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There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,  
There are souls that are pure and true,  
Then give to the world the best you have,  
And the best shall come back to you.  
For life is the mirror of king and slave,  
'Tis just what you are and do,  
Then give the world the best you have,  
And the best will come back to you.  
—Madeline S. Bridges

The Salem Statesman, under the editorial management of ex-Governor T. T. Geer is much improved. Mr. Geer has a snappy, vigorous style which does not become tiresome and his editorials have individuality. They have the earmarks and brands of a strong personality all through them.

The people of the United States do not realize what an empire of wealth and possibility Alaska is until they read something of the wonderful country in the report of the secretary of the interior. It is the coming country of the world, and the United States owns it and will make the best of it. Oregon is fortunate in being in such close communication with the insatiable markets of that northern empire, and Oregon farmers and manufacturers should be prepared to meet the demands of that market.

Gradually the Pendleton creamery plan is taking form, and if the farmers in the vicinity of the city will signify their willingness to sell milk to the institution, it will come. The capital is waiting for assurances of milk customers. That is the only guarantee asked. The people of McKay and Birch creeks and other localities could do no better than to hold mass meetings and organize for the purpose of getting the matter of furnishing milk in shape. If one team could be furnished by the entire community for the purpose of gathering the milk, it would be the practical and economical way to handle the question. The expense would be very small to each customer and it would do away with the trouble of having a delivery wagon on each farm.

Senator Charles H. Johnson's denial of the reputed interview which the Oregonian gave out as coming from him, on the repeal of the portage road bill, comes somewhat late, but even now will please his numerous friends and supporters in Eastern Oregon. At the time the interview was given out, quoting the author of the portage bill as being in favor of its repeal, the friends of the bill felt the last prop fall from under the road, and many premature curses were ut-

tered against Mr. Johnson for what appeared to be a surrender. It proves a false alarm, and Mr. Johnson declares in his letter to Senator C. J. Smith, published in the East Oregonian yesterday, that he is not in favor of the repeal and has never been. This gives the friends of the bill renewed hope, and they will go to the legislature, determined to see that it is not repealed, but rather strengthened by an additional appropriation, if necessary, to carry the plan through. Mr. Johnson deserves the condolence of his friends for the unwarranted grilling he has received from the press of Oregon for his reported surrender on the portage law, and he should receive damages from the paper which "faked" an interview and created it to him.

The statement of the total city and school district assessment of this city for 1903, published in today's issue of the East Oregonian, is one of the most convincing arguments yet produced in favor of the higher valuation of property. It is shown by these totals that the levy in the city and district can be reduced from 19 mills last year, to about 13 mills, to produce the same amount of taxes this year, and the total tax levy in the city, including county, state, city and school district, may be reduced from 47 mills in 1902, to about 30 mills this year, to yield a like amount of taxes. While it is claimed to be a fact that the same property holder pays the same proportion of the total tax, under any system, it is a fact also, that a higher valuation brings much more property under assessment, than a low valuation can reach. Under the low valuation, a great amount of property escapes assessment, altogether, through the exemption law, which would be assessed under a higher valuation, and this action alone distributes the burden of taxation more equally among the total number of property holders. Where a man owns but \$1,000 worth of property and the assessor values it at one-third actual value, or \$333, the \$300 exemption wipes out that \$1,000 worth of property entirely, and that man escapes taxation, while some neighbor must be taxed to make up the deficiency. If that \$1,000 were valued at two-thirds of even its full value, every man in the county owning any amount of property, would bear an equal portion of the burden.

Right now, while the "amusement" parlors in the basement on the corner of Webb and Main streets are changing hands, the police force of Pendleton should see that the hoodlumism and profane language that has cursed this corner for the past year or so, stops. This corner has been the headquarters for the toughest gang of ruffians that collects anywhere in Pendleton, and in justice to the W. & C. R. company, and the other respectable business institutions near there, a special effort should be made to keep this gang off the streets, at that corner. There is not a day passes that does not witness an insult to some passing woman or school girl, and it has come to be a custom for the girls passing down Main street from school to go a block around to escape this corner. Profane and vulgar language, rowdiness, indecent remarks and every other form of depravity known in Pendleton, or imported from more metropolitan cities, is found on the main street at this "hangout" and it should be stopped. The agent of the W. & C. R. is powerless to check this ruffianism, as the members of the gang only answer his request for civility with insult, and when a policeman comes in sight the crowd disperses into the "amusement" parlor, and everything is quiet until the officer leaves the vicinity. It is a black eye to Pendleton, and a disgrace to the rowdies that make up the gang, and the place should be cleared and kept clear. People coming into the city from both roads are met by the ungentlemanly actions and indecent

remarks of this crowd of smart young men, and they cannot form a good opinion of a city which tolerates such a practice.

The Baker City Herald mixes considerable truth with a large amount of sarcasm, in speaking of the glowing accounts of the early construction of the Lewiston-Huntington railroad. It says: "The railroad builder on the Morning Democrat has again called Harriman down. He insists that the Huntington-Lewiston line down the Snake river will be built by the O. R. & N. in spite of the statement by Harriman to the effect that he 'has never seriously considered the construction of that line.' If Harriman intends to build the Snake river line circumstances make it necessary for him to hurry, because there are other Richmonds in the field with coin. It appears that the premature announcement made by the Democrat regarding the building of the Lewiston water grade cut-off was issued for the purpose of scaring other intending builders. At the same time, however, if the Democrat says that Harriman will build the line, he will be compelled to build it, even though he said that he would not. The official railroad builder of the Harriman system must be respected."

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Dear Sir:—For many years an editor myself, I address you by request and as a simple duty. A great discovery has been made in this city. It is fraught with so much importance and yet is so hard to believe, that those who are personally cognizant should add the weight of their influence, be it great or small.  
I not only know by contact with many of the beneficiaries but was myself rescued from Bright's Disease by it. The cure has been found and the difficulty in believing it is costing many lives. It is astounding how far our prejudices carry us. But the great fact is here, and acceptance means recovery.  
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I say to you as a brother that those of your friends who have Diabetes or Bright's Disease, and everyone knows of some, that they can recover. I will be glad as one of many survivors out here to give you further information.  
Yours &c.,  
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