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I wonder why— With all this sweep of earth and sky, And wind-swept stretch of gleaming sand, Horizon—held, as if a hand, All sapphire studded, girt the chaste And virgin circle of its waist— With God so near and man so far, My only comrade you bright star With none to tempt me, none to fear, O, why, dear God, must I still hear Echoes of voices calling me, Visions of faces I may not see? Longing for friends I may not hold, Madness of passion and place and gold? —Beatrice Wilmans, in Overland.

Don't forget to tell your neighbor that Pendleton, the county seat of the richest county in Eastern Oregon, the county that produces one per cent of the wheat crop of the United States, will hold a farmers' institute on Thursday, May 26, on the court house grounds. It is the first of a series of annual institutes that will be held hereafter, as long as the county is on the map. It is for free education.

T. D. Taylor, the efficient and popular sheriff of Umatilla county, enjoys the distinction of having won in the election of 1902 with the largest plurality of any candidate in the field, his plurality being 727. His able services during his term has increased his popularity until this plurality should be doubled in 1904. Notwithstanding the fact that the new tax regulations made it necessary to employ more help in the sheriff's office, Mr. Taylor has conducted the office on less expense than formerly required. These facts must be borne in mind by the taxpayers. Economy and efficiency cannot be lost sight of in county elections.

Walla Walla expresses the right sentiment in raising her theater licenses from \$25 to \$75 per quarter. A councilman who introduced the ordinance said that Walla Walla was exporting too much money and not importing enough. The high-class theater companies that charge \$1 and over for parquet admittance, will hereafter be charged \$10 license, for each performance, those charging less than \$1, half that sum. The contention of the council is that theater prices are out of keeping with the surroundings and that considering other incomes and taxes in the city, these costly theatrical companies should pay a higher license, in order to equalize the benefits they enjoy from the community.

The action of W. D. Chamberlain in declining a third term as county clerk in spite of a strong following in the convention, endeared him to the people of Umatilla county as nothing else could have done. His services as clerk had been so highly satisfactory, that his friends were willing to brush aside the third term bugaboo, in order to continue such an efficient man in the clerk's office, and Mr. Chamberlain's unselfish action in refusing to listen to their solicitations, guaranteed him a handsome majority as representative. The same efficient, public spirited, tolerant policy will mark his career as representative that has so prominently characterized his terms as county clerk. His knowledge of the needs of Umatilla county gleaned from his close contact with county affairs especially fits him for some good service in the legislature in the interest of his county and state. Two stronger men could not have been named than

William Blakeley and W. D. Chamberlain, for the legislature.

The sentiment of Councilman Sewell, expressed when he said the city council was elected to represent the taxpayers, will meet with a hearty response among the people. This is something too often lost sight of. Too many members of the city council imagine that they hold office for fun, without responsibility or liability to the public, and not because of any special fitness or business qualification. It will be gratifying to the people of the third ward, in which the gas plant is to be located, to know that Councilman Renn, from that ward, did not offer a word in protest for his constituents. It was he who boasted that not a man outside of his (Renn's) party, should hold a city office while he was on the council. This is his sole qualification for councilman, it would seem, from the speechless surprise in which he listened to his own constituents plead their cause last night before the council.

Western stockmen will now appreciate more than ever the value of intelligent co-operation in conducting the affairs of their organizations. The winning from the traffic association of Western railroads, of the return pass privilege, is one of the most laudable results of arbitration and organization that has been achieved in the West. The traffic managers were right in their contentions that the free transportation was a gift of so much money to the stockmen, and that it would be just as fair to ask the stock shipper to give the president of the road a fat steer at the end of each trip to market, as for the shipper to ask a free pass home, in the face of this contention, the railroads listened to reason and intelligent argument and conceded the privilege, after having withdrawn it at a general conference. The railroads and the stockmen should now have a more lasting respect for each other. Both are well organized for business, and both are fair in all matters that concern mutual interests.

