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A gang of vulgar hoodlums congregated in front of each of these places, blocked the street, and women and children passing along the sidewalk were compelled to elbow among these crowds of vulgar ruffians, while listening to their insulting jokes and vulgarities. It is not an unusual occurrence to meet this same gang hanging in front of these places night after night. Within the past two or three months they have become more and more bold and unless the people take some action, it will be impossible for women and children to pass along this street without an escort armed with a club. There are many excellent saloon men in Pendleton, broad-minded, wholesome, respectable gentlemen, who conduct decent places of business, but these two joints in question, surrounded as they are by business houses which women and children visit in great numbers, are public nuisances, as now conducted, and by their actions are making prohibition votes vary rapidly. They should either be restricted in their conduct or the licenses revoked. The people don't have to stand such rotteness.

FAREWELL TO VACATION.

A canoe moored in the marshland, where the grass grows thick and tall;
A paddle in the hollow, where the sunset shadows fall;
A skim across the waters in the gloaming of the day;
A white-throat sparrow's warbling of the sweetest minstrel lay.
And while I rest me, drifting with my dreams and with the tide,
I hear the crickets chirping from the gloom of either side.
To me 'tis sweetest music of September and its lore,
These callings from the water and those answers from the shore.
So I drift and drowse and dream, and am joyous while I may,
Then sadly bid farewell to this, my last vacation day!

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Still beam raptur'd with all thy sweetest smiles!

New states may grow where fallen states have been
The piles of beauty dead, shall last no more!
Thine not the gates of hell and lower and store—
Thy splendour are laid in hearts of men!
—Irish Swift in September Sunset.

The "third battle of Bull Run" being fought today by militia and troops is only costing the dear people of this government \$1,000,000 in spot cash. And what is the rank folly all for, anyway? What need is there to keep up these worse than useless waste of money? Isn't it enough to spend the people's money in actual war, when it becomes painfully necessary without trumping up the would-be patriotic ruse of a sham battle, in which to keep alive the spirit of carnage and waste the substance of the people? Why is not some elevating and peaceful achievement of the past generation imitated, if it is desired to keep alive patriotism? Is there nothing in the past history of this country, except war that is worthy of commemoration? The people of the United States may well ask themselves in sober thought just what good that \$1,000,000 of their substance, arising in smoke from the field of this sham battle, will do them, the government or civilization.

SYMPATHY.

Sorrow fills the heart I know
With a leaden weight of woe,
Makes our lives so dark, so drear,
Fills our souls with doubt and fear.
Yet it is not hard to bear
If there's some one near to care,
If some kindly voice, sincere,
Whispers: "I am sorry, dear."

Like the sunshine, after rain;
Like the calm that follows pain;
Like the harbor lights so bright
To the sailor in the night;
Like cool water to parched tongue;
Like an anthem sweetly sung,
Is the knowledge—when grief tears
At our hearstrings—someone cares.
—Irene L. Dearing in Boston Transcript.

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SUSTAIN THE ASSESSMENT.

Tomorrow the county court meets in regular session and by far the most important matter to come before the court is the consideration of the O. R. & N. assessment.

This matter should have been disposed of by the board of equalization, which met for that purpose last week. A postponement until a compromise. But inasmuch as the railroad attorney asked for time it was nothing more than courtesy to grant this favor.

Now that the county court has to deal with the matter, finally, that body should not compromise the situation in this county by reducing the O. R. & N. assessment for 1905 while the 1904 assessment made on the same basis is in the courts.

A decision must be rendered by the circuit and supreme courts if necessary, before the people of Umatilla county will consent to a reduction of this assessment.

Their sentiment on the subject was emphatically expressed when they elected C. P. Strain assessor for a second term, by over 1000 majority, in opposition to one of the most estimable young men in the opposition party in Umatilla county.

A STONE PRINCESS.

A romantic custom of the Japanese is described in the "Kokoro" of Lafcadio Hearn. It is narrated that those who are anxious for the safety of absent ones repair to the mountain of Dakeyama to perform a singular rite.

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Lots of people are good forgetters when the balance is not in their favor.

HALF SICK

Generally the expression is, "I don't feel half well," though sometimes people say, "I feel half sick." But there is no such thing as being half sick. The man who feels half sick is all sick. As a rule, the cause of the weak, tired, half sick feeling is disease of the stomach, resulting in loss of nutrition and consequently in physical weakness.

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BRANCH MINT AT THE FAIR.

That there will be a government mint in operation at the Lewis and Clark fair is the assurance given President H. W. Good by Secretary Shaw, of the treasury department.

Mr. Shaw has definitely promised this exhibit. The visit of Secretary Shaw to the exposition grounds Wednesday had the effect of gaining the sanction to the establishment of the mint.

The mint will be an active exhibit and will be placed where the processes of making money may be viewed by all. The plant will be complete in every detail and the coins struck off will be transformed from the gold bullion as it comes from the smelters.

HEALTHY PLANTS

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