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Are you weary and worn on the pathway of strife? Do you yearn for affection to sweeten your life? Remember this truth has often been proved— You must make yourself lovable would you be loved. Though life may appear as a desolate track. Yet the bread that we cast on the waters comes back. This law was proclaimed by heaven above. That like attracts like, and love begets love.

One of the certain signs of dullness in Pendleton is a scarcity of drunken Indians. Even the "bootleggers" feel the post-holiday depression.

Pendleton boasts of an empty city jail on the beginning of the new year. The average daily attendance for the year, however, will not be so small.

Grover Cleveland has about as much chance of being president as Mark Hanna, and would be just about as acceptable to the common people.

The creamery company which proposes to build a creamery in Pendleton, will gather the separated cream from the farmer's door, doing away with the old wearisome task of delivering milk every day.

The city council did a gallant act which will meet with the hearty approval of Pendleton, in reappointing Thomas Fitz Gerald to be city recorder. Judge Fitz Gerald has filled his office ably, justly and gracefully, being a terror to wrong-doers and a watchful guardian of the city's interests.

The height of President Roosevelt's ambition, as evidenced in all his printed books and repeated utterances, is to stimulate the warlike spirit among the people and create a popular demand for a larger army and navy, and to be ever on the alert for a chance to fight. War is a shameful, senseless waste of energy, money and life and the American nation should frown upon all attempts to play the mock heroic role in an age of enlightenment.

From all present indications a few lives and a few million dollars will be sacrificed by the United States in a skirmish with Colombia over the Panama canal and the republic of Panama. Had the United States listened to Senator Morgan, a canal would now be in operation on the Nicaraguan route, owned by the United States, manned by her forts and costing incomparably less than the Panama canal if it ever is built. The transcontinental railroad companies are thought to be backing Colombia in obstructing the Panama canal, as the building of any canal means a 50 per cent reduction in continental freight rates.

Senator Fulton fears that the republican vote of Oregon will be impaired by the action of Secretary Hitchcock in probing into the land frauds of the state and thinks that the secretary is weakening Roosevelt's chance of carrying Oregon. The action of Secretary Hitchcock in bringing the corruptionists to justice is meeting with the hearty approval of the people of Oregon, irrespective of party, and it is the politician who would cover up the frauds, after all their disgusting exposures in Oregon, that is the true enemy of his party just now. Turn the light on Oregon. If rescuing the state from fraud disrupts every party organization in Oregon, the people will not grieve. Honesty is what they want, to the winds with politics.

The rigid restrictions which Chicago will impose upon future theater-builders will discourage the industry

there. Among the improvements which she will require hereafter are steel rol curtains, wide exits, no combustibles of any kind on the stage, absolutely fire-proof scenery, no calcium lights, automatic skylights to permit the egress of smoke, wide stairways leading to exits and unlocked outside doors during all performances. It has developed in the investigation of the Iroquois fire that there was no connection between the theater and the city fire alarm system, no air shaft from the stage to force flames away from the auditorium, and that three of the exit doors were locked on the outside with padlocks. The price of this negligence is most terrible and the city should abolish theaters entirely or enforce their ordinances for safety.

After 35 years of active service as railroad manager, H. G. Burt, president of the Union Pacific, has resigned, presumably to take a well-earned rest. But under the outward statement that Burt is in need of rest, are many facts with which the public is not familiar. It is a fact that the long drawn out and costly strike of the Union Pacific boilermakers, resulting in the complete demoralization of the motive power of that great system, and yet unsettled, was directly due to Burt's obstinacy and refusal to deal fairly with the men. The strike of the boilermakers touched a sympathetic cord among other railroad orders, and owing to the run-down and dangerous condition of the Union Pacific engines, about a year ago, the engineers and firemen of the entire system threatened to strike if engines were not put in a safe condition by competent men. The trouble was finally taken to Harriman at New York, over Burt's head, in an effort to get a permanent settlement and secure competent men to go into the boiler shops. The rumbling among the Union Pacific labor forces is yet distinctly heard and Burt's much-needed rest is also very necessary to the pacification of a large body of employes whose services are badly needed by the company.

The greatest industrial promise before Umatilla county, likely to be realized in the near future, is the prospect of a beet sugar factory at some point in the county. The Mormon has spoken and his word is as good as a bond. If beets will grow in the Athena district or in the irrigated district at Echo, a factory will be built. A test crop will be raised this year and on the result of that crop hangs the investment of half a million dollars in a factory and its necessary appurtenances, and the introduction of an industry which has raised farming land values in Umatilla county from \$35 per acre four years ago, to \$65 to \$75 at the present time. There is no doubt about the success of the crop. The warm, sandy soil, the long seasons and the warm growing nights of Umatilla county guarantee the success of the beet crop in advance. The greatest disadvantage to beet growing in Union county is the cold weather in the spring, which rots the seed in the ground before it sprouts. In an altitude 1,600 feet lower than Union county, with a three weeks' earlier spring and a three weeks' later fall, Umatilla county promises to surpass the Union county beet belt in every particular. Every condition here seems favorable. The soil, climate, seasons and facilities for reaching into the remotest corners of the county by rail, all add to the feasibility of Umatilla county as the real sugar beet belt of the West. The certain forerunner of the factory is the test crop that is to be grown this year.

DRIFTWOOD.

