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When everything goes crooked,
And seems inclined to rile,
Don't kick nor fuss nor fidget;
Just—you—smile!

It's hard to learn the lesson,
But learn it if you'd win;
When people tease and pester,
Just—you—grin!

When some one tries to "do"
you
By taking more than half,
Be patient, firm and pleasant;
Just—you—laugh!

But if you find you're stuffy
(Sometimes, of course, you will!)
And cannot smile nor grin nor
laugh,
Just—keep—still!
—Arthur Chamberlain.

VOTE BY PRECINCTS.

Several local option elections will be held in Umatilla county this year. The local option law will be kept constantly in use in Oregon.

The law is good and should remain in force, but friends of the law must not abuse it nor run it to extremes in their zeal.

It was intended to be strictly a precinct law and with this understanding secured an enormous vote. If this aim is subverted, and the law is used to coerce unwilling and unprepared settlements, public sentiment will revolt at it and repeal of the law will result.

Prohibition is a progressive science and must be learned by degrees. Small towns and county precincts which desire prohibition under the local option law should vote prohibition for themselves and enjoy it, but they should not attempt coercion in other precincts not wholly prepared and educated up to the prohibition idea.

In the precincts where the sentiment is strong for prohibition the law can be enforced and will be successful while it would not be a success where it is forced upon a town or settlement not fully understanding or desiring prohibition.

The East Oregonian hopes the local option vote will be confined to precincts and not extended to include Umatilla county. Precincts in Umatilla county are ready to accept prohibition under a local option law, but Umatilla county as a whole is not ready for it and it would be disastrous to the prohibition cause to force it by a bare majority upon the county.

Let the precinct have it and let the education and the preparation slowly spread. Local option successfully enforced in one small precinct will multiply the local option sentiment in adjoining precincts, and thus gradually the vital essence of prohibition will creep from precinct to precinct ere the enemy is aware and a healthy and intelligent sentiment will prepare the people to receive it in toto, within an incredibly short time.

A county vote will wreck the cause and force the repeal of the law.

SEATTLE IN THE PROCESSION.

Seattle has joined the ranks of progressive cities that are committed to the municipal ownership of public utilities, and, as is natural, under the

leadership of a democrat, says the San Francisco Star. Last Tuesday Judge W. H. Moore was elected, after an exciting campaign, mayor of the Puget Sound metropolis.

In other elections the city has gone republican from 1900 to 1900, but on the issue of public ownership the normal majority of that party was entirely lost. The democratic newspaper worked for the candidate of its party, but frankly avowed its enmity for the principle of municipal management of water and lighting plants.

The people took the matter in their own hands, however, and the mere politicians found themselves helpless before the solid ranks opposing them.

Thus from the Atlantic to the Pacific the movement wins its way, and one city after another begins the trial of practical advantages. To doubt that the trial will be permanently successful is to doubt the integrity and ability of Americans put in places of honor and trust by their fellow citizens. It is a charge on the redoubts of special privilege and graft that must result in regaining the works for the use of all the people.

GOOD WORK FOR OREGON.

The people of Willamette valley who are receiving direct benefits from the agitation of the Oregon Development league for reduced railroad fares, extension of railroad lines and better traffic arrangements, have cause to be grateful to Judge Stephen A. Lowell of this city, who, as a member of the transportation committee of the Oregon Development league wrote most of the report of that committee demanded the reforms which the railroads have promised to speedily grant, and which have been effected in part, in western Oregon, already.

In writing this remarkable report which recommended revolutionary principles in railroad activity, in comparison to the old policy of Oregon roads, Judge Lowell and his associates had but the best interest of Oregon at heart, regardless of the power of the corporations, regardless of moneyed influences in state politics, regardless of aught but the welfare of the whole people.

The report of that committee started the wheels rolling in Oregon industrial circles. Following closely upon its publication the Harriman people announced the appropriation of over \$4,000,000 for extensions and improvements in Oregon; new traffic arrangements went into immediate effect in western Oregon; surveys of new lines were accelerated and a new spirit of activity thrilled through the entire state.

It is self-sacrificing and fearless work of this character which uplifts and develops states. Oregon was ripe for that committee's report. For a quarter of a century railroad development had been at a standstill. A great state was panting for progress. Interior valleys and settlements had prayed in vain for relief. The report of that committee was the first promise that had ever reached them.

Oregon owes much to Judge Lowell who wrote that report in part, and who launched at Eugene last fall the slogan which is still resounding in the state: "OREGONIANS FOR OREGON; NOT OREGON FOR OREGONIANS."

Such a man will be a power for good in the United States senate from Oregon.

