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There is lots of joy in living if you strike the proper gait; If you always come up smiling in the face of every fate. If you're keeping step and whistling some lively little tune, You'll be living gay and happy as a sunny day in June. Keep a level head, don't worry, help your brothers on the way; Let the sunshine of good humor shine upon you every day; Speak a cheerful word at all times, never "knock" your fellow man. And you'll surely be rewarded—just keep doing all you can. Scatter good cheer like the thistle scatters seed before the wind, And the petty woes and troubles soon will be left far behind. Be a "booster" every minute, help along your fellow man, And you'll surely be rewarded—just keep doing all you can. —Sunshine Editor Denver News

MAYOR LANE'S DEFIANCE.

Mayor Harry Lane of Portland, defies the democratic machine organization of Multnomah county and will not submit to the regulation halter which the machine hoped to put about his neck when he promised to be a candidate for re-election.

There is but one way in which Lane will stand for re-election and that is upon the understanding that he enjoy absolute freedom in his administration. There are to be no pinioned arms, no muzzled mouths, no shackled feet—but absolute freedom on part of the mayor to direct his administration for the best interest of the people.

Harry Lane has been a mayor without a master and Portland has benefited by the Lane administration. If he can continue his free and untrammelled policy, he will serve again, if not, he will not be a candidate.

It is really refreshing to see and hear men of this type openly defying the machines, both democratic and republican.

THE TRAGEDY OF MOTHERHOOD

One of the most beautiful short sermons on the endless tragedy of motherhood which it has been the pleasure of the East Oregonian to read, is contained in a recent editorial in the San Francisco Bulletin. That this appeal to the daughters and sons of careworn and overworked mothers may be read in Pendleton, it is republished, in the hope that it may change some of the heartlessness of which it tells, into love and devotion. The Bulletin says: Children, as they grow up, take their mothers for granted. They do

not perceive the mother's sacrifice; they do not comprehend the renunciation that goes with the toll of bringing up a family; they do not think of the other and easier careers which the mother might have had.

One of the great and enduring human tragedies is this blindness of children to the maternal sacrifice. Nearly all children are in some measure and without knowing it heartless and selfish.

How many daughters chide their bent and worn mothers with being prematurely old-fashioned; ignorant that the mother's despectude is the price exacted by nature for the daughter's coming into bloom? We find the Indian custom of sending widows to the burning ghat revolting; but we consent to consume our own mothers.

Mothers suffer keenly from the blameless insensibility of their children; but their suffering is only the operation of the law of compensation.

That lively sense of benefits received which children owe to their mothers and seldom pay is carried forward in nature's bookkeeping and the debt is acquitted when in the next generation the children of those children lightly turn from the maternal side to seek the more congenial companionship of youth and beauty. Parents should accept the world as it wags; it is idle to repine.

EUGENE GOES FORWARD.

In electing J. D. Matlock, the municipal ownership candidate for mayor, the city of Eugene goes a step forward among her sister cities in Oregon.

Municipal ownership of water and lighting facilities is becoming a popular and winning program in all the leading cities of the country and in the new charter of Pendleton a provision should be made by which the city may acquire power sites, develop and maintain light and power plants and be prepared to meet any emergency which may arise in future.

Now is the time to acquire these facilities while they are available. It will be but a few years until an enormous price will have to be paid for sites suitable for the development of power and light and action should be taken now to secure to the city a property of this kind somewhere on the Umatilla river.

The day of municipal ownership should find Pendleton wisely supplied with facilities.

NO CHANGE OF TEXT-BOOKS.

For a few years the people of Oregon have enjoyed comparative freedom from the school book imposition, but now that a few agitating book agents have found the ears of the school book commission, another general change in school books is proposed.

It is announced that about one-half of the books used in the grades will be changed at a coming meeting of the state text-book commission, the reasons being that a number of "leading educators" have advised a change.

The real truth of the matter is, perhaps, that a few high-salaried agents of publishing houses not now represented in the course of study in Oregon public schools, have urged the text-book commission to make a change. These agents are paid to find a market for books and they are not interested in removing the enormous burdens of expense from the shoulders of the people who must bear the expense of the change.

The present series of school books has been in use but a short time—about six years, and there is little general complaint. The people are just recovering from a long series of

changes in which the school book companies plundered the state in a high-handed manner. The people at large do not want a change. They are to be judges, as well as educators. The people pay the bills and the text-book commission should not be guided entirely by salaried agitators in such an important matter.

Some of the "leading educators" of the country who are clamoring for a change of school books are drawing \$2500 to \$3000 per year salary from school book publishing houses and their business is to secure frequent changes of school books.

Let us have a breathing spell in the school book proposition. Let the people recover from a quarter of a century of plundering to which they were subjected before the text-book commission finally fixed the text-books for six years, in 1901.

WISH THE KETTLE WOULD SING.

I wish the kettle would sing again, Just as it used to do. I wish it would sing of a lion slain— Of a pirate crew on the Spanish Main— With a cabin boy and the Boy was I— Just as it used to do.

I wish the kettle would sing again, Just as it used to do. Of a little girl in a bonnet red. Saved by a prince from a hydra-head That lurked in the corn that towered high. And the girl was She and the Prince was I— Just as it used to do.

I wish it would sing of war's alarms, The booming of cannon and clash of arms— Of a blue-clad boy where the strife ran high. With face to the steel and willing to die— Just as it used to do.

I wish the kettle would sing again, Just as it used to do. The lyrics it crooned and the tales it told— But the hearth is chill and the years are old. The fancies it whispered have all taken wing, And never again will sing Just as it used to do. —John D. Wells in Kansas City Post.

ROADSIDE FRUIT TREES.

Americans who visit Belgium with observant eyes, and note the rows of fruit trees bordering the public roads, come away impressed with a sense of wasted opportunity in this country.

Just think what an abundance there would now be of fruit of all kinds, as well as of unbragous beauty everywhere, if the miles and miles of dull, shadeless American roads had been planted with hardy apple, cherry, plum and pear trees! The cost would have been slight, the amount of care required small, the returns, how large! In the neighborhood of towns and cities, also, the abundance of roadside fruit which the boys might be permitted, under slight restrictions, to pick up and eat at will, would have been a protection to private trees, which few persons now attempt to grow on account of the general apprehension that the boys, not the cultivator, would get the fruit.—Maxwell's Tallisman.

WASTED IRISH LAND.

The landlords own most of the land in Ireland and rent it out to the farmers, who assert that it is poor, and consequently they have a hard time to produce enough to support their families and pay the rent. Most of the land seems to be used for pasturage, and but little of it is under cultivation, as are the lands of Italy, Germany and France. Besides, there is a great waste caused by the building of wide turf fences. There are more fences to a farm in Ireland than in any other country. The poor people complain of the rich in America who are accumulating the millions.—The Travel Magazine.

RECLAMATION BY DRAINAGE.

As a result of the National Irrigation Association's work, begun in 1899, there has been practically \$34,189,900 used in drainage would put into cultivation land that is now unfit for cultivation to a greater amount per acreage than the empire of Japan. Shall we reclaim the wastelands and put industrious people upon them to cultivate the soil and add to the wealth of the country?—The New Southwest, St. Louis.

BAN PLACED ON WHISKERS.

A number of society young women of Hemingford, Neb., have formed an anti-whiskers society. A pro-whiskers society was formed several months ago by the young women of Harrison, and several anti-whiskers societies have been formed within the last year by young women in other Nebraska and South Dakota towns. Members of the Hemingford society subscribe to an agreement not to receive attention from men—young, middle-aged or old—who wear any sort of beard, and not under any circumstances to marry men who have beards. Heavy penalties are imposed.—Denver Post.

William Penn Rogers, for the past 25 years a resident of Redlands, Cal., is dead at that place aged 63 years. He was for years an associate editor of Harper's Weekly, under the direction of George William Curtis.

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SCENE IN A THEATER. A. D. 2000.

As the curtain descended upon the first act, she arose abruptly and with ill-concealed impatience. "Sorry, dear," she began brusquely, "but I shall have to leave you for a few moments; it's absolutely imperative that I should see a woman outside." And without waiting for remonstrance, or even meeting the sweet, reproachful gaze upturned to hers, she extracted her hat and cane and departed.

the carriage, a fresh mingling smote him suddenly. "Darling—" he began hesitatingly. "Now, Herbert, don't be foolish; I hate a scene," she interrupted, hastily. "I am due at this moment to speak at that campaign rally, so don't worry—that's a dear, sensible little husband—and don't sit up for me." And with a hurried kiss she slammed the door, and he was alone in the darkness.

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