A writer in a recent number of Success has this to say about recent happenings in the Far East: A standard gauge railway has just reached Homs—the budding Manchester of Syria. No greater excitement has prevailed in that town since in 636 A. D. the hosts of Islam demanded its surrender. Now it is learned that, next season, landaus and victorias will be run between Homs and Palmyra, thus making accessible those wonderful ruins which thus far to the traveling public have been as a closed book. In two or three years Yankee tourists will cross the desert in automobiles. Even since the disappearance of the Roman chariots and the gallant legions of Aurelian, which swept these plains in 273 A. D. the camel and the fiery Arab steed have reigned supreme in Queen Zenobia's realms. A horseless carriage is sure not to impress the benighted Bedouin as a cheerful sight. It is apt indeed to give him a bad spell of the blues and drive him still farther back into the Syrian and Arabian deserts, a more cordial hater of civilization, or, as he would call it, degeneration, than ever before. He will probably pray to Allah that the whirling sandstorms of the desert may swallow and bury it forever. It seemed to him trying enough to witness his fleet dromedaries condemned to rush like the tireless winds of the Caucasus across these beloved prairies carrying mail and modern corruption from Damascus to Bagdad. It was humiliating, destructive and portentous. But when it is noised abroad that

the railroad is coming down through Mesopotamia, and that automobiles are invading the peaceful pastures of Father Abraham, even old Hr of the Chaldees, to be sure, the end of all things is near.

Society.

Play a little ping pong. Have a little chat. Make a little chocolate fudge. Then go find your hat. Say you've had a jolly time. As she waves her fan. Now, isn't that exciting sport. To tempt a healthy man?

The above little quotation is from a little book "Reflections of the Morning After," by Herman Lee Mender, and the entire book averages up fairly well with the quotation. The author explains the appearance of the book as follows: "The following thoughts were never intended for publication. They were scribbled down from time to time for the same reason that a man leans over the rail of a ship on his first sea voyage. He is not interested in fish culture, and has no grudge against the ocean, but simply feels he has something he must give up."

A few of the thoughts are given below: "Men criticize women very harshly about gossiping, but a crowd of fellows in the care of a smart club will make the conversation at a woman's luncheon sound like table salt in a mute asylum."

"When the gay boy with a change of striped shirts and a golf club gets back from a summer outing at a man-forsaken hotel and tries to repeat his triumphs in the city, he gets about the same sort of a jolt as the fat fellow who steps on a banana peel."

"Life's longest span is short. The mysteries of what went before and what may follow remain unsolved, but we know that fate deals out more pain than joy, so let no pleasure pass unfastened."

"A jag is like a racing stable—no poor man has a right to one. Individual liberty be damned when a wife and children are deprived to enable a father to blow in his week's pay looting up with the gang on a Saturday night."

"A man reproaches himself for injuring his health, he regrets squandering his money, and he swears if the rain spoils his new straw hat, but the most precious asset he has, his time, he wastes away without a care."

"Some women honestly wish to be respected, but a far greater number prefer being loved. This preference of the majority makes man's life worth living."

"A woman who once yields to the natural impulses of a great love is an outcast from society, but to gain wealth and social position she grants herself for life to a man she even hates. A clergyman's benediction makes her a respected matron."

"If you come away from a masquerade ball with a pink and tinsel fairy and on bidding her good night at a rear door find she has chapped hands that smell of pots, precious little romance remains to your adventure. But what a shock it must be to a man who has never seen his fiancée except in roquish bathing suit, stunning tailor made or exquisite decolette gown, to wake up some morning and behold his wife crouched before the mirror in a rumpled nightie trying to pin up her disheveled hair."

"When nature has provided petite brunettes, statuesque blondes and an infinite variety of composite types, as well as a red-nosed old tippler to pass the hour, a wine cellar without snapping all the corks as for a man to be content with one."

"A married woman flirting with a dozen men and boys is supposed to be away for her health, and her husband endeavoring to quench the thirst of a roof garden soubrette is supposed to be slaving away in town because he can't leave his business."

"Lovers are silly, and a newly-married pair are sickening, but an old white-haired couple still in love w-

each other is the most beautiful sight in the world."

"When a man wakes up to what married bliss is costing him, his old club bills must seem like canal boats in a cup race."

"An old sore-head is like a volcano that is almost extinct. It rumbles away, but is too much spent to make an eruption, and so the sour old fallure growls and grumbles at everything and everybody, but accomplishes nothing."

"A man may be so willing to please that he retires early rather than keep the bedbugs waiting for supper, and yet never satisfy anyone. He who tries to please everybody invariably pleases nobody."

"Nothing is more unsympathetic than misery itself; a hobo will follow a cop around the park shaking with glee until the last poor sleeping bum has been whacked across the soles of his feet."

"To make money dealing in stocks on a margin is as easy as putting your trousers on in an upper berth of a sleeper."

"There are two elements in a great temptation—a strong desire and the opportunity to gratify it. Until a man has come away from such a combination with unsoiled fingers, he dare not be too certain of his honesty."

"Money never ruined any man; it simply enables him to pursue his natural inclinations on a larger scale. It permits the generous man to be a philanthropist, elevates the loafer to a society swell, and transforms the set into a bon vivant."

On the last page of The Reflections over a grinning death's head the author gives his excuse.

"What was the use of publishing all this? Lots of brainier men have expressed themselves on the same subjects. Yet, after all, how little we do is of any real value; the best we can hope for is to be kept agreeably occupied. Preparing this manuscript has kept me so, and I trust that reading the book has done the same for you. If not, please turn back and read over the foreword before cursing the author."

Totulla, Jan. 1.

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