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The people can do nothing for the individual nor for society, without honesty as the basis. Get that, you get everything; without that, your suffrages, your reforms, your institutions of science are all in vain. It is useless to put your heads together unless you put your hearts together. Shoulder to shoulder, right hand to right hand, among yourselves and no wrong hand to anybody and co-operation will win the world yet.—John Ruskin in "Crown of Wild Olives."

The Eddy corporation tax law has raised one-sixth of the revenues of the state during the past year. As business increases in Oregon, its contribution to the state government will grow apace. The farmer legislators are not causing much of a panic in their rush to repeal this state law, which is the first attempt of the state to make somebody besides the farmer and merchant pay taxes.

Portland's opportunity lies in the opening of the Columbia river to traffic. With this she can be the mistress of the Pacific Ocean, gathering to her lap the golden treasures of the Inland Empire, and sending laden ships to all the waiting markets of the Orient. Without it, she will literally wear an "Oregon boot," and the Sound cities will outstrip her in the race for this commercial supremacy. The Inland Empire hopes Portland has the eyes to see and the nerve to grasp her waiting opportunity.

An Oregonian special from Salem says an effort will be made to pass over the governor's head, an amendment to the Australian ballot law, vetoed by him at the last session. The amendment in question changes the present Australian ballot law of Oregon by making it possible for a voter to cast a straight party ballot by making a single mark in a specified place, on the ballot. The object is to do away with the exercise of ordinary intelligence, in casting a ballot. This amendment would do away with necessity of the voter reading each name on his ballot and expressing his choice by making a mark opposite the name voted for. It is just a plain bid for party votes and removes the last requirement of intelligence and thought from the process of voting. It enables the partisan to make one mark and thereby swallow the entire pill as quickly and successfully as consistent with partisan politics. As it is now, voters are required to read the names on their ballots and vote their choice by intelligent selection. It is sincerely hoped that the legislature throws still more safeguards about the ballot, instead of tearing down

the scanty protection now about it. Instead of diminishing the amount of intelligence and thought required to cast a ballot, more restrictions should be created to cause still greater mental activity on the part of the voter. Many ballots are thrown out under the present system, because voters do not mark them according to law. This amendment is intended to save the cripples and permit the foreigner who has not had sufficient time in which to familiarize himself with American ways, to cast a ballot that counts as much as that of the American boy who must serve 21 years to be a voter.

The public complains that railroad accidents are increasing in number and horror each year. The public is responsible for this, if it is true in part. The public nags at the competing roads until the danger line is pushed in making fast schedules on which to carry the mercenary public on its money-making journeys. The companies deplore the necessity for fast time, for nobody appreciates the terrible danger of "cannon ball" trains, so well as those who operate railroads. The faster the time being made by the train, the more horrible the results of the wreck, so if the public keeps on gouging the companies in the ribs, to make them clip off minutes and hours in the fight across the continent, the public must meet the perils of that trip without a shudder or a whimper. Railroad men do not make schedules. If they did, all trains would run only in daylight and then at a moderate rate of speed. It is the public clamoring in the offices of the great companies for better connections, faster time and more speed, which makes the dangerous schedules. Let the public take its medicine. It is the employee whose life is wantonly jeopardized by the commercial instincts of the age who should kick at fast schedules and increasing horrors.

DRIFTWOOD.

Sweet Cider.

The dapper waiter lingers— What shall I drink tonight? I turn with listless fingers The wine list to the light; And while I scan it, thinking That wine has lost its charm, I dream once more of drinking Sweet cider at the farm.

From granddad's ancient settle, Before the crackling blaze, I watch the singing kettle— A merry tune it plays. There, where the corn was snapping, And apples sizzled and steamed, With granddad slyly napping, My sweetest dreams were dreamed.

The winter wind and snow laden, Coaxed up the roaring flames, And there a rosy maiden Sat by and played me games. Sat by and played the clinking Of glasses, came and saw Two happy lovers drinking Sweet cider through a straw.

Song sheltered from the weather, At Boreas we laughed, And quenched our thirst together In that cool amber draught; That drink of granddad's making, Pressed in the mill hard by, Set no light head to aching, Turned no bright speech away.

Stilled are clinking glasses, Long vanished is your smile, Oh, rosiest of lassies, But still I dream and while My gray moustache I'm dipping In wine without a flaw, I see your red lips sipping Sweet cider through a straw.—Frank Roe Bacheider in Lippincott's.

Sometime after General Wheeler's return from the Spanish war he was one day met by an old time confederate friend, who proceeded to moralize as follows: "Say, Wheeler, I would like to arrive in hell a few minutes before you do and hear Jubal A. Early's remarks when he sees you with that Yankee uniform on."

President Harper of Chicago university some time ago met Tolstoi, the Russian novelist, and the great story writer thus sized up the educator: "He told me about the mil-

lions of dollars Rockefeller had given to the university, and seemed to think those millions of great importance, but when I came to talk to him about serious matters I found him to be really ignorant—quite a barbarian. He knew practically nothing about matters of intellectual and moral interest. Think of such a university directed by such a man, and yet this is one of the results of these trust millions."

Thomas Hardy, in a recent volume of verse, pays the following tribute to a Wessex neighbor who went to his death in South Africa and was buried uncoffined in the veldt. "He never knew— Fresh from his Wessex home, The meaning of the broad karoo, The bush, the dusty loam, Yet portion of that unknown plain Shall Hodge forever be. His homely Northern breast and brain Grow up a Southern tree; And strange-eyed constellations reign, His stars eternally." —Tutuilla, Dec. 20.

UMATILLA COUNTY STATISTICS.

Freewater grows the strawberry. Two crops in the selfsame year; Athena yields the golden corn That equals the Kansas ear! The fleece grows heavy at Pilot Rock, Alfalfa at Hudson Bay, And the spuds of Weston mountain Are big as a bale of hay. No spot on earth beats Helix For wheat weighing sixty-five, And the swarming herds of Butter Creek Are thick as bees in a hive! Fair Milton's smiling vineyards, The sweetest draughts distill, While smiles and dollars grow on the trees. At Adams, under the hill! Prim Weston's crop of schoolma'ams Is fairest in forty states, But for a yield of rabbit hides Old Echo "skins" her mates. —Bert Huffman.



gets her toil and weariness. Then a sudden movement sends a thrill of pain through her and she realizes that though love may lighten labor it cannot lighten pain.

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