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What we need in the first place—and the last—is grace to get mad, and keep mad. Citizenship that lies down, content to let itself be robbed, abused, made a byword of, is bad citizenship. I prefer the company of the man who does the robbing and abusing any day to that fellow who tamely submits to it. —Jacob A. Riis.

Just a few days of sunlight will pave the streets of Pendleton to the queen's taste.

If Roosevelt is sensible he will let Hanna have the presidential chair. Cranks are becoming too numerous to make the place attractive.

The Baker City Herald and Democrat are now engaged in building a seventh railroad to be constructed out of that city within the past year.

The \$2,500 per year which Walla Walla will be required to raise to support a Carnegie library will establish a very good free library, itself. The Carnegie gift is not all a gift.

With oil at Condon, coal at Heppner and gas at Baker City, Eastern Oregon is on the road to prosperous times. All that is lacking is development, except in the case of Baker City.

Umatilla county will go to the legislature, determined to do the necessary work as quickly as possible, with no more expense to the taxpayers than possible. Will other Eastern Oregon counties stay by her?

The city council is right in not removing the street commissioner. There is work to be done, and no taxpayer will complain at legitimate expenses. A city either moves ahead or goes backward. There is no stationary period. Keep the streets and sidewalks in repair. A month's salary may save a costly damage suit.

Salem citizens are now agitating the custom of removing hats in church. She has incorporated all the good habits of a dozen suburbs within the past year, and now, if she will introduce this custom in her churches, there will be hope for her yet. It is not every country village that wakes up to the needs of the hour, as Oregon's capital is doing.

Talking about subjects for the W. C. T. U., and other kindred organizations now interested in cleansing the United States senate, the sultan of Sulu is a slave owner and a polygamist and is drawing a regular salary from the United States government. But this is a fringe on the imperialistic plan, and cannot be cut off, just now. Not until after the presidential election, at least.

The Oregonian finds a thousand excuses for having the portage road law repealed, and yet would like to keep its best foot toward the people of the Inland Empire. Portland has built the Lyle and Goldendale road, within the past year, yet she cannot find the heart to help Oregon by directing some of her energy and capital toward relieving the taxpayers by creating opposition to the existing transportation monopoly.

To see a peddler driving through the country, trailing a half dozen carriages, is not an uncommon sight in Oregon. This peddler operates in the country districts, and sells many of his vehicles to farmers, who think they are getting a cheap thing, because of the seemingly low price. It takes about a month to wear off the paint and disclose the utter worthlessness of the vehicles sold by these peddlers, and the farmers find out that they have purchased a "cheap" thing, sure enough. Yet it seems useless to sound a warning against such fakers. People invite them into the

country, by patronizing them. Your home merchant sells you a genuine article and remains in the country, to back up his goods. The faker flies as soon as he has completely skinned you.

The Walla Walla Statesman celebrated its forty-second birthday, Saturday. For the past forty-two years the weekly Statesman has been bearing news to its host of appreciative readers, while the daily has enjoyed a profitable and progressive existence for twenty-three years. It is increasing in attractive features each month and is one of the live exchanges, highly appreciated in this office.

The principal of the Spokane public schools has issued an order virtually prohibiting flirtation and love-making. In the school building, owing to the growing tendency among the scholars to devote the recesses to matchmaking. It is safe to say that half of the marriages in the United States can be traced to the halls of the public school building, and this principal, in legislating against love-making among the scholars, has undertaken almost as great a task as the Kansas school directors in legislating against "sparking" among teachers.

Fifty-six years ago, yesterday, Marcus Whitman, his wife and nine other martyrs gave up their lives at Whitman mission, near Walla Walla. In that fifty-six years the seed sown by Whitman and his self-sacrificing wife has grown into a splendid civilization, in the Northwest. Many a pioneer who has left his marks on the structure of Oregon was refreshed and aided by this noble man, after the famishing journey across the wilderness. No more fitting monument was ever erected over the grave of a pioneer than the grand institutions of the two states whose citizens unite in doing equal homage to the father of Christian civilization in the Inland Empire.

Oberlin M. Carter, a captain in the United States army, after serving a little over four years for defrauding the government out of a sum of money reputed to reach almost a million, has been released from the Fort Leavenworth prison. Carter was trusted, and took advantage of his position to rob the government. He was tried and convicted, and sentenced for five years' imprisonment. His crime was one of unusual magnitude, and yet the sentence was insignificant. Many a common horse thief has served twice as long for stealing a \$40 cayuse. By good behavior this rascal is released after serving a paltry sentence, to impose his presence on the community again. The court which sentenced Carter gave him a light sentence on account of his rank. If some poor man, who had been driven to crime through necessity, or passion, had come before the same court, it is safe to say that his sentence would have exceeded that given to Carter. The statement is borne out every day by the actions of courts throughout the country, and yet people wonder why anarchy and hatred of courts, and judges, are on the increase. It is only necessary to compare the penalties meted out to the high and low, in too many cases, to find the cause.

That the state of Oregon is a good banker, and manager, is shown in the report of the state treasurer on the public school funds. On November 1, Oregon had loaned out on the best gilt-edged security, the sum of \$2,841,700 from the public school fund, and had in addition to this amount \$645,000 cash on hand in the treasury available for further loans. The interest rate on this money is now 6 per cent, and the state takes nothing but the best real estate security, so the people's money is always absolutely safe. Borrowers are partial to the state, as a banker, for the reason that a temporary stringency in the money market does not cause the state to call in its loans, thereby embarrassing the borrower at a time when money is scarce. At this time many heavy borrowers are changing from private institutions, to the state fund, in order to escape the effect of

any tightness in the money market. The success of the state, as a banker, proves that other industries could be successfully handled to a profit, by the state. An electric light plant for the state institutions, and a portage road, are two vital industries that should be owned and operated by the people.

A GENTLEMAN.

I know him for a gentleman. By signs that never fail: His coat was rough and rather worn. His cheeks were thin and pale—A lad who had his way to make. With little time to play, I knew him for a gentleman. By certain signs today.

He met his mother on the street; Off came his little cap. My door was shut; he waited there Until I heard his rap. He took the bundle from my hand, And when I dropped my pen He sprang to pick it up for me. This gentleman of ten.

He does not push or crowd along. His voice is gently pitched; He does not fling his books about As if he were bewitched. He stands aside to let you pass; He always shuts the door; He runs on errands willingly. To forge and mill and store.

He thinks of you before himself. He serves you if he can. For in whatever company, The manners make the man. At ten and forty 'tis the same: The manner tells the tale, And I discern the gentleman. By signs that never fail. —Sacred Heart Review.

Pay for Strike Damages.

Some of the steam railroads running into Chicago, and a few corporations, have filed claims against the city for \$561,380 damages because of the strike in 1894. The strikers had little or nothing to do with the damages claimed.

There are \$2,100,000 delinquent taxes in the city of San Francisco, due from the last levy.

Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.

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