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Don't be dull and gloomy. If you can't have what you lack. Some day, soon it may be. Your fortune will come back. Luck will turn and find you. Some delightful day. Anyhow, just think so— It's much the better way. Meanwhile just be cheery. Meet life with a smile. The boy is always happy. Who whistles all the while. When you meet misfortune. Don't let it knock you flat. Just be glad you're living. And let it go at that. —Lou F. Vernon.

ROOSEVELT HITS HARD.

No man can accuse Theodore Roosevelt of being insincere. Whatever he does, he does with a clear conviction and with honest purpose.

His Decoration Day address at Indianapolis, in which he scores unmercifully the predatory owners of wealth for their crimes of cunning, is an index to the character of the president. He hates wrong-doing, as much coming from a Harriman as from a Czolgosz. He brands criminal cunning in legislation with the same danger signal as that with which he brands criminal violence from ignorant agitators.

It is refreshing to hear this clear-cut, straight-forward sentiment ring out clearly and boldly in this commercial age. It is encouraging to know that a president has the courage to arraign the wealthy as readily as the moneyless criminal.

The president must take the office again in order to carry into execution the fearless policy of regulation and control which he outlined yesterday at Indianapolis.

THE FUEL FARCE.

The country is full of coal, and yet a severe fuel famine for next winter is threatened. The people own the government, run the government, pay the expenses of government, take a pride in it and fight for it, and yet they permit a measly coal trust to force a shortage of fuel upon them, when the public owns millions of acres of coal land and there are railroads running in every direction through it and from it.

Really this fuel farce is becoming farce. There should be a shaking up in the transportation and coal mining companies that would be remembered and the matter of securing coal where it is needed should be attended to now, before actual suffering begins next winter.

If a fuel shortage is precipitated upon the country next winter the public will surely supply itself with coal from the trains which carry railroad coal through the country. Serious trouble was narrowly averted last year and another famine will make people desperate.

MONEY-MAKING VULGARITY.

The Walla Walla Statesman says of the appearance of Rose Coghlan in "Mrs. Warren's Profession," in the Garden City and of the effect of this undesirable production on the theater-going public of that city:

Rose Coghlan and "Mrs. Warren's Profession" have come and gone and Walla Walla is no better nor worse for the visit. Despite all the advance notices, all the dread predictions of the effectiveness of its ferocious immorality, the people of the community, properly weighted down by legal and ministerial advice and warnings, were not swept off their feet, or engulfed in the whirlpool of the crimson life.

Many writers have exhausted themselves in speculations as to why "Mrs. Warren's Profession" was written. There can be but one sane excuse offered—the sordid desire to make money by catering to the sensational. But one doesn't find half the sensation in the play there is in the advance comments. Instead there is a lot of vulgar rubbish, interspersed with swill barrel wit, designed to give

to the depraved taste the full money's worth. As to the much heralded shocks and thrills, there are none. There is no emotional work of merit, no passion trends, nothing above the commonplace immorality, which isn't noisy enough to startle, or unusual enough to jar.

As to the effectiveness of the play it depends upon the receptiveness of the individual. To the police reporter the story is so old as to bring the contempt of familiarity. To the innocent and refined, it is a tasteless blank—a something so utterly vulgar as to be not understandable.

There were many women and young people in that audience last night who could no more realize the gross inferences offered than they could assemble the plot to the idea of the author.

There is no moral to the piece—nothing to exhibit except that one desire, to make money. Money is the root of the play and the objective of the playwright. People who contributed to the cause last night are just that sort of people for whom the author cunningly spread his net. Sordid desire pandered to morbid curiosity.

The owners of the play got the money. The audience stretched its neck and paid for the rubber privilege. The company goes out of town some wealthier. Those of us left behind have the supreme satisfaction of telling our neighbors we saw "Mrs. Warren's Profession."

PULLMAN CAR EXTORTION.

Everybody who patronizes the Pullman Car company will agree that the rates should be reduced and the service improved. It is one of the most arrogant monopolies in the country and can impose its prices and unjust practices on the public with impunity because it has no competition and the public can't help itself.

The Seattle News says of the effort to reduce Pullman rates and of the Pullman monopoly in general:

At last the rates of the Pullman Car company are to be attacked before the interstate commerce commission in an effort to have them reduced. George F. Loftus, representing the business men of St. Paul, has filed charges in which he declares that the fares of the Pullman company are unjust, unreasonable and excessive.

Until the recent rate law was enacted it is remarkable how the Pullman Car company was always able to have its business made exempt, no matter what railroad legislation was passed by congress.

Yet it is notorious that the Pullman Car company is one of the most outrageous monopolies in all the country. It not only charges travelers twice what they ought to pay for the accommodations secured, but it forces its patrons to pay the salaries of the car company's employes, or a portion of them at least.

It has been shown how the Pullman Car company has declared stock dividends in the last six years aggregating \$80,000,000 at par. Notwithstanding this enormous watering of stock it was quoted in the market yesterday at 161. This means that not only the original capitalization of \$20,000,000 but the additional \$80,000,000 of watered stock in the form of dividends is worth in the open market \$161,000,000.

