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Oh! my heart grows as weak as a woman's. And the fountains of feeling will flow. When I think of the paths steep and stony. Where the feet of the dear ones must go. Of the mountains of sin hanging o'er them. Of the tempest of fate blowing there. Oh! there's nothing on earth so half so holy. As the innocent heart of a child. —Charles M. Dickinson.

THE RUSH TO THE FRONT.

Let one railroad company drive a stake in new territory and every other company within reach rushes to the front and begins driving stakes on suspicion.

As long as a territory is unoccupied it is left to fight out its transportation problems the best it can. No railroad worries about it until some other railroad casts an eye upon it when, presto! it at once becomes the coveted prize of a rough and tumble scrap among all the lines within hailing distance.

When a party of surveyors, supposedly W. & C. R. or Northern Pacific employees, was seen in the country west of Stage Gulch in this county a few days ago, the O. R. & N. at once concluded that an alien and an interloper was about to invade the Heppner coal fields from the vicinity of Wallula.

Let a hint be dropped that the Northern Pacific or some other company is surveying in that direction, and quick as a flash, all is activity in the O. R. & N. camp.

Really the railroad situation in this state would be ludicrous were it not so serious. The selfishness and sluggishness of the companies in building needed lines is something fierce.

The Elgin branch paid from the lay it was opened to traffic. Condon returned a profit with the very first train that was run into that city, and every branch line built by the O. R. & N. has been a paying investment and yet dozens of localities just as prosperous and just as resourceful as the Heppner, Condon and Elgin districts are denied their just deserts in the matter of railroad facilities.

It is a safe guess that the Heppner branch will not be extended to any portion of Umatilla county. It is a safe guess that Umatilla county will remain for years, just as she is now in the matter of railroad facilities. The people have become accustomed to these periodical bluffs, these spasms of activity which come occasionally to break the monotony.

HEART STORIES OF THE DAY.

Formerly the heart stories in the newspapers were romances. They are now more than likely to point to marvels. There were three in yesterday's columns.

One told of a surgeon who held in his hand for nearly an hour outside the body the heart of a wounded patient. The second announced the death from consumption of a young man who carried a bullet in his heart seven years. The third story was that of a man in Chicopee who could play with his heart, changing it from one side to the other without trouble.

Of these stories the first and second go to swell the exceedingly modern literature of heart surgery. In these days we have hearts sewed up and re-adjusted, hearts treated by massage, hearts into which medicines are injected.

It is all wonderful, yet a little thought makes it seem natural. The heart is the first organ to get to work in a human body and the last to quit. It works unceasingly, under all conditions and at all hours. It suffers disturbance through every shock, physical or emotional.

With such endurance as it displays there must go proportionate strength. Then why be astonished at its power to live on under the knife and the needle? The surgeon is bold, but he is care-

ful. The heart's great peril comes not through him but through the reckless hurriers, worriers and fame-pursuers who overstrain and overwork a faithful servant of life.

The members of the city council who are opposed to public improvements and better morals are ashamed to sign their names to an article condemning the East Oregonian for its stand for both public improvements and better morals, but they induce a man with nothing at stake in either cause to attempt to ridicule the absolute facts stated by this paper. The East Oregonian owns its own property, pays its own taxes, conducts its own business and has opinions on both public improvements and public morals which it is not ashamed to express at any time and under any circumstances. It will discuss these questions at any time with taxpayers, but it declines to be led into a discussion with a man having nothing at stake. The facts stated by the East Oregonian are absolutely true, as far as the illustrations cited, go. It did not state the cost of paving Main street entire, but gave illustrations which cannot be denied. The truth seems to have struck a tender spot.

Because the business men asked for the Sunday closing of saloons in North Yakima, after 50 drunken Indians had terrorized the town one Sunday, the saloon men did just what they did in Pendleton—forced the city council to close the town so tight that you had to die to hire a livery team. Seven business men were arrested for selling meat, melons and cigars, and now the people are aroused and declare they will vote prohibition in North Yakima at the first opportunity. The saloon man is the same the world over. If he can't rule he will attempt to ruin.

No day has been set aside yet by the Lewis and Clark fair management in honor of printer's ink. The management must certainly know the importance of this subject when it feels of its haughty pocketbook.

During the muddy weather the feet of Walla Wallans are clean and dry. They walk on street paving. And the city is still doing business and shows no signs of bankruptcy.

No need to go away from Pendleton to get an education, either in common, classical or business branches. Pendleton is supplied with all kinds of good schools.

Even the boasted carload of cattle from the International shows at Chicago was not so much, compared to the Oregon exhibits at the Lewis and Clark fair.

The team that was unharnessed yesterday at the close of harvest was harnessed again this morning to begin plowing for next year's crop in Umatilla county.

Twenty "louts" run out of the Walla Walla fair grounds in one day an excellent record. Let the work spread.

More strange faces among the public school children this fall than ever before.

Just think how nice pavement would be during this awful weather.

FACTS ABOUT COLOMBIA.

"I may positively affirm that the unsettled period of revolutions (in Colombia) is past and forever gone," writes Enrique Perez in "La Mucelanea."

"Colombia has sources of wealth almost inexhaustible. The output of her gold mines can compete to advantage with that of the richest gold mines in the world. Five hundred thousand square miles of the most fertile territory are there waiting for railways to cross them in every direction.

"Copper and iron are plentiful, oil gushes out from the land like streams of water; coal, bituminous and anthracite, to be found in great quantities; India rubber, vanilla, a large and unknown variety of fibre plants, and, in fine, all the products of all climates and zones, afford many and enviable chances to foreign capital and labor.

"People going to Colombia can select the climate best suited to their taste, from the warmest tropical heat to the severest cold in the regions of perpetual snow, and there is something to do everywhere, something to work upon wherever man chooses to go."

BOY WON HIS CASE.

The judge of one of the Missouri county courts went to his home the other afternoon, says the Kansas City Journal, and becoming acquainted with some flagrant act of his 7-year-old son, summoned the lad before him. "Now, sir, lay off your coat," he said sternly. "I am going to give you a whipping that you will remember as long as you live." "If I please your Honor," said the boy, "we desire to ask a stay of the proceedings in this case until we can prepare and file a change of venue to mother's court. Our application will be based on the belief that this court has formed an opinion regarding the guilt of the defendant, which cannot be shaken by evidence, and is, therefore, not competent to try the case." Stay was granted and the boy allowed 25 cents attorney fee.

The new rates to Manila, Hong Kong and Shanghai from Seattle are: First-class, \$225; second, \$168.75; third, \$125; Asiatic steamer, \$51.

COSMOPOLITAN'S EDITOR AN OUTDOOR WRITER.

The new editor of the Cosmopolitan, Bailey Millard, is more than a mere literary man. While a boy he made the acquaintance of the great west by tramping over it from Illinois to California.

He has built a house with his own hands. He has roughed it in the Klondike and explored the great Oregon cave.

Like William Dean Howells and other famous authors, Mr. Millard learned the printer's trade. While working at it in San Francisco he sent contributions to the newspapers, and this led to his becoming a reporter.

He was city editor of the Chronicle, the Call and the Examiner. He has served as news editor, night editor and literary editor of the Examiner, and while working in the last named capacity began writing short stories which gained him a wide reputation.

At his home in Berkeley he liked to work in the open air. He would stroll about under the trees, and pencil in hand, and when the inclination came he would sit down and write.

Caring little for club life, Mr. Millard is fond of good society. Among his visitors in California were Joaquin Miller, David Starr Jordan, John Muir, Jack London and Herbert Bushford. Books are found in almost every room in his house. His literary favorites include Emerson, Whitman, Carlyle, Thoreau, Stevenson and Kipling.

Mr. Millard is 45 years old and strongly built. He began to write verses, mostly of a melancholy character, when he was 15 years old. His first story, "Tied to the Trust," was written when he was 16 and published in the St. Peter (Minn.) Tribune.

A NEUTRAL LANGUAGE.

The following brief review of a neutral language, originated in 1887, in Europe, and known as Esperanto, has been published in recent numbers of several magazines:

Esperanto was devised by Dr. Zamenhof, of Bialystok, Russia.

The language has been in existence since 1887.

Phonetic spelling is a feature.

It has 2000 root words.

All the words common to the principal languages have been absorbed with little, if any, alterations.

All of these words, by the use of prefixes and suffixes, are intended to be sufficient to express every shade of thought or action.

The Roman alphabet is used.

The pronunciation is phonetic throughout—one letter, one sound.

The vowels are confined to five. All consonantal sounds are eliminated.

All singular nouns end in "o," all adjectives in "a," all derived adverbs in "e," and all plurals in "j."

All verbs are regular. There is only one conjugation.

In pronunciation all emphasis comes on the last syllable but one.

Many thousands of persons throughout Europe can speak and write it fluently. There are many magazines devoted to it.

It is propagated by associations organized to study and extend its use.

The Esperanto grammar has been translated into more than 20 languages and dialects.

It already has a considerable literature of its own.

A big convention of persons interested in Esperanto has just been held at Boulogne, France.

NO LIFE ON THE MOON.

The moon being much the nearest to us of all the heavenly bodies, we can pronounce more definitely in its case than in any other. We know that neither air or water exists on the moon in quantities sufficient to be perceived by the most delicate tests at our command. It is certain that the moon's atmosphere, if any exists, is less than the thousandths part of the density of that around us. The vacuum is greater than any ordinary air-pump is capable of producing. We can hardly suppose that so small a quantity of air could be of any benefit whatever in sustaining life; an animal that could

get along on so little could get along on none at all.

But the proof of the absence of life is yet stronger when we consider the results of actual telescopic observation. An object such as an ordinary city block could be detected on the moon. If anything like vegetation were present on its surface we should see the changes which it would undergo in the course of a month, during one portion of which it would be exposed to the rays of the unclouded sun and during another to the intense cold of space.—Dr. Simon Newcomb, in Harper's Magazine.

PRICE LIST OF WIVES.

In Persia women "marry out" on contract, returnable to their parents in "good order and condition" when the contract is up. The purchase price is, like your room rent, payable in advance. But Persia is not the only country where wives are bought. Here is a partial list of the world's market: Kaffiani, South Africa, price of wife, two to 10 cows; Uganda, South Africa, box of cartridges and six needles; Karak, pair of old shoes; Tartary, Asia, her weight in butter; Timio, pound of ivory or jackknife; Kamshatka, Asia, from one to 10 reindeer; Mishenis, Asia, from one hog to 10 oxen; Ceylon, Asia, box of matches; Unyoro, South America, merchandise on the installment plan; Upernavik, Greenland, knife, whetstone or file.—New York Herald.

MAN'S BEST PERIOD.

Some men don't make their biggest strikes until late in the afternoon of life. J. Pierpont Morgan achieved his great success since his 60th year. He is 66 now, and getting younger. He used to fall in some of his undertakings. He built the famous elephant at Coney Island and lost a lot of money in the venture. He tried to re-jugenate the Long Island railroad, and got another elephant on his hands. There is no record, however, says Bank Notes, of his ever having made the same mistake twice.

Kansas Necktie News.

John Klopfer, who has been going without one for 55 years, has begun wearing a necktie. Art Hodgkins, wearing the skin of a garter snake for a Sunday necktie.—The Topeka Capitalist.

Samuel Sweringen, alias Harry Love, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Mrs. Fhobe Williams at Lancha Plana, Cal., last June. Clarence Murphy will be tried for complicity.

A Boon to the Bilious

Are you compelled to deny yourself many wholesome foods because you think they make you bilious? Do you know that your condition is more to blame than the foods? Your liver and stomach need attention more than the diet. When you find yourself suffering with a bilious attack, take

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Miss Cora Goode

benefited as she was. Miss Goode is president of the Bryn Mawr Lawn Tennis Club of Chicago. She writes: Dear Mrs. Pinkham—

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