That the direct primary nominating amendment is indorsed by such broad-minded and thoughtful men as Senator Mitchell, Mayor Williams, and Governor Chamberlain, regardless of party or creed, is almost a sure guarantee of its success at the polls. The people of Oregon should put the power of the ballot in the hands of the voters and out of the hands of the bosses. The direct primary nominating amendment is not a partisan measure, but is indorsed by all classes and conditions of men. A. L. Mills, president of the First National Bank of Portland, one of the largest banking institutions on the coast, is president of the League and W. S. U'Ren, the most aggressive reformer in the state, or possibly in the entire West, is secretary. This incongruous combination of seemingly opposite forces in society in favor of this law, is an assurance that there is absolute honesty in the purpose of its promoters. It is an effort toward clean government through clean politics. Nobody but some boss or machine politician can conscientiously oppose the amendment, because it simply places the nominating power in the hands of the voters, instead of which packed conventions. Don't forget to vote "yes" on this amendment.

If the residents of Pendleton had caused one-half the stir when the council voted away their rights in the 25-year franchise to the gas company that they have made over the location of the plant, the result would have been better for the community. The franchise is now lodged in the inside pocket of the company, the people get nothing for the first five years of the life of the company, and an insignificant sum thereafter, but not a word of protest was raised against that action of the council. Kicking now will do no good. The franchise was the main prize coveted by the company. The location will now be forced upon the people. How do the taxpayers like this proposition, anyway? They will be called upon to pay more and more taxes as the city grows, and this company will be enjoying the people's franchise scot free, except for a little "charity" gas jet in the office of the city recorder. It will take a few lessons of this kind to awaken the taxpayers, at the time of the municipal elections. In a city of 1200 voters that permits 300 of that number to elect the officers and saddle the policy on the people, there must be something radical to awaken civic interest and pride. Never mind. The odor of the gas plant will be confined by a high board fence.

If a man loses all his money he also manages to lose nearly all his enemies.

THE PIRATE AND THE CABMAN.

Sir Humphrey Slasher, buccaneer, Unto New York came he, Wearing a pirate's snicker-sneer And a two-edged snicker-sneer.

The trade upon the main was had, And things looked dark and brown, But modern weapons must be had; And that was why, discouraged, sad, Sir Humphrey came to town.

A hansom-cab he straight did hail: "Good cabby, cab thou me To some convenient bargain-sale Of pirates' cutlery."

The cabby did as he was bid With deft and graceful touch, And when they reached their journey's end Sir Humphrey asked, "How much?"

"Five dollars net," the cabby cried, "For ye have gone a mile—I charge one dollar for the ride, Four dollars for the style."

"Keep me not here," the cabby said, With glance of fiery scorn; "Be prompt to pass your ducats o'er, For many more and many more 'I'll plunder ere the morn."

The pallid pirate paid his fare And swore by Blackbeard's hand: "I might have been a millionaire, Had I but stayed on land."

"I'll trade my cutlass for the whip, My helmet for the plug, The cab henceforth shall be my ship, Rich loot therein to lug."

"No more by methods shivery To capture and maroon— Me for the cabman's livery To catch the bright doubloon."

Today Sir Humphrey sits in pride Among the black-clad crew Where pirates on their hansom ride Along the avenue.

Man, woman, child, within his bark He holds for ransom there, No more his cry, "No quarter!"—hark His hideous summons, "Fare!" —Wallace Irwin.

WHY STATE TAXES ARE HIGH.

The republican majority in the Oregon legislature is always 60 to 70 on joint ballot. The condition is unfortunate for the state, and a positive detriment to the republican party. So enormous a majority naturally tends to make the legislative body extravagant. Appropriations are proposed, and the majority, carried on with a mad consciousness of its power and perpetuity, yields to every demand, and the aggregate sum that is finally appropriated is simply enormous.

It is a crime that so small a county as Benton should be compelled to yield up \$25,000 a year as its part of what the legislature appropriates. It would be far better for the republican party, and for the state, if more democrats were elected to the legislature, and the overwhelming republican majority in that body reduced. It would make the majority party more careful and economical in its appropriations, and save dollars and dollars to every taxpayer. It is a question of business as well as a question of party safety for republicans themselves to help reduce this majority. This is emphatically true in this non-political year, when there is no United States senator to elect. —Corvallis Times.

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