While the letter recently received by President Perry Gould of the Umatilla County Woolgrowers' association, may have been a "joke," yet it is not considered as such by sheepmen. The East Oregonian would call attention to the fact that Oregon sheepmen have raised a fund of several thousand dollars for the purpose of apprehending such men as wrote the threatening letter. Two such fellows have been convicted and are now in the penitentiary meditating upon sheep killing and range disturbances. The fund will be increased as necessity demands.

There are actual opportunities for homeseekers in the irrigated districts of Umatilla county and to those districts, homeseekers should be especially directed. In the west end of the county and also in the Milton, Free-water and Hudson Bay districts, there are rich opportunities for men with small means to secure good homes in excellent surroundings and at rea-

sonable prices. The East Oregonian calls attention of strangers and homeseekers to the districts mentioned. Ditches are being extended and new land is being brought under irrigation every month in the year. It requires but a few acres to support a family and splendid settlements are forming in these districts.

SIOUX TRIBE IS PASSING.

The great Sioux tribe, the most pulsant of the American aborigines, is withering to extinction with tuberculosis at the agencies along the Missouri.

There are about 25,000 of these people making fair progress in civilization: living in houses; wearing citizen's clothing; the children being educated; the families generally professing Christianity; the able-bodied engaged in some form of manual labor, by which they earn the means of subsistence.

The alarming extent of this dread infection prevailing among them cannot be overstated. Hardly a home where it has not found victims, and hardly a home where it does not still exist in some form. The disease is usually quick in its deadly mission. A man, apparently healthful, leaves his work and goes to his trader and orders a suit of grave clothes. "I have the sickness," he says. He is measured for the suit, and by the time it is finished the buyer is often ready to wear it through the long sleep. The mother and the grown-up son or daughter are likely to share a similar fate. Under such conditions, and in such environment, it will readily be understood that an atmosphere of gloom and depression abounds, paralyzing to ambition and to further advancement.—D. W. Robinson in Review of Reviews.

KEEPERS OF THE GATE.

Where free and strong the whole day long
The shouting seas swing in,
With friendly roar to storm the shore
That flings them back their din:
There headlands bold a bay infold,
Where calm and silent wait
The guns that drowse, till war shall rouse
The Keepers of the Gate.

Through portals wide the ebbing tide
Steals out to open sea,
Past sleeping hills where stir and thrills
A wind-sung wild and free.

From far and near the trade-ships steer,
Wide-winged with precious freight,
To gain the land where sentinels stand
The guns that keep the gate.

When summer sun his day's work done,
Has sought his glowing bed;
When watch-lamps stand by sea and land
And swing in skies o'erhead:
Midst night's soft gleam the great guns dream.

On guard o'er sleeping state,
Dream lasting peace, when need shall cease
To keep the nation's gate.
—K. L. S. in Overland Monthly.

WHAT BURBANK TEACHES.

The greatest teacher of childhood should be nature. Send the child out to get acquainted with her. Let it make playmates of the sun and the wind and the flowers. Let it drink in the purity of the out-of-doors, the natural foe of all that is cramping and degrading and that tends to lower the standard of manhood.

The child may not learn as much about the structure of the plant, but he will know the plant when he sees it, and love it. His knowledge of the anatomy of a grasshopper may be somewhat more limited, but the creatures of the field and the wood will be his friends. In short, give the child more of nature and less of artificiality, and the result will be for the betterment of the human race.

Such in brief, is what Luther Burbank would teach.

UMATILLA, A PASSWORD.

Umatilla, Oregon, in the days of the stage-coach, a prosperous and populous town on the banks of the Columbia, where supplies for the great inland empire were transferred from the steamer to freight wagons and pack teams, has awakened from sleep, brushed the sands of the desert from her eyes and arisen to the dignity of being more than a dot on the map, says the Pacific Echo of the Women of Woodcraft. A move is on foot to incorporate the town.

Old members of the Women of Woodcraft, whose memories run back to 1897, will remember the name as the first password of the new order, and what a time they had twisting their tongues around it. A tribe of Indians and a river share the name with the town.

THE LARGEST CORN FIELD.

The largest field of corn in the United States, if not in the world has just been harvested on the Adams farm in Sac county, near Odebolt. One hundred horses and 37 corn cutters have shucked corn to the estimated amount of 300,000 bushels. Mr. Adams, the owner of the farm, spends the most of his time in Chicago, where he resides with his family, operating his large farm by expert foremen.—Iowa correspondence in St. Paul paper.

A Comparison in Space.

A European astronomer has recently made some remarkable calculations. He figures that if all the living representatives of the human race were strung out in space and separated from each other by intervals of a mile, the line would only reach one-third of the distance to the planet Neptune. If separated by distances as great as that between London and Constantinople, the line would only reach half way to the nearest star.—Exchange.

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