way and left me to fall back
On my own world, of poorer deed and aim.

To fall back on my meaner world and feel
Like one who, dwelling mid some smoke-dimmed town,
In a brief pause of labor's sudden wheel—
Scaped from the street's dead dust and factory's frown—

In stainless daylight saw the pure seas roll,
Saw mountains pillaring the perfect sky;
Then journeyed home, to carry in his soul
The torment of the difference till he die.

—William Watson.

Eugene F. Ware, commissioner of pensions, has determined to resign. He has decided that it is more conducive to longevity to court the muse and the mosquito in Kansas than to listen to the warble of the pension attorney at Washington.

There is nothing terrible about a sensible princess deserting a poor prince for a good coachman. If she got a good coachman she made a good trade. There are several American girls who would be glad to "swap" an unfeeling sprig of royalty for a big-hearted, affectionate coachman any day.

The Lewis and Clark fair bill has made an auspicious beginning in congress. It has enlisted some of the strongest senators in its behalf. At a banquet to a party of friends, this week, Senator Mitchell received assurances from ten leading senators that they would work and vote for the appropriation for the fair.

Gratitude, like religion, should not be saved up for special occasions. Every day in the year should be a day of thanksgiving for the thoughtful man, just as religion should do service through the entire week and not be reserved for Sunday. Thanksgiving day gratitude and Sunday religion are fuel for satan's furnaces.

The meaning and scope of a rational Thanksgiving day was as ably discussed in Pendleton pulpits yesterday as in any city in the country. The churches of Pendleton are happily supplied, without exception, with thinking, studious, practical, progressive ministers, whose congregations are benefited every day by their labors.

An exchange says it is not "backwoodsified," and then proceeds to impose on its readers by printing six columns of stale news from the Oregonian of the day before, two columns of clippings from the East Oregon exchanges, with dates raised three days in some instances, three columns of mail plate matter, that is so old the type foundry would be ashamed to melt it over again, a local account of one football game and six personals.

The legislature made a costly mistake for the people of Oregon. Now in remedying that mistake, if the politicians add insult to injury by prolonging the special session to fight out pet measures, thereby increasing the cost of the session, the people should hold the party which shelters these politicians responsible for this extraordinary burden. It is bad enough to compel the governor to assemble the legislature to remedy the mistake in the tax law without waiting extra time to settle old scores. Two days is enough time to devote to this legislative retreat.

DECIDES AGAINST SELFISHNESS

The supreme court of Oregon has just decided, in a Wheeler county irrigation case, that one man cannot waste water while his neighbor is in want of it.

It has decided that common sense is better than legal rights, where those rights are abusive. It has said in plain words that a man cannot retard the settlement of the state by holding 100 inches of water in a creek, to the exclusion of every other settler, when his land can be supplied for all ordinary purposes by 20 inches.

It puts a muzzle on selfishness. How many districts in Oregon are to be found in which the prior appropriators of water are using three and four times and ten times as much water as their land requires? How many men are keeping homeseekers out of the state by this very kind of abuse of rights?

The supreme court is right. No man should monopolize more water than he can use. If he does, he prevents settlement, prevents development, prevents justice from acting as it is intended and is a detriment to the state.

The state should hold the faucet and distribute the water, according to the needs of the land. No land should be flooded and none should languish. There should be an equal distribution over every possible acre that each stream will adequately supply, and no individual should own excess water above the actual needs of his land, no matter if he has lived on a stream for a hundred years.

Here is where the irrigation district law is highly commendable. Every man in that district, and on the streams in a certain district gets his just proportion of all waters flowing in those streams. His supply is fixed by law. Every man is treated alike and each stream is thereby made to reclaim the largest possible area of land.

Under the old custom, one man can use all the water in a stream in reclaiming 300 acres. There may be enough water in the stream to reclaim 1,000 acres adjacent, but the remaining 700 acres must remain idle, on account of the old settler's "rights."

Rights to water should be apportioned to actual needs of the land. There should not be a feast on one farm and a famine on another. Irrigated communities should investigate the district law. It is the basis of the perfect irrigation system, and every settlement coming under the provisions of the district law should organize and get the highest possible use out of the streams. That is what nature intended them for. They should not be monopolized. The state should be organized into districts by legislative action.

The public school has ever been and ever will be the basis of popular education, among the masses. Especially has this been true in the West, where sparsely settled frontiers rendered private schools and denominational schools impossible. But since the Western states are shaken off their most forbidding frontier aspects, and communities have become dense enough and permanent enough to warrant it, the private school, in which the spiritual side, as well as the strictly mental side of life may be developed, has become a need and a possibility. One vital fact in support of the private school is that it must be thorough, healthful mentally and physically, equipped with modern conveniences, complete in its courses of instruction and up-to-date, or it cannot survive. Its excellence is the basis of its patronage, while the public school may be permitted to drift, for the children of the masses must attend it, no matter under what difficulties. Hereafter in the West the private and denominational schools are fixtures and these will draw from the public school just in proportion to the incompleteness of the public school. The private school is a benefit to any district, from a financial standpoint. For instance, in Pendleton are 200 pupils drawing public money, yet attending the two

academies, thus relieving the district of the cost of their education, at the same time contributing to the public fund. If these 200 pupils were to be placed in the public schools it would necessitate a monthly expenditure of at least \$300 for extra teachers, to say nothing of overflowing the present rooms.

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