That is, an original capitalization of \$20,000,000, a large part of which was water, created after the Pullman company took over the Wagner Car company in 1906, has been so exceedingly profitable that it could be increased five fold and still be worth 161 in the open market.

For the year ending July 31, 1906, the net profits of the company were \$10,890,058, and the surplus from this, after paying 8 per cent dividend on the then capital stock of \$74,000,000, left a surplus of \$4,970,074. In order to have some apparent legitimate way of disposing of this surplus a stock dividend of 35 per cent was declared in December last thus increasing the stock to \$100,000,000.

This year's net earnings promise to leave a surplus of not less than \$3,000,000 even after the regular 8 per cent dividends have been declared in July next on the original \$20,000,000 issued in 1900 at the time of the absorption of the Wagner company and the additional \$80,000,000 of water issued since that date.

Think of a daily local train running in daylight from Pendleton to Portland and return. Such an accommodation would be profitable from the first, as it would encourage travel. It would be a pleasure to ride on such a train and this rich territory which has made the O. R. & N. the best paying proposition in the northwest deserves such a train.

The fact is more noticeable every year that Decoration Day is made more a day of amusement than of memory and respect. It is unfortunate that the deep significance and

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meaning of this day cannot take hold of the hearts of the public and cause a few hours cessation of the wheels of business and pleasure, while the memory of the dead is revived and freshened.

THE MEETING OF THE WATERS.

There is not in the wide world a valley so sweet As that vale in whose bloom the bright waters meet; O, the last rays of feeling and life must depart Ere the bloom of that valley shall fade from my heart.

Yet it was not that Nature had shed o'er the scene Her purest of crystal and brightest of green; 'Twas not the soft magic of streamlet or hill, O, no—it was something more exquisite still.

'Twas that friends, the beloved of my bosom were near, Who made every dear scene of enchantment more dear, And who felt how the best charms of Nature improve, When we see them reflected from locks that we love. Sweet vale of Avoca! how calm could I rest In thy bosom of shade, with the friends I love best, Where the storms that we feel in this cold world should cease, And our hearts, like thy waters, be mingled in peace. —Thomas Moore.

COMING EVENTS.

- June 4-7—Washington state grange, Lyndon. June 7-8—Pioneers' reunion, Weston. June 10—Oregon Pioneers' association, Portland. June 21-22—Oregon Development league and rose festa, Portland. JULY 4—CELEBRATION AT PENDLETON. July 4-7—H. Y. P. U., national convention, Spokane. July 9-13—Knights Templar conclave, Saratoga, N. Y. July 10-15—International Christian Endeavor, Seattle. July 15-20—Grand Lodge Eike, Philadelphia.

Wool Sales Dates. Pendleton—June 7. Heppner—June 4, 5, 13. Shantiko—June 10, 11 and 28. July 16. Condon—June 21. Baker City—July 9. Elgin—July 11.

TAKE A CHEERFUL VACATION.

Blessed be the father of a family, or the single man, or the single woman, who has solved the problem of "Where to go for the summer?" Next to the servant girl problem it is the most vexing, perhaps, of all the vexing problems on this planet. "There is always something the matter with every summer resort," is the general cry. Possibly it would in most cases be truer if we said, "There is something the matter with us." We take our fustiness along with us, instead of leaving it in town. We get a quirk in our minds that we are not going to be satisfied. That is no way to start on a vacation. There are hosts of delightful places to go to.—The Travel Magazine.

In a desperate fight between two Indians on the Nesqually reservation about 15 miles from Tacoma Edward Jackson was knocked down and beaten to death with a club by Paul Leslie, a powerful young fellow under 21 years of age. How annoying it is to have anybody else's child cry at the theater.

MAY 31 IN HISTORY.

- 1752—John Brooks, governor of Massachusetts for seven successive terms, born. Died March 1, 1825. 1819—Walt Whitman, American poet, born. Died March 26, 1892. 1889—Johnstown flood; 2295 lives lost. 1893—Body of Jefferson Davis reinterred at Richmond, Va. 1897—Severe earthquake shock felt in the Central states. 1902—Peace at Pretoria. 1902—Many lives lost in floods at Topeka, Kas. 1906—King Alfonso VIII. of Spain and Princess Ena of Battenberg married.

Livestock for Indians. The government is about to purchase livestock on a large scale. The bureau of Indian affairs is to buy 1268 mares, 1268 mitch cows, 24,751 heifers and 775 bulls, to be divided among the Indian agencies. The total purchase will amount to about a million dollars. The specifications call for Durham, Shorthorn or Hereford stock and the breeders of other cattle are making a loud roar. It is stated that under the treaty with the Indians the commissioner is bound to supply the breeds mentioned, and A. H. Laughlin of Ransom, North Dakota, claims the breeders' associations making a specialty of these breeds, had a hand in causing the selection to be made. Mr. Laughlin favors the Galloway breed and says its shaggy hide is more valuable to the Indians than his old friend the buffalo.

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