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- The chime of bells and the organ pealing. The rustle of silks as we kneel in prayer. The warm, soft light through the rich glass stealing. And the breath of flowers and incense rare— Is this the homage he bids us render? Is this the service of sacrifice? Is this the infinite Love and tender. That hears humanity's pitiful cries? —Eufina C. Tompkins in San Francisco Star.

TO MAKE COUNTY ROADS PASSESABLE.

No man who rides or drives over the county roads of Oregon will deny the need of some system by which uniformity and common sense may be used in the construction of bridges and grades.

A law making county roads passable is one of the emergency needs of the state.

As it is now, every road district in every county is a law unto itself, on the subject, and every supervisor is an engineer of a different "school," nilling up his mud grades and making his brush bridges and culverts at the expense of the taxpayers.

The bill of Senator C. J. Smith of this county, providing for a uniform road organization for the state, and making the county surveyor ex-officio road superintendent in every county, is one of the best laws before the legislature and should unanimously pass.

The county surveyor who can pass the necessary examination to hold that position now, must be a practical engineer, with a knowledge of road and grade construction, and at least in every county there should be a system of uniform road making, suited to the particular character of country, through which the roads pass.

Permanent culverts and bridges, proper drainage, proper grade slope to shed off the accumulating water and proper roadbed to wear more than one summer, are the requirements of good country roads, and until the state adopts a general system and begins to put experts in charge of the work, the country roads will remain in the main, impassable in bad weather.

It is said of the old toll road companies across the Blue mountains, that they charged the traveling public for passing over the road, and made the public repair the roads, beside. Many a stage driver and freighter can testify to opening a road before he could pass.

As it is now, the county takes the tax from the citizen, makes him work the road as a duty to the county, and then if he lives in a remote corner of the county he must almost build a private road to reach his home, with a decent load. Uniformity and common sense are needed in road building, and the Smith bill offers both.

Experts who have looked into the road making possibilities in Oregon say that the soil is especially adapted to permanent road making. There is no part of the difficulties to be contended with here, that were met and conquered in the construction of the old Cumberland road in Virginia, Tennessee and Pennsylvania, a country boulevard over 300 miles long, and so well constructed that the roadbed is today as firm and unyielding as when it was built.

Even Russia is civilized, in the art of road making, her country roads being veritable boulevards, permeating every remote part of the empire. Oregon should not criticize the czar's

weaknesses, until it can equal the country roads of his empire. Roads are built for the pleasure and use of the people—every class sharing in the curse or blessing offered by this public institution.

How many miles of country road, even that bordering on our best cities in Oregon, could be truthfully designated a "boulevard?" Try and recall a few hundred yards of such, if possible.

THE ABUSED (?) SALOONS.

One would judge from the fearful wall of the Salem Journal that the piratical temperance people of Oregon had knocked down the white-robed saint, the saloon, and were trampling upon his throat with their hob-nailed shoes.

The poor, innocent, persecuted, lamb-like saloons! It is a cutting, killing, stinging disgrace to intimate that they have raised \$25,000 in Oregon to secure the repeal of the local option law! They raised only \$23,000! The temperance pirates never do tell the truth!

And to charge that the saloons are maintaining a lobby at Salem to defeat the sovereign will of the people! Why, nobody else in the world loves the people as do the saloons! It is a humiliating, embarrassing and ungallant fling at the saintly saloons to insinuate that a lobby is maintained at Salem. The entire legislature is "passed" to Portland every Friday evening, where all the jobs are put up and the next week's work is planned. There is where the saloon lobby "shines"—not at Salem, as false-charged!

Here is part of the Journal's wall, the part most juicy with tears, most inflamed with holy indignation at the abuse of the helpless saloons:

The Jayne bill to amend the local option law seems to have the backing of the business interests of the state. There is no lobby here at the legislature working for the bill, but members are receiving letters from bankers and merchants in its favor.

While the charge has been made that the legislature was organized by the liquor interests, no proof of that statement has ever been produced. This statement is opposed by the facts, and is without foundation.

On the other hand there is proof that the prohibitionists are launching an army of crusaders upon the legislature. It is a fact that the liquor interests have not had a single lobbyist or representative at Salem. The "magnificent charge of an immense corruption fund, which these people are said to have raised, is also without foundation, and is made only for the purpose of intimidating the legislature. The prohibitionists propose to further frighten the members by keeping present a force of prohibition agitators, who will claim that they represent the people of the state.

"Moving into larger quarters" is the watchword in Pendleton. At least a dozen of the leading business firms are moving into larger quarters, adding to their stocks, increasing their scope, multiplying the number of their patrons and reaching into new fields of trade. Is it not the watchword in the entire West? Is not Pendleton, herself, moving "to larger quarters, larger spheres?" Is not Umatilla county moving into larger quarters in the sisterhood of counties, and is not Oregon herself, moving into a greater sphere of wider activity, of more virile life? It is the Western watchword; it is heard everywhere, in individual life, in school district, county, state and nation. This thought is typical of the upward American movement. When you hear a merchant say that he is moving into larger quarters, you may well picture to yourself, the larger national movement which this thought suggests. Everybody in every Western state is crowding outward for increased elbow room; only in the congested centers is there an opposite movement. Everybody in the West is expanding—breathing more fresh air of freedom!

DON'T WANT THE CZAR'S JOB.

I'd rather be a soldier boy And stand for war's alarms Than be a czar and get shot up By my own men-at-arms. For great white czars are shining marks For bombs and lyddite sticks And sometimes stop a few grapeshot. Intended for muhaks.

I'd rather be a simple cit. Of these United States And get beat up by hold-up men And flimflammed by sharp skates. Than be the sovereign of the steppes And with the zemstvos daily. For Nick, as far as I can see, Has no show for his alley. — Luke the Leon in Seattle Star.

One benevolent organization in New York—the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor—issues an appeal for \$45,000, to be paid in at once. It is supporting 10,000 destitute, but entirely worthy people, in that city through the winter.

THE LESSON OF RUSSIA.

Revolution gives dramatic emphasis to commonplace truths. Many and impressive are the lessons to be learned anew from the St. Petersburg massacre.

We learn that the mind is the seat of slavery. It is not the brutal Cossacks who have held the Russian people in subjection. Ignorance and inertia are the enslavers of mankind. Let the people lose faith in their accustomed rulers; let them once desire liberty; let them awake to a realization of their rights and their privations, and the beginning of the end is at hand. "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit." Thought rules the world. The soul is master. The solitary cry for liberty may be silenced. Siberia may swallow a few. But when the great Russian people want freedom they will have it.

It is significant that the priesthood should have furnished the leader for this Russian uprising. The church is often charged with infidelity to humanity. As Zangwill says, it tends ever to become the tomb of the soul of the future. But it is gratifying to recall the instances to the contrary, when liberty has been wedded to religion and men have raised within the church the banner of the free. The slaves of the West Indies had a champion in Las Casas. The American negroes had their Lovejoy, even as the Russian peasants have their Gapon. This is at it should be. Who more than the priest should resent the oppression which crushes the soul out of men? Without freedom there can be no moral or spiritual health. That should ever be the first concern of religion, as indeed it is of true religion.

These outbursts of passion, so fearful in their possibilities to the world, are sad reminders of what might be, were we once to put our faith in that gospel of love preached so long ago, by the great Nazarene. Is it said not to be practicable? Alas, what is not practicable in this world but that? What if the czar, instead of appealing to the Cossacks, had appealed to Tolstol! What if he had sent Tolstol to meet the mob, instead of those drawn sabers! What if he had said: "Tolstol, you are right. I will take your advice. I will give the people liberty and I will begin, as you say, by putting into effect the teachings of Henry George."

If the czar would throw himself upon the side of freedom, listen to the counsels of Tolstol and brave the storm that would arise within his palaces, what a spectacle that would be!

He would win such devotion as royalty never had and his name would shine with more than mortal fame.—Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow, Cincinnati.

RAPHAEL'S PROPHECIES.

The present upheaval in Russia was foretold by Raphael, a London astrologer, six months ago. In his forecast for 1905, published early last fall, he foreshadowed a revolutionary uprising in the czar's empire, which he predicted will continue until November of this year.

Of the czar and of Russia he said: "The year 1905 will be a black one in the annals of Russian history. Revolutionary movements will increase by leaps and bounds, and this war, entered into with so light a heart may turn out to be the herald of liberty for the Russian people."

The planetary influences affecting the czar, are evil, he says. His predictions for nearly every month of the year contain prophecies of direful events for Russia. In January he says Russia is under "malefic influences." For February great political upheavals are predicted. For March he writes: "Russia is under a cloud, and at home events will occur which will stir the hearts and souls of patriots and just people." In June he says the planets are especially hostile to Russia's welfare. September is to be the most tragic month of all, and then not Russia alone but other great powers are to suffer. "Kings and emperors," he prophesies, "will be slain."



LILIES OF HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

In a recent interview with Mrs. Lily Langtry, she very wisely said: "The fact that I believe in the superior force of mind over matter does not blind me to the truth that the foundation of every successful life is good health; that the key-stone to physical beauty is perfect physical health. "A sick woman cannot be a beautiful woman, nor can she be anything but what we English call a poor-spirited woman. "To a great extent a woman's beauty is measured by her vitality—by her health. "Work, Sunshine, Exercise, Water and Soap, Plain, Nourishing Food, Lots of Fresh Air, and a Happy, Contented Spirit—there, as you say, 'honest and true,' is my working rule for youth, youthful spirits and youthful looks."

One great secret of youth and beauty for the young woman or the mother is the proper understanding of her womanly system and well-being. Every woman, young or old, should know herself and her physical make-up. A good way to arrive at this knowledge is to get a good doctor book, such for instance as "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser," by R. V. Pierce, M. D., which can readily be procured by sending twenty-one cents in one-cent stamps for paper-bound volume, or thirty-one cents for cloth-bound copy, and addressing Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. "Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription can always be relied upon to cure when everything else fails," writes Mrs. Dr. Nielsen, of 492 Langley Avenue, Chicago, Ill. "It is a certain cure for female troubles, diseases in their worst forms. I suffered for years with ulceration, intense pains and a dreadful backache, which afflicted me for my work. Finally I grew so ill had to keep to my bed. In this extremity I used 'Favorite Prescription' for three months and then I was well. Only those who have passed through such a siege of sickness as I have will understand how much I value Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription."

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