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Lord, for the youth I wasted
In greedy pursuit of wealth,
For the joys of life untasted,
The glorious boon of health,
For the grip of the heartwhole
friendship,
From the burden of con-
science free,
I sigh and suffer and languish,
Lord,
In old age succor me!

The years of our life are num-
bered,
And spaces are set apart
For joy and pain, for toll and
gain,
For words of the loving
heart;
A space for self is allotted,
For mankind another span,
But need not need for selfish
greed
Find place in the all-wise
plan.
—William Hoister, in San Fran-
cisco Examiner.

UMATILLA LEADS ALL.

It is a historical fact that the sage brush district has led Oregon in the matter of high valuations of property in making assessments.

Assessor Strain, of this county, set the pace and now Multnomah, the chief county in the state, swings into line, proving conclusively the wisdom of the Strain idea.

Assessor Sigler, of Multnomah county, announces that the valuation of that county will be increased from \$51,600,000 this year to about \$58,000,000 next year, or an increase of 20 1/2 per cent.

His stated object in making this radical change is the ancient method of assessing in that county is to lower the levies.

This will be gratifying to the many supporters of Mr. Strain in this and other counties of Eastern Oregon, and will give other timid assessors the courage to put their faith into execution.

The railroads will find that there is a demand all along the line to reach the immense amounts of property that has heretofore escaped taxation.

"WATER WITCHING" NO FAKE.

Let science doff its hat to the peach limb of the "water witch." Let geologists and expert engineers put away their transits, compasses, theodolites and other costly and intricate paraphernalia. The schools of science in England have determined that there is virtue in the "water witching" methods employed by unsophisticated experts from time immemorial. The San Francisco Examiner says:

Students of natural sciences in Great Britain are just now engaged in a series of experiments to prove whether the divining rod, by means of which many persons claim to be able to locate underground streams, and some also to discover copper, gold, etc., is really what it has been asserted to be.

They propose to ascertain by careful trials with accurate instruments, whether there are any unusual conditions, electrical, vibratory or as regards temperature in the earth, near where water or minerals are to be found.

Unbelievers have scoffed their fill at the "dowsing," as he is called in England, and have stoutly maintained that the whole thing was a matter of guesswork, the location for a well being picked out purely by the lay of the land. But scientific experts now argue that after all there may be something in it. They point out that many people are specially sensitive to atmospheric conditions, and old wounds and corns frequently

Indicate changes that are not appreciated by the other senses.

So eminent an authority as Sir William Preece has suggested that a stream of water underground may produce vibrations which are apparent to certain persons peculiarly constituted, and similar conditions may be present where gold is located. So now scientists are hard at work to determine whether there may not be absolutely sure methods of finding mineral deposits by scientific observations, instead of being guided solely by geological lore.

If that happy day ever arrives mining may become the exact science which many investors in wildcat schemes know to their sorrow it hitherto has certainly not been.

The project of having a tented city at Portland for those of the Lewis and Clark fair visitors who may desire to camp out, has been discussed, and it is expected that a 10-acre tract will be secured for the purpose, it to be near the car line and within a short distance from the fair grounds. There are many people who are accustomed to spend the summer either at the seaside or at the mountains and a large number of these have expressed themselves as wishing to secure camping ground near the fair grounds the coming season, and there enjoy for a few weeks the grand sights which will be offered within the gates. The idea is to prepare space for at least 1000 tents, establish water mains on it, arrange for the disposition of garbage that will accumulate, and have the grounds under the supervision of a man who will give the campers all necessary attention consequent upon such an undertaking. Out-door life in this manner would certainly be much more pleasant and less expensive than that in connection with a crowded hotel or boarding house in the heart of Portland.

Every road supervisor in the county should be present at the state good roads meeting to be held here next month. It will be a saving to the tax payers to have the roadmakers of the county study improved methods which will insure permanent roads for the country districts. As it is now, half of the money spent in road construction and repairs each year is wasted, because the work must be repeated each spring. This good roads movement may seem a dry and prosaic affair, but it is the most vital movement ever started in the west. The saving from good country roads, in hauling products to market is beyond computation, aside from the pleasure of driving over good roads instead of dodging over a collection of ruts and rocks, where a road should be.

Every county in Oregon will have its favorite candidate for governor next year, several dozen candidates having been already announced, but when the votes are counted again, it will be found that George E. Chamberlain will have been elected. No governor of Oregon before him has acted as agreeably as he and all classes and parties are satisfied with his business administration. Under his direction the lien and school land frauds and irregularities have been uncovered and the state safeguarded against further loss in this line. The republican legislature and the democratic governor worked harmoniously together and in all the history of the state there is not such another record of energy and progress in the governor's office as that made by Mr. Chamberlain.

The saloon men do not wish to observe Sunday closing because it is to obey the law, but just because they desire a day of recreation. This is a new one.

THE BEEF TRUST'S DEFIANCE.

The Beef trust is playing a desperate game. For 20 years it has been dipping deeper and deeper into the pockets of the consumers. Today it picks them at will.

Now that popular indignation has forced the federal authorities to inquire into the trust's methods they find its agents absconding over the Canadian border and tampering with witnesses. It parries the indictments of its employees by raising the price of meat. If the government "bothers" it, let the public sweat! As if to show its contempt of the courts it reasserts its absolute control of the country's markets.

Beginning in the usual way as slaughtering of cattle, the beef packers have accumulated the power to bleed the stock growers on one hand and the consumers on the other. Having secured ownership of the stockyards, they have crushed competition in packing. By their operation of refrigerated car lines they have monopolized the food trade and fixed charges to suit their own pockets.

Six beef trust employees have been indicted. Eight or ten are in exile. But the real heads of the trust remain in security. They enjoy the benefit of the tariff they dictated, they are on excellent terms with the railroads and their monopoly is unbroken. Congress should remove the protection they have too long enjoyed.—New York World.

OUR SCIENTIFIC PERILS!

These aggravating scientists, they keep us in anxiety
About the many living things that lurk in food and drink;
The toilers of the working class, the lights of high society,
All cling alike to slender threads above an awful brink!

The food we eat to bolster life is filled with most atrocious things.
Within the cordials we imbibe outlandish bugs are found;
They are infinitesimal, but none the less ferocious things,
They feed upon our vitals till they land us underground!

In every glass of beer you swallow deadly malleolium
That perforate your inner tank plumb full of tiny holes,
You eat a pie, the colic gets into your umbilicus
And lies there doing business like a lot of living coals.
You dare not drink a glass of milk, and soon your whole interior
Will house lactealictis in a colony of death.
You swallow sour mash bourbon that you think is quite superior
To other drinks, and ryeolitis floats out on your breath.

You eat a plate of luscious beans, and Bostonitis catches you—
A cultured ailment, it is true, but one we never crave—
An oyster stew will seal your doom unless the doctor snatches you
With some bivalvuloric cure right from the waiting grave.
In beef the stereoscopic germs are numerous and ravenous,
In spuds the Murphycoccus mites in hosts are stowed away;
In short we humans never know what dreadful things we have in us
Till the papers tell us what the scientificusses say.

That any of us yet survive is really a mystery,
'Tis strange these bodies now are not but pulseless mortal clay,
For never since creation's dawn in all the old earth's history
Did microscopic perils threaten as they do today.
If we should to the mountains flee and live on snow and mountain air
It wouldn't be a fortnight till some scientific cuss
Would in a scientific way investigate our bill of fare
And find that germs were waiting in cold storage there for us.
—James Barton Adams, in Denver Post.

DRESSING ON \$50 A YEAR.

The representative Chicago woman answered the assertion from Boston yesterday that the average woman can clothe herself properly on \$65 a year with the statement that it can be done for \$50, and gave itemized figures to prove it.

If a composite woman from Boston were to come to Chicago with her \$50 a year wardrobe she could duplicate the apparel for \$62. She could not only have eight hats in four years, eight pairs of low shoes and eight pairs of high shoes, but could spend \$48 in that time for neckwear alone.

Investigation in sections devoted to woman's dress in Chicago department stores proved that women spend more for ribbons and flimsy chiffon to adorn their necks than for stockings, undershirts, underskirts, corset covers, nightgowns and umbrellas.

One young woman, who says she dresses becomingly on \$50 a year (and her appearance bears out the assertion), was horrified to find that undergarments considered essential to the dress of Chicago women do not form a part of Boston women's apparel, according to the list compiled by Prof. Edward Atkinson. Such things as outer skirts are not considered as necessary by the professor. In Boston the women use two pairs of rubbers a year; in Chicago three pairs.

Following is a list of articles of apparel which the Boston statistician declares are needed by the average Boston woman in four years, together with the cost of the articles in Chicago. Professor Atkinson compiled his list after a conference with three stenographers. After submitting the list to four department store managers it was found they could be bought in Boston for \$65 a year, or \$250 for the four years. The same clothes can be bought in Chicago for \$25.20:

- Eight hats, trimmed by the wearer, \$20.
- Eight pairs of low shoes, \$20.
- Eight pairs of high shoes, \$24.
- Two outer garments for summer, \$20.
- Two outer garments for winter, \$20.
- Sixteen cotton shirt waists, \$20.
- Twenty-four pairs of stockings, \$4.80.
- Two kimonos, \$2.
- Four cotton shirtwaists, \$6.
- Ten undershirts, \$10.
- Forty-eight handkerchiefs, \$9.60.
- Eight corset covers, \$4.
- Neckwear, \$48.
- Eight nightgowns, \$8.
- Two umbrellas, \$4.
- Eight pairs of cotton gloves, \$2.
- Six winter undershirts, \$6.
- Four woolen shirtwaists, \$8.
- Two silk shirtwaists, \$10.
- Twelve corsets, \$12.
- Six summer undershirts, \$1.50.
- Eight pairs of kid gloves, \$10.
- Eight pairs of rubbers, \$4.80.
- Other underclothing, \$8.
- One muff, \$7.50.
- Belts and buckles, \$2.
- Total, \$251.20.

These figures were compiled after inquiry from salesgirls and department heads in the basement salesrooms of one of Chicago's largest department stores.

"The basement salesroom," said the manager, "is where the average woman trades."—Inter-Ocean.

May 1, Ballard, Wash., becomes a free mail delivery city.

TROOPS NOW ENGAGED.

During the week ending March 25, the most sensational item of news received concerning the war in the Far East was the official computation of the troops and supplies forwarded to Manchuria since the beginning of the contest. It has been estimated by well-informed persons that at the opening of February, 1904, the Russian force in Manchuria, including the garrisons of Port Arthur and Vladivostok, and the guards of the Manchurian branches of the Siberian railway, comprised about 80,000.

Now, according to the figures published by the St. Petersburg war office, there were delivered at Harbin during the ensuing 12 months more than 774,500 officers and soldiers, upwards of 1500 guns, more than 146,000 horses and \$51,900 tons of stores. It follows, of course, that the aggregate of the Russian troops already present within the area of hostilities in the first week in February, 1904, or since despatched thither, must have exceeded 850,000.

If it be true then, that Gen. Linevitch now has at his command no more than 300,000 effectives including railway guards and the Vladivostok garrisons, the Russians must have lost from disease, or in killed, wounded and prisoners, some 550,000 men in the course of a single year's campaign. These figures probably credit Linevitch with more effective strength than he actually possesses. It is doubtful if he has at his disposal in the field 200,000 men adequately supplied with guns and ammunition.—Harper's Weekly.

Largest Tank in Oregon.

The O. R. & N. Co. is putting in a mammoth water tank at Arlington, which, when completed, will be the largest in the state. Pipes will lead from it to cranes that are to be placed in position to enable the engines of passenger trains to take on water while the train is being loaded. The tank and equipments will cost \$10,000 and when filled with water will weigh 300 tons.

TAINTED BLOOD

Columbus, Ohio, May 19, 1903.
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Wheeling, W. V., May 28, 1903.
My system was run down and my joints ached and pained me considerably. I had used S. S. S. before and knew what it was, so I purchased a bottle of it and have taken several bottles and the aches and pains are gone, my blood has been cleared and my general health built up. I can testify to it as a blood purifier and tonic. 1533 Market St. JOHN C. STEIN.

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