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As a fond mother, when the day is o'er, Leads by the hand her little child to bed, Half willing, half reluctant to be led, And leave his broken playthings on the floor, Still gazing at them through the open door, Nor wholly reassured and comforted By promises of others in their stead, Which, though more splendid, may not please him more; So Nature deals with us, and takes away Out playthings one by one, and by the hand Leads us to rest so gently, that we go Scarce knowing if we wish to go or stay, Being too full of sleep to understand How far the unknown transcends the what we know -Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

THE TAX REFORM LAW.

The Tax Reform league of Portland has sent out a large number of initiative petitions asking for signatures on the new tax reform law which will be submitted to the voters this year.

The proposed law makes a most radical change in the manner of assessment and would revolutionize values and upset the entire assessment system of Oregon if adopted as a whole, at one time. It is a single tax measure, pure and simple and places all the burden of taxation on land. While this is a good system and a system that will be adopted some day throughout the United States, perhaps, Oregon cannot afford to take the entire dose at one time.

Let us have an educational process, a close study of taxation, a few mild experiments along the single tax line before adopting the entire system. Let us assess idle land high and adopt a graduated tax to prevent land monopoly, but let us not sweep out of existence all livestock and manufacturing values at one stroke. This would throw an enormous burden upon the land, all at one time, when we must climb up to the single land tax, step by step.

The proposed tax law changes Section I, Article IX, of the constitution of Oregon to read as follows:

"The legislative assembly shall provide by law for uