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It lies not on the sunlit hill Nor on the sunlit plain; Nor even on any running stream Nor on the unclouded main— But sometimes, through the soul of man, Slow moving o'er his pain, The moonlight of a perfect peace Floods heart and brain. —Hona MacLeod.

FIGHTING THE SCHOOLS.

In order to vent its contemptible political spleen on members of the Pendleton school board, whom the people of this district have chosen to conduct the affairs of the schools, the Morning Tribune is willing to cast discredit upon the schools by imputations, insinuations and innuendoes.

Because it expects to make a bitter and narrow partisan fight on Walter Pierce during the coming campaign in the county it is now playing politics in a most disgusting way, casting suspicion on the actions of the school board, hinting at dishonesty and secrecy in the conduct of the public schools and in every way laying foundation for prejudice against Pierce.

In this dirty plan the public school is made to suffer. Strangers not familiar with the reputation of the Tribune and reading the attacks in that paper upon the school board would be led to believe that a most disgraceful and corrupt condition prevails in the affairs of the schools in this city, which is farthest from the truth.

The district has just voted a tax for three new buildings which are now the pride of the city. This increased expense increases the tax levy, and the board, although practicing the most rigid economy, has been forced to call for two mills additional after the first assessment of 19 mills was levied.

Since this amount of taxes is absolutely necessary to the maintenance of the schools, does any taxpayer in Pendleton oppose it? Would you curtail the schools in any way that would cripple their efficiency since you have just authorized the construction of the new buildings?

The school board followed the exact letter of the law in calling meetings and conducting elections. Every step is supported and authorized by the school laws of the state and the board is being unjustly and dishonestly censured for political reasons by the Tribune. This is the entire burden of its opposition to the tax levy.

In the first place, the Tribune should not speak one way or the other upon this subject, until it pays \$150 back taxes which it owes the county for the past five years.

GOOD-BYE, JIM HILL.

The retirement of James J. Hill from the active management of the Great Northern and allied roads on January 1 will mark an epoch in American railroad history.

With a boldness that was startling and a foresight that was almost prophetic, James J. Hill started to build railroads into the very heart of the deserts of the Dakotas, Minnesota and Montana, years before settlers came. People said: "What does he expect to do? There is no business for him in these wildernesses."

But Jim Hill made business. Whether he went business and settlement and civilization followed. Unlike his more timid and conservative contemporaries, he did not cling to the borders of settlements, where competition was strong and the chances for development slight. But he struck boldly into an almost undiscovered country, where for hundreds of miles his roads would not pay the coal bill with the business originating along the line. But a wonderful business and in-

dustrial presence guided him. He knew that the prairies would not be settled with a permanent class until they were put in touch with civilization. So he built railroads and branch lines and cross roads and connecting roads and made a perfect cobweb of railway lines in the territory he occupied.

And then his reward came. Hundreds of thousands of settlers flocked to the country opened up by him. His warehouses were filled with merchandise coming to the settlers and with farm produce going out to the markets of the world.

He encouraged agriculture. He introduced every new idea in farming which he learned from every source and made the Hill lines a part of the life of the community.

Monopolist, it is true. Selfish, it is true. Avaricious to a certain degree, always. Opposed to "meddling" with railroad rates, as are all his fellows.

But for downright civilizing and upbuilding waste places James J. Hill will go down in American railroad history as the one supreme model of the industrial prophet, seer and organizer.

THE CALL OF LOVE.

There is tragedy and sadness in the return of the Portland man to the wife of his youth whom he deserted 28 years ago in Kansas.

All of these years she has waited and hoped for his return. All these years he has cruelly denied her the fruition of her hope. At last, old and infirm, heart-hungry for home and family, embittered against his own life he returns and is embraced and received as if he had been absent but a few days on an errand.

What a wonderful thing is the soul of a woman and what more wonderful thing the love that permeates it. After witnessing such self-sacrificing and undying affection as this, how contemptibly debased seem some of man's cruel and stinging blows?

For thee I will arouse my thoughts and try All heavenward flights, all high and holy strains! For thee I will wait patiently Through the long hours nor count their moments painful!

The East Oregonian takes great pride in mentioning the excellent country correspondence which it is now publishing from the different sections of the county. A regular traveling correspondent is now employed who visits every town in the county and who is doing good work in securing news and writing up the many substantial advancements being made. This correspondence is published in all the issues, including the daily and semi-weekly, and the residents of every section of the county are urged to co-operate with the correspondent in securing the news and in giving such business statistics as may be of benefit to the various localities. This correspondence is fresh, original and reliable and adds an invaluable feature to the various issues of the paper.

SHELL OF 1812 FOUND.

An interesting relic of the war of 1812 was recently hauled from the depths of Curtis bay in a fish seine by H. R. Stull, 1743 Covington street. The relic is a shell which is supposed to have been dropped overboard from one of the British warships which assailed Baltimore.

He took the shell to Fort McHenry, where the ordnance officer pronounced it a shell of English make, and also informed Mr. Stull that it was loaded. Mr. Stull was determined to find what was inside, and, placing it under water, he carefully bored through the bell metal cap. When the cap was removed about a gill of black powder, which was in good condition, came out. There was something else still inside, so Mr. Stull continued to dig, and at last dislodged 175 leaden bullets, each about five-eighths of an inch in diameter, which had been firmly imbedded in brimstone.

The shell is five and five-eighths inches in diameter and, with its contents, weighs 22 1-2 pounds. It was learned by Mr. Stull that the wooden cap was part of the shell, the method of shooting the shell being to place the cap on the shell, with a fuse leading through the cap and the bell metal to the interior of the shell. The powder charge of the gun was then either tied or wrapped around the outside of the wooden cap and the whole placed in the gun. When the latter was discharged the powder ignited the fuse, which in turn carried a spark to the powder in the shell. The spark reaching the brimstones caused a gas to form, and this exploded the shell, the leaden bullets causing the destruction.—Baltimore American.

Committee Was Slow.

In a debate on the agricultural appropriation bill, Congressman Hixey, of Virginia, was denouncing the agricultural committee vigorously because it had been promising for years to do something for Virginia, and had not done it yet. Chairman Wadsworth tried to pour oil on the troubled waters. "The gentleman from Virginia must remember," said he, "that Rome wasn't built in a day." "I know it wasn't," retorted Hixey, "and if Romulus and Remus had been on the agricultural committee it wouldn't be built yet."—The Argonaut.

TRANSMITTING YOUR VOICE BY MAIL.

A postal card that talks—this is the latest contribution of science to the comfort of the world. The phonopostal, as it is called, will bring to friends at home the spoken words of the traveler. They may actually hear his voice as he tells of the scenes he is visiting, or speaks messages of affection and cheer.

Jules Verne, whose strange, clairvoyant fancy foresaw the submarine boat, the airship and other marvels years before their appearance, likewise predicted the modification of the phonograph, which is now a reality.

The Literary Digest gives a translation from La Nature, Paris, describing the invention as follows:

"The phonopostal is an apparatus intended to record and afterward reproduce the human voice with the aid of a piece of cardboard of the size and shape of a postal card.

"The advantages of the phonopostal are many. In these days of extended tours there can be nothing more attractive than to put in one's automobile or in a corner of one's bag this apparatus, which takes up no more room than two or three boxes of letter paper. By adding a few dozen cards prepared for use as records we may, at each stopping place send to those at home fresh and, as we may say, vibrant news of our journey."

In making a phonopostal the sender speaks into the phonograph, a piece of prepared cardboard taking the place of the customary wax cylinder.

The diaphragm of the instrument has a sapphire point that traces the record in a sensitive layer of what is called "sonorine," spread over the surface of the card. The essence of the invention lies in the composition of this substance, which, although easily spread on a sheet of cardboard, possesses all the advantages of the wax with which the ordinary phonograph cylinders and gramophone disks are covered. In addition, sonorine is so hard that it will safely bear the roughest handling that it is likely to get in passing through the mails.

The French writer says: "The sounds are recorded in a spiral beginning at the edge of the card and growing continually smaller until the last circle is barely as large as a 10-centime piece. The groove made is so hard that even the two postmarks are not able to destroy more than a syllable or two."

"On one card there may easily be inscribed 75 or 80 words, which is sufficient to give ample news. We should not forget that the phonopostal merely aims at filling the same place as the illustrated postal card.

"The phonographic correspondence may be put on the side reserved for address, and this may be written over the grooves traced by the recording diaphragm without the slightest interference with the reproduction of the sounds."

The invention has been introduced in Paris.

DRIED MILK.

Consular reports from Australia indicate that in that part of the world trials have been made of a system of drying milk which is said to have been successful in London, England. The milk is dried between steam rollers and sold as a powder, from which nothing but water has been extracted and to which nothing but water requires to be added to make wholesome, clean and sterile milk. A leading medical officer in Australia is reported to have said that the adoption of dried milk at some of the asylums for consumptive patients and in general hospitals has proved a success.

Prof. Gustav Hambach, aged 74, of St. Louis, was run down by a fire engine and his skull and leg fractured, and he received internal injuries and cannot recover. Prof. Hambach is one of the most eminent zoologists in the United States, and instructor in theology and zoology at Washington university.

UNSEEN DANGER IS ON OUR TRACK.

From the time of our birth till we lie down for the last time, The best defense from the dangers of disease is vigor of body and activity of the natural functions.

The kind of assistance is important. It must not be stimulation for that gives but temporary effect, and the reaction is more than depressing. Take a tonic—one that will re-establish normal digestion and assimilation and prove a reconstructive rather than a promoter of waste. This will give nature a fair chance to put in motion normal work of repair and tissue building. Such a tonic was given in Nature's Laboratory, hidden in the ground and brought thence forty years ago by Dr. R. V. Pierce, who has made the treatment of hemorrhagic diseases his lifelong study and care.

He uses glycerol extracts instead of alcoholic ones, exactly proportioned and combined by processes of his own invention, first used in his private practice and now given out freely to the world in his "Golden Medical Discovery," which is composed of Golden Seal root, Queen's root, Stone root, Black Cherrubark, Blood-root and Manihot root. Mrs. A. T. Jones, of 938 Hayes street, San Francisco, Cal., writes: "As a child I was delicate, and great care was taken of me because some of my relatives had died of consumption, although my father and mother were healthy. I grew up with only the ordinary diseases of all children, but about two years ago I contracted a severe cold, which would not yield to such home-treatment as was handy. Doctors were tried, but after three months of this treatment I was only worse. I was advised to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and am glad to say that three bottles not only cured me of the cold and cough, but made me feel better than I ever had before. I will always have a bottle of this medicine in the house."

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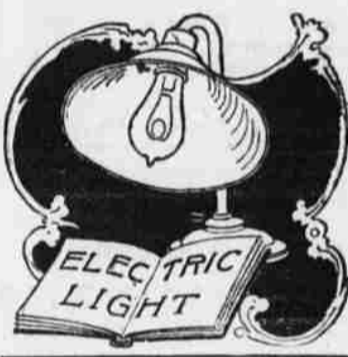
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