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Bless them towheads, swingin'
On the gate!
Some o' these fine days they'll
be
Savin' of the state—
It's them that makes the gove-
nors.

Bless them little towheads—
Ever' one a gem
Twinkl'n in the lap o' Life—
Lilies, light o' stem;
Though they know it not, the
world

An' heaven air watchin' 'em!
—F. L. Stanton in Atlanta Con-
stitution.

While Umatilla county does not
expect to see a "lean" year in the
future, she is smilingly cancelling
her mortgages while the "fat" year's
abundance is at hand.

There will not be, within a reason-
able number of years, as favorable a
time for the Commercial Association
to build a club building as this year.
Business has been good and public
gifts light. Think of it.

Senator Dolliver quit the Fairbanks
party at Portland and went east with
a "sore throat." Dolliver is no hog.
Two weeks at \$1000 per week and
"found," is enough for him. All he
wished was a graceful excuse to quit.

It will be utterly impossible for the
aggregation of Oregon editors to en-
large on the truth about Hood River
apples. The truth about Hood River's
products exceeds the wildest dream of
the Oregon Journalist, and that is
stating the limit. The editorial asso-
ciation should have selected a meet-
ing place susceptible to a stretch of
imagination.

It is strange and disgusting to
note the silly slush in all the women's
magazines concerning the wives of
the different candidates on the na-
tional tickets. Women of ordinary
sense and personal appearance, be-
fore their husbands were elevated to
the tottering pedestal of fame, they
have suddenly become exalted spec-
imens of beauty, wit and wisdom un-
der the microscopic eye of the space
writer. These estimable women
were never heard of before the nomi-
nation of their husbands and in case
of the defeated candidates, will never
be heard of in future. All these smil-
ing photographs of candidates' wives
smack of the forced winter vegetable
which loses its color when exposed
to the real atmosphere. Most of the
pictures are "hot house" articles.

The Oregon Daily Journal last
week placed on deposit \$500 to be
given to some worthy charity of Port-
land if the Evening Telegram and
Oregonian would make known to
their advertisers their actual circula-
tion. There were no other condi-
tions to the gift. No matter if they
had 100 or 100,000 subscribers, just
a plain statement of the correct num-
ber, whatever it might be would
earn the \$500 for any worthy charity
named. So far the offer is not ac-
cepted. Many Portland institutions
would be immeasurably benefited by
this generous gift offered by the
Journal, but the trust papers refuse
to bestow it. The Journal publishes
a corrected statement of its daily cir-
culation, and as a consequence has
won the confidence of its advertising
patrons. An occasional spasm from
the Oregonian on the unpardonable
sin of red head-lines and comic sup-
plements is a certain indication that
the Journal is taking over immense
banks of profitable business formerly
monopolized by the trust. The force
of local writers on the Journal is the
strongest on the Pacific Coast and
the editorial comments of that paper
are more widely copied in the North-
west than those of any other newspa-
per published on the coast. There is
a certain evidence of life in them
not noticed in other Portland editorials.

EASTERN OREGON'S HOPE.

The hope of Eastern Oregon lies
in the irrigation districts. There, and
there only, is the increase in rural
population possible.

The wheat belt is not adapted to
greatly increased population. Owing
to the necessity of summer fallowing
the wheat land, each wheat raiser
must own a considerable area in or-
der to allow one-half of it to lie fall-
ow each year.

The impossibility of getting water
on thousands of acres of the best
wheat land banishes the hope of
making it a country of small farms,
and many homes. It even banishes
the hope of a family living through-
out the year on entire sections and
1000-acre farms.

Homes can be maintained by wheat
raisers in the city and a few farm
hands will constitute the greater farm
population.

Then to the foothill valleys, the
rich creek bottoms, the moist tracts
in the border of the timber belts and
to the arid districts must Umatilla
county and Eastern Oregon look for
the needed and inevitable increase in
population.

