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The course of the river
Ends in the great gray sea.
The acorn, forever and ever,
Strives upward to the tree.
The rainbow, the sky adorning,
Shines promise through the storm.
The glimmer of coming morning
Through midnight gloom
Safer now, a promise to
By time all knots are riven.
Comes, although they be,
And Peace will at last be
Given.
Dear, both to you and me,

PARTISAN BUBBLE BURSTS

The Oregonian has been trying to say something to please a few partisans and create a ripple of opposition to Governor Chamberlain. In his efforts to serve the "interests of the people" makes the following grandstand speech last issue:

"While Governor Chamberlain is apparently right in desiring a short session of the legislature, he is wrong in the following particulars: First, he has preserved their manhood, independence and self-respect by refusing to eringe beneath the political lash, shielded possibly, with an eye single to his own personal interest rather than that of the people.

"All well organized governments contain three distinct and almost independent branches: the executive, the legislative and the judicial. Each working in its own peculiar sphere and accountable to the people only for the manner in which it executes its duty."

It is simply a piece of high-handed usurpation of authority for one to dictate to, or attempt to control the acts of the other, whether by unconstitutional demands, threats, intimidation or the graver and more serious methods of bribery and force.

In the same issue and in fact, in the same column, the Eagle later comes to its senses, recognizes the unquestionable wisdom of Governor Chamberlain's attempt to secure promises for a short and inexpensive session, and lays a harsher hand upon the members of the legislature than Governor Chamberlain ever dreamed of.

The Eagle bursts its partisan bubble by unconsciously yet emphatically endorsing the governor's action in asking the legislature to meet in special session under the conditions to exist in Oregon legislatures, which the governor recognized when he sought to shorten the special session by coming to the aid of the legislature in a sober, sensible mood the Eagle says:

"The Eagle believes that the only way to meet the needs of the people is to have a short session of the legislature in January."

tax law and then promptly adjourn. As a rule, legislators are an unruly set, and after they once begin kicking over the traces no man can estimate the amount of damage the commonwealth may suffer on account of it. Above all things else the portage road law should be left several years alone."

It is interesting to note that the "damage" which the Eagle speaks of is thought to serve the interests of the Legislature by asking the Legislature to make the session short. Thus it is shown once more that the partisan newspaper has but a forwarding qualification to stand upon the right-shoulder of the commonwealth.

A kind-hearted correspondent at Oregon City writes to the Oregonian, deploring what appears to him to be an increasing use of the rod in the public schools and the homes of the country. He says in 70 years experience he has never known an instance in which kindness, good advice and love would not have accomplished more or more than corporal punishment. He says that he has seen the disposition and conduct of children almost heartless to say that if this is an actual conclusion based on 70 years' experience, those 70 years must have been passed in a "bachelor's hall" or a monastery, in which the saucy, yet irresistible spirit of childhood never shook its tousled curls. Perhaps there was never reared in the world a more law-abiding and God-fearing generation than the present one, and in Oregon, and in nine homes out of ten in this state, a patch of young willows, growing on the irrigating canals in the back yard, has always been considered an indispensable auxiliary to an education and character.

Strangers reading the reports sent out about opium joints running full in Pendleton will not be favorably impressed with the conditions. They will either conclude that the conditions here is something terrible, or a moral standpoint, or that the officials are utterly negligent of their duties, neither of which conclusions would be just or right. Pendleton is no worse than other cities of the state, and an occasional dope dealer at the street does not signify that the city is honeycombed with opium joints. If more attention were paid by correspondents to the good things of their towns, and less space given to the fancied bad things, it would be much better for the country. Bad news gets out any way, while the good news scarcely ever reaches the public through the channels of the newspaper press.

THE EYES OF OREGON

The eyes of Oregon are turned toward Salem today. The taxpayers are busy with their duties, and every dollar of expense accumulated beyond the barest needs of the state is a burden. It is a mission to the people to be justly charged to the state, and to prolong it. There was but one mission to the people, and that mission is accomplished, the people will be glad to pay for it. If they are disappointed and taxed to pay for personal and local light, they will remember the burdens of their unnecessary burden.

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By state's plan to be presented before the committees on irrigation last Saturday, to the effect that the states of Oregon and Nevada will be the last to receive a benefit, if all will at once support the McCumber amendment to the national irrigation law, providing that each state shall enjoy the protection of their irrigation works by the individual state, and that the fund, expended in irrigation works in the state, shall be paid for by the state.

constant use in our office the new 1903 edition of Webster's International dictionary. It is the fourth of the large series of Webster's dictionaries that we have owned since we commenced editorial work in 1873. The second copy was a birthday present from the employees of our own, then printing establishment—the Red Wing Printing Company—with the name of each signed therein. Around this volume still clings a good deal of sentiment and it is still in our office, but the English language as spoken in America, like everything else American, has grown and the only dictionary has long since been outgrown by the addition to our cosmopolitan vocabulary of having accretions from out as well as growth from in, many thousands of words.

In this new work we find an addition of 25,000 words and phrases. How the progress in the sciences, of new discoveries in the sciences, of new important device, like the Mergenthaler Linotype, the Lanston Monotype or the Simplex typesetting machine, made of which many of our words or phrases of old ones. The technique of the new and advancing trades, as those arising from the general introduction of electricity, has added thousands of words in the last decade.

The contact with other nations, ever increasing and extending trade relations, the conducting of war, and the expansion of our territory by the taking in of the Hawaiian and Philippine islands and Porto Rico, have brought fruitful sources of enrichment to our already extended vocabulary. We are constantly borrowing from the customs, the laws, the social life, the dress, the dietary or foods, the architecture, the legends, traditions, the other histories and geographies of other lands. New words are being introduced into our language, as to philosophy, political and social economy and everything else that touches or affects human life, and the new conditions thereof, constantly demanding that we should properly express or describe the same.

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The numerous dialect writers, the imaginative and busy brained novelists, the story writers enrich our tongue each year with new, bright, enlightening words, expressions and phrases. Their out of political activity and heated contests in municipal, state and national elections, and varying social and business life, come new words or new uses of old ones, as well as from the intermingling of all callings and conditions in our heterogeneous population, and in our multiplying pursuits, sports and recreation borrowed from other lands.

Some words, too, often picturesque, expressive, pointed and precise in the expression of feelings or descriptions—find lodgment and require cataloging and definition. These come from the mining camp, frontier life, the workshops, the city slums, the college yard, the trade unions in their struggles and strikes, and contain in themselves, not only a wealth of original and good conditions, but have been amplified and additions to our speech.

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