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The promise of an age to be
Has touched with gold the
mountain mist.
Its white fleets plow the morn-
ing sea,
Its flag the morning star has
kissed.
But still the martyred ones of
yore,
Whom tyrants to the scaffold
led—
Transfigured now forevermore—
Gaze backward o'er the ages
dead:
And ask: 'How long, O Lord!
How long
Shall creeds conceal Thy hu-
man side,
And Christ the God be crowned
in song
While Christ the Man is cruci-
fied?
How long shall Mammon's
tongue of fraud
At Freedom's Prophets wag in
sport,
While chartered murder stalks
abroad,
Approved by Senate, Church
and Court?'
—James G. Clark.

A BETTER WATER SUPPLY.

While progress is crowding upon
Pendleton with numberless questions
for solution, the East Oregonian be-
lieves that the greatest and most vital
issue now before the people of Pen-
dleton is to get more water, better
water and an unfailing supply of
water for the city, for all time to
come.

The only way to do this is to tap
the Umatilla river high up toward the
head and by pipe lines convey the
supply to the city. This would re-
quire a head-gate or intake, and 25
or 30 miles of pipe line, but that
would end the question for all time.
The supply secured from this source
would be ample, fresh, pure and un-
failing through all the seasons.

In no other way can the city secure
a supply of water which will be cer-
tain. Any pumping proposition is
costly and uncertain. No matter how
good the pumping plant may be it is
a tedious and costly means of supply-
ing the city and as population grows
the cost of the pumping is certain to
increase in proportion.

The cost of operating the pumping
plant for the present water supply is
about \$5000 per year, or enough to
pay interest on a gravity system cost-
ing \$100,000. The wear and deprecia-
tion of machinery is not included in
this estimate of \$5000, but it simply
provides for the actual running ex-
penses. The machinery must be re-
placed and replenished as it wears
out and the demands of the city in-
crease, and with all this expense, the
water supply is not satisfactory. It
is not as good as Pendleton should
have, and it will be impossible to se-
cure any greater supply from the pres-
ent sources used by the city.

The logical and economical thing to
do, is to secure a water right high up
on the Umatilla river, where it can
now be secured within reasonable
cost. Soon every available source will
be cornered by somebody and the city
will have to pay an enormous price
for an intake location. The time to
secure this location is now while nu-
merous locations are available.

As the city grows year by year this
question becomes more and more vi-
tal. Los Angeles has just been forced
to buy a high priced water supply 240
miles from the city. The life of the
city depended upon a larger and bet-
ter supply and the city was forced to
secure it at the cost of several mil-
lion dollars.

Pendleton cannot afford to delay in
this vital matter. This is to be a city
as long as Oregon is on the map of
the world. Population is certain to
increase. Pendleton has not yet be-
gun to grow. She has provided sewer
facilities for a population of 20,000
but she has a water supply which is
really and truly inadequate to the
needs of the present population in the
dry season when irrigation is neces-
sary.

This is a task for the Commercial
association to undertake. It should
co-operate with the city. It should
investigate every possible source of
supply and urge this movement with
all its power and influence.

CONGRESS WASTES TIME.

A perusal of the Congressional
Record from day to day convinces the
reader that fully one-half of the time
of congress is wasted in meaningless
and illogical quibbling by the mem-
bers. Personal tilts with no cause or
excuse and needless debates on insig-
nificant subjects consume a large
amount of time for which the people
are paying high prices in salaries,
sundries and incidentals.

It is a wonder that any really gen-
uine legislation is passed at all, when
the lost and wasted time is considered.

Roosevelt and Bryan are so near
alike in principle and aim, that the
similarity has alarmed the Portland
Oregonian, lest the people decide to
accept Bryan as Roosevelt's successor.
After admiring Roosevelt and com-
mending his policies the Oregonian
cannot conscientiously accept Fair-
banks, Cannon, Taft or Root. Its only
logical course would be to accept Bry-
an, in case Roosevelt is not a candi-
date in 1908.

