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Life's Completeness.

There are no lives unfinished, incomplete.
God gives to each man at birth some work to do.
Some precious stone of strange prismatic hue
To carve and polish, till it shall be meet
To place within his temple, still and sweet.
Ere that be done, the soul may not pass through
The door to grander worlds, to aim more true,
To wider life with love's sweet joys replete.
And, if the working time be short, and earth
With its dear human ties be hard to leave,
Be sure that God, whose thought hath given the birth,
Still holds for thee the best thou canst receive;
Be sure the soul, in passing through that door,
Though losing much, gains infinitely more.
—Christian Leader.

THE PEOPLE'S ESTATE.

The time has come when the land of the West should be considered as a material valuable resource, to be as jealously guarded by the government as any other government property.

It has been valued heretofore much like watered stock of some recently organized corporation; unlimited in quantity and to be used in great blocks for the purpose of inducing investors to come in, and given away in enormous areas to induce Western development.

The sort of development which the Western land grants, and under these grants should be included the enormous areas absorbed by syndicates through our present loose land laws—the timber and stone act, the commutation clause of the homestead act and the desert land act—is not the sort of development which makes the most prosperous communities.

A man may individually realize as much from a 5,000-acre tract of grazing land, as he would from a 50-acre tract of irrigated land—probably more—and if he can make more, he will go on working the larger tract.

But the community and the state and the country lose thereby. They want the farmer with his 50 acres of highly productive land, and wanting this, they will be against any desert land laws which allow a man and his wife to take up a square mile of government land.

The report of the secretary of the interior, in addition to showing a condition of unparalleled fraud and perjury in public land and timber entries, is a strong denunciation of the timber land and stone act, the commutation clause of the homestead

act and the desert land act themselves.

These laws he describes as strictly wrong and fraudulent in intent. Before Secretary Hitchcock, secretaries of the interior and commissioners of the general land office without number have recommended the repeal by congress of these three land stealing laws.

Public sentiment, however is now becoming awakened to the vast steals perpetrated under these laws and to the fact that the government has been defrauded of tens of millions of dollars of property and what is worse, the land absorption is continuing at a constantly increasing rate. It is not a question of enforcement of the laws, though a rigid administration would, of course, help matters some; the laws were born in iniquity to enable land grabbing.

The fact that the municipal water system of Pendleton pays the people a dividend, above the necessary expenses of operation, is a spur to further public ownership. If a water system pays, an electric light system, a telephone system, and gradually other public conveniences will be adopted. No matter how small the profits to the city, if the public systems can be run on business principles, kept out of the hands of grafters and made to reduce the cost of the necessities of life to the common people, no amount of opposition can prevent their certain adoption, in time. It is idle to fight fate. It is idle to disclaim against the inevitable flood of public ownership of those utilities which lie so near the masses, and enter into such constant contact with life. The people are not blind, nor deaf, and figures won't lie if newspaper men will. The Pendleton city water system yielded gross receipts in excess of the cost of operation, amounting to \$7,963.61. Taxes, insurance, depreciation and all, taken out, if there had been but one dollar clear profit to the city, it is an unanswerable argument in favor of municipal ownership.

The O. R. & N. has never denied Pendleton a just and legitimate request in the past, and the Commercial Association enters into the movement to change the time of the arrival of the mixed branch train in this city, with well-founded hope for the same results in the future. The main bulk of the people of Umatilla county patronize this branch line between Pendleton and Walla Walla; they depend upon it for their daily trips to the county seat, and to their principal trading point, and owing to the lateness of the hour at which this afternoon train arrives it is impossible for the people to come here, transact their business at banks, courthouse and stores, and catch the return train at 6 o'clock in the evening. It is the people of Umatilla county, speaking through the petitions being circulated, and to their plea, this enterprising and accommodating company has never turned a deaf ear in the past.

SEASONABLE.

Said the Coalman to the Iceman, when they met one autumn day:
"All the summer you were chilly when you met me on the way;
Now I'll soon be up and doing, and I'll bring you to your knees—
For I'll pass you by disdainful, with a look to make you freeze."

Said the Iceman to the Coalman:
"Oh, you needn't get so gay,
Winter time won't last forever, and I won't go far away;
I'll be taking things quite easy, for the people paid the price—
Oh, the winter ain't so cheerless—
even then I cut some ice."

Said the Coalman and the Iceman:
"After all is done and said
Neither of us works for glory, but to earn his daily bread;
And it doesn't matter whether we have hot or frigid days—
We are harvesting the 'needful' in our own peculiar weights."
—Will Alken.

"It is what one saves, rather than what one earns that insures a competence for the future."

THE GOD-SLAYER.

The savage stopped on the desert sand,
Where his blistered feet on the sagebrush trod
And he turned and lifted a threatening hand
In the face of his awful God.

His shadow waved in the furnace air,
His eyes were cut by the blinding glare.
The sun's hot rays like a hammer beat
While the far hills danced in the shimmering heat.

That smote him like a rod
Till wild rebellion seized his soul
And he turned to strive with God.

He fitted his arrow without a word,
And long he aimed at the cruel sun,
Then loosened his shaft and the bowstring whirred
And the awful deed was done.

The arrow sped to its shining mark
A flash, a roar, and all was dark,
And the gloom that over the mountain stole,
Fell thick and black on his savage soul.

His heart grew dumb with a frantic dread,
As he crept through the dark to his home again,
That his brothers and friends might strike him dead
Who had brought such a curse to his fellow-men.

When the waiting day was nearly o'er
He groped his way to the wigwam door,
But men, through awe, to him were kind,
Whom the God chastised by striking blind!

—By C. L. Edson, a student at Kansas University.

RAILROADS DODGE TAXES.

New England railroads, as shown by the reports of the United States interstate commerce commission, earn net an average of \$3,704 per mile. They are taxed on an average of \$603 per mile. In Massachusetts they are taxed \$1,366 per mile, and in Connecticut \$1,006.

The Northern Pacific, in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1902, earned net \$3,943 per mile, or more than the average net earnings of the New England roads. The Great Northern the same year earned \$3,388 net per mile, and the O. R. & N. \$3,505 net per mile.

In other words, the net earnings of these three systems are substantially as great per mile as the net earnings per mile of the roads in New England, where some of the states collect taxes of more than \$1,900 per mile.

But in this state, under the tax dodging system, which the roads have built up, they are taxed only \$178 per mile. That is to say, while the New England roads earn no more per mile than our western roads earn, they pay nearly four times as much taxes per mile, and in Massachusetts they pay nearly eight times more than the Washington roads.

Washington assessors are in convention in Spokane today. What are they going to do toward curing this gigantic evil?—Spokesman-Review.



DANGER

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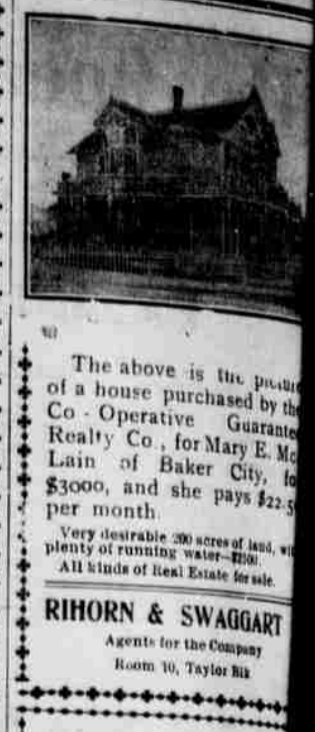
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