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AN APRIL BLESSING.

I thank Thee, All-Creative Power
For life and love in this sweet world
That Thou hast made to breathe and move
Instinct with Thee, that every hour
Doth Thy design and nearness prove.
In every glad new leaf uncurled
To meet the kisses of the sun.
In all the little streams that run
To keep their tryst with song and shout;
In all the blossoms that fling out
Their soul of fragrance on the air.
I hail Thee, as Thou hailst me—
Thou infinite, omniscient One—
I told me in Thy tender care
And say whatso my day shall be
Thy perfect will and work be done.
—San Francisco Star.

RAILROADS IN CANADA.

The returns of the Dominion railway department, just published, show that on June 30 last there were 19,811 miles of steam railroads in Canada—over 500 miles more than the year before. This is more than the mileage of the United States in proportion to the population of the two countries, although less than one-tenth as much in absolute length.

Canada now has more railroads in proportion to population than any other country in the world except some of the Australian and African colonies. Its railroad system is twice as great in actual extent as that of Italy, almost as great as that of Great Britain and Ireland, and greater than the combined systems of all of South and Central America and the West Indies, omitting Argentina.

Moreover, it is now building the longest two lines under construction anywhere in the world—the Canadian Northern and the Grand Trunk Pacific, each of which will eventually span the continent. In addition to its steam lines, Canada had in operation last year 767 miles of electric road carrying 181,653,935 passengers.

In other words, every man, woman and child in the country took on an average of nearly 30 trips on the electric cars. The Canadian steam lines killed last year less than half, and the electric lines little more than a fourth as many people as the year before.

THE SCHOOL BOOK TRUST.

The Walla Walla Statesman belabors the school book trust in the following able manner:

The American Book company, the school text-book trust, has appointed an agent for every county in this state for the purpose of bringing influence to bear upon county and city boards of education to secure the adoption of its books. Walla Walla county has not been slighted. The Gunderson law abolishing state uniformity of text-books and providing for a go-as-you-please county and district system, was passed at the behest of the book trust and it now proposes to reap its reward. It would be the proper thing if the county schoolbook commission and boards of directors in the incorporated towns of this county would endeavor to make contracts with independent book concerns, if any can be found. The school book trust is one of the most oppressive monopolies in existence and it should be fought at every turn of the road until it is driven out of business or forced to sell its books at reasonable prices. This octopus

now has its tentacles in nearly every home of the land exacting tribute from parents sending their children to the public schools. It is no better than the Standard Oil trust and it should be dealt with in the same way that Kansas is dealing with Rockefeller's monopoly.

BUSINESS AND STEADY HABITS.

The Chicago & Alton railroad in its recent rules for employes has forbidden its men to visit race tracks, dance halls or any resorts where liquor is sold or gambling permitted. Good service, it holds, depends upon steady habits, and both help insure public safety.

By way of example, officials quit carrying intoxicating liquors on their private cars or entering saloons along the line of the road. Such consistency is bound to command respect among employes, if not necessarily imitation.

The company makes no pretense of carrying on a moral crusade. It hopes to live up to business principles which depend upon the competency and reliability of its men. "All the things which are prohibited," says General Passenger Agent Charlton, "either tend or might tend permanently or temporarily to impair a man's mental and physical powers."

When temperance and good habits are made part of a man's earning capacity he will often cultivate them even if the loftier pleas of morality fail to move him.

The beet sugar industry has not grown in the last couple of years, although it has already attained very considerable proportions, last year reaching 210,000 tons, the value of which any one can figure who has to pay grocery bills. There are only 12 states engaged in the business, Colorado leading with one-fourth of the total product, and with Michigan, and California furnishing 140,000 tons of the entire output. Idaho is the seventh highest in production with 7500 tons, leading New York, Ohio, Minnesota, Oregon and Washington. The relative acreage value of the crop is also interesting. Idaho's is about an average, yielding three-fourths of a ton of sugar per acre. Utah shows the highest percentage, its 19,100 acres producing 25,200 tons of sugar. Ohio, Minnesota, Nebraska, Colorado and California each gets about a ton of sugar per acre. Michigan only gets half a ton, with New York, Wisconsin, Oregon and Washington a shade better. The total beet and cane sugar crop of the United States is only one-fifth of its consumption, so there is plenty of room for growth unless the lands can be more profitably put to other uses, as is the case in most of the states.

Baker county has enriched the state school funds to the amount of \$940, in fines imposed on violators of the anti-gambling and Sunday closing law. The cost of the prosecutions will amount to something less than this sum and so the state breaks even, the cause of justice is strengthened and the law respected. The dispatch with which the cases against the violators of the law have been brought to trial and convictions returned in Baker county is encouraging to those who desire to see the law enforced in Umatilla county.

There is no reason why a grand jury at the June session of the circuit court aided by the vigorous public sentiment and an energetic prosecutor, should not bring about a wholesale respect for the law in this county. The frontier days of rowdiness, law violation and open vices in the West are passing. The standard of citizenship must keep pace with the surrounding progress of the age.

General Frederick Funston is now in command of the department of California and division of the Pacific, with headquarters at San Francisco.

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CLEVER STEAL BLOCKED.

President Roosevelt discovered a suspicious bill which made its successful way through the house and senate, and took the necessary measure to prevent its further progress.

It was a bill taking off part of the Yosemite National Park, ostensibly to be added to the forest reservation, but, according to well informed persons, really to be added to the property of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad.

So deftly was it engineered through congress that it reached the president before anybody had a suspicion of it.

What excited Mr. Roosevelt's suspicion was the discovery that the lands to be turned into the forest reserve had already been decided, by a commission appointed by himself, to be a part of the park.

The president investigated, and found that railroad men and others had been lobbying for the bill. He discovered its real purpose, sent for a member of the California delegation, examined him about it, and announced his purpose of vetoing the measure.—Dayton Courier-Press.

At Starbuck, Wash., Nat Caswell was killed and Jesse Carnegie seriously injured by being run over by a handcar. The car passed over Caswell's abdomen, and he died soon after reaching the hospital. He was a member of a Masonic lodge in Homestead, Texas.

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