It costs the government about \$38-
000,000 per year to transport the mail
of the country by railroad routes. Of
this amount it is said by congression-
al reports but 52 per cent is actually
necessary to transport the mail. The
other 48 per cent of \$38,000,000 is
"wasted" for the railroads. If the gov-
ernment could save such an amount
annually by owning the railroads, it
would not be long until this source of
profit, alone, would pay for the entire
railroad system of the nation. And
yet a poor postal clerk who must
"take the mark" or lose his job, can-
not get wages from the government
sufficient to warrant him in remaining
in the service.

The Willamette valley grange is in-
deavouring the purchase of the Oregon
City locks on the Willamette river for
the free use of the people. At the
same time the grange is said to be op-
posed to a state jute plant because it
will be impossible for such a plant to
supply all the people of the state with
sacks. Will the Willamette river
locks be used by all of the people of
Oregon? Will not the public funds of
the government be spent for the use
of a very small proportion of the peo-
ple of the state? The grange is cer-
tainly wrong in one or the other of
these propositions. There should be
some fixed rule of justice which will
apply to all questions.

Before the country is aware, propo-
sition will be in force in the United
States through the simple process of
local option. About one-third of the
area of the southern states is now un-
der prohibition through local option
and New England is also rapidly
adopting local option laws. If the
anti-temperance people of the country
could see the present area of the pro-
hibition territory in one bulk, it would
alarm them for the safety of the gov-
ernment. And yet with the rapid in-
crease in the local option area, there
is but slight decrease in the consump-
tion of liquors, as shown by statistics
of the government.

Eastern Oregon members of the
legislature are invited to visit the
Weston normal school before going to
Salem to attend the coming session.
By a visit to Weston they will be im-
pressed with the importance and mag-
nitude of this school. It has become
one of the phases of the educational
life of eastern Oregon and must be
supported loyally and liberally.

The tariff on jute is \$7.55 per bale
of 400 pounds and not a pound of
commercial jute is grown in the
United States. This means that the
farmers of Umatilla county are pay-

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manufactured sacks come in free of
tariff charges. But this is just a po-
litical "coincidence," perhaps, and
not a studied effort to discourage
American manufacture.

The Oregon Daily Journal suggests
that the experiment of growing jute
be tried at the Oregon experiment
station at Corvallis. The Willamette
valley politicians are so bitterly op-
posed to a state jute plant that they
would perhaps object to this experi-
ment in fear that the jute would ac-
tually grow there and thus create a
favorable argument for a jute plant.

A federal building, a state supreme
court building and library, a gravity
system of city water, a city hall, a
Carnegie library, a Commercial club
building—these are some of the rich
plums which hang within reach of
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HUMOR IN JOURNALISM.

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have. Everybody really wants to
laugh. No man and no newspaper can
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humor. The Chicago Record-Herald
regards the promoting of smiles and
laughter as a part of the legitimate
mission of the press. For years the
"Alternating Currents" column of S.
E. Kiser, in that paper, has been a
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toons of Ralph Wilder on the first
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ple laugh—and to make them think
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of the daily Record, one to be deliv-
ered at his residence and one at the
capitol.

A CRY FROM BOSTON.

Another batch of peasant girls ar-
rived on the Arabic on Saturday, in
towel of Mormon missionaries, going
to Utah, where the president of the
Mormon church has recently been
convicted of polygamous practices.

One of the ship's officers said that
these converts were "some of the
finest girls in Europe."
If they were not, the Mormon
church would not spend such enor-
mous amounts of money and compel
the sacrifice of time spent in mission-
ary work by the regiment of Mormon
elders engaged in this occupation.

It is not being done secretly, for
the Mormons know their political
power. How long will the govern-
ment allow this traffic in human
souls to continue unmolested?—Bos-
ton Traveler.

With the convention barely over,
lumbermen feel an improvement in
the freight situation. Ever since
the agitation for the meeting be-
came strong, more cars have been
furnished to the mills and more are
coming fast. Every millman has
the same story to tell. Whether or
not it is just to try to stop the pos-
sibility of railroad legislation, is yet
to be seen. If the S. P. can furnish
cars now, why could they not do it
before the agitation commenced?—
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