In those districts, where fruits, veg-
etables and varied forage crops can
be grown in abundance, where from
one acre up will support a moderate
family, will take place the greatest
revolution and there will be witness-
ed the industrial transformation of
the next decade.

Therefore, give us irrigation. Give
us ditches, storage systems and rec-
lamation projects. In the increase
of this art, lies the future increase of
population and the multiplication of
wealth in Umatilla county.

Chief Joseph expected to go to
Waliowa when he died. It would be
a relief to many men to know that
they would go to a country of Wali-
owa's altitude after death, instead
of to a certain other destination pre-
pared for them.

A monster democratic meeting at
Madison Square, at which Cleveland
would preside and Bryan be chief
spokesman, is a dramatic consumma-
tion which New York City will not
witness. It would seem impossible
for even the irresistible seduction of
Tom Taggart to achieve such a result.

HISTORY OF OREGON.

One of the latest histories of Oregon
issued from the press is just being
placed on the market by A. C.
McClurg & Co., of Chicago. It is "A
Short History of Oregon," by Sidona
V. Johnson, of Portland, and is a well
written, but brief narrative of the
exploration, discovery, conquest and
settlement of the Northwest.

While it is practically a compila-
tion, it is tastily arranged and pre-
sented in a most fascinating man-
ner. Fred Nolf, the local bookseller,
who handles the little volume, says it
promises to be a good seller and
from the way the study of Oregon
history is stimulated in the publi-
cations, it would seem that the book
will fill a mission.

The history is divided into six
parts, the first taking up in a very
interesting way the earlier discover-
ies and the causes that led up to
them on the Pacific shore of North
America, and to the final abandon-
ment of Port Nootka on the sound of
that name on the British Columbian
coast. The second part of the history
is devoted to the discoveries of
Lewis and Clark.

Part three of the history recounts
the history of the early settlement
and colonization of Oregon and
Washington, the early trading posts
and how the Oregon country was
finally restored to the United States.
This comes down to the history of
the Whitman massacre.

Part four is the story of the final
settlement of the Oregon question,
the establishment of territorial gov-
ernment and the admission of Ore-
gon into the Union as a state. Part
five is devoted to the story of Ore-
gon's Indian wars, while the last di-
vision of the book is devoted to the
progress of the state up to the present
time.

The history is told in the analyt-
ical and narrative style, is interesting
reading, having enough dates for all
purposes, yet not being so filled with
them that the book becomes simply
a dull, tedious recounting of figures.
It is a book that should be placed in
the hands of every young Oregonian
and the older ones will all read it
with interest. It is a valuable addi-
tion to the literature of Oregon.

WHERE WOMEN VOTE.

In four states—Wyoming, Colorado,
Utah and Idaho—women possess the
right to vote on equal terms with men
at all elections. That is the goal for
which the women's suffrage move-
ment is striving in every state, and it
must be confessed that much progress
has been made in that direction.
Either full or partial suffrage for wo-
men exists in 26 states. In 18 states
women possess school suffrage. In
Kansas they have municipal and
school suffrage. Montana and Iowa
permit them to vote on the issuance
of municipal bonds. In 1895 Louisi-
ana granted them the privilege of
voting on questions relating to pub-
lic expenditures. With this exception,
the southern states have been slow
in advancing the woman suffrage
cause. The women of Wyoming,
Colorado, Utah and Idaho vote for
presidential electors.

A lawyer often patronizes two bars.
One pays out what the other pays in.

Mountain Myths
of Navajo Land

There are seven mountains in Nav-
ajo Land which are held by the In-
dians of that region to be sacred, and
which figure extensively in their
mythical tales. One of these is
known to them as Tsoitsil, the Sacred
Mountain of the South. On our maps
the mountains are called San Mateo
mountains, the tallest point having
been given the name of Mt. Taylor.

In the Navajo system of religion
certain colors are symbolical of the
cardinal points. Black symbolizes the
north; white the east; yellow the
west, and blue the south. This moun-
tain, being the southern boundary of
Navajo Land, to it was ascribed the
color symbolical of the south, blue.
In view of this fact it is interesting to
note how nature has fallen in line to
humor the Navajo superstitions and
make emphatic their myths.

For some reason, unexplainable to
scientists, certain birds in this arid
western land, congregate on certain
mountains. It would almost seem as
though there was a mutual under-
standing among the feathered tribes
by which a division of territory had
been effected. It is thus that differ-
ent mountains become famous for cer-
tain birds found therein, as in the
case of Buzzard's peak, in the Mojave
desert, which takes its name because
of the great number of Buzzards
which are found there.

Strange to say, the sacred blue
mountain of the Navajo is the home
of countless numbers of blue birds.
Extensive deposits of that beautiful
gem-stone so prized by the red men,
as well as valued by the white broth-
ers, the turquoise, are found.

Again is found another remarkable
coincidence in connection with the
appropriateness of this mountain to
the myths of the Navajos. The Nav-
ajos give to the rain storms sex. The
gentle, soft, easy-falling rain they call
"she-rain" and its color symbol is
blue. To the fierce, wild, heavy-beat-
ing rain, which is accompanied by
thunder and lightning, they give the
name of "he-rain" and its color sym-
bol is black.

In the mountains on the north the
thunderstorm is a common occurrence
but over the sacred Tsoitsil, the great
blue mountain, falls only the "she-
rain," the blue waters of heaven.

THE WARFARE OF THE SOUL.

There is no peace, no party
In the warfare of the soul,
But evermore to battle
Do the ringing drum-beats roll.

While Truth is on the scaffold
And to Error yields the throne,
The trump of God calls "Forward,"
And the slogan sounds "Strike
home!"

Where'er injustice lingers
For oppression of the weak,
The battle-flag is waving
For the souls who dare to speak.

The bugle-call has sounded
To the nations of the earth;
'Tis the trumpet-call of Freedom
From the One who gave it birth.

For the mortals is it given
In the ceaseless march of years
To ignobly fall and perish,
Or to triumph o'er their fears.

And every hour's a battle lost
By some poor, craven son;
Or by some fearless paladin
A battle's hourly won.

For fear is marked for failure,
In this warfare of the soul,
And brave, true hearts are needed
To attain the cherished goal.

And the laurel wreath is waiting—
And it waits for him alone—
For the man who ever bravely
Dares to call his soul his own.
—Speed Mosby in the San Fran-
cisco Star.

TRUTH ABOUT IRRIGATION.

Secretary Shaw, who is so far in the
West that he can not look back to
his office in Washington and see a
\$50,000,000 deficit, is seemingly as
careless of his facts as he is of his
figures. In one of his western
speeches he attempted to show that
the republicans in congress and not
the democrats, deserve the credit for
the support given to irrigation mea-
sures. Irrigation is of such vast im-
portance to the West that Secretary
Shaw realized the need of laying some
claim that his party is entitled to
all the credit for the irrigation laws.

The facts are just the opposite to
what Secretary Shaw claimed. The
democrats not only inaugurated the
national irrigation movement but they
furnished the votes to enact it into
law. More democrats voted for the
national irrigation law than republi-
cans. More republicans voted against
it than democrats.

The figures are as follows: Democ-
rats for, 77; republicans for, 69.
Democrats against, 13; republicans
against, 42. The democrats voted
six to one for the law; republicans
voted three to five against it. Sec-
retary Shaw either knows these facts
and is trying to deceive, or he is too
careless in his statements to be de-
serving of credence.—Commoner.

RECIPROcity.

The great Oregonian and a few of
the Oregon republican papers, our
morning contemporary included, have
time and again referred to National
Chairman Taggart as a gambler, etc.
Here in Oregon the republicans have
one F. C. Baker as chairman of their
state committee. We wonder if he
ever gambled or got drunk, and went
home and broke up the furniture in
his domicile?—Eugene Guard.

Mit der egsception of trying to
take a fall out of Fort Arthur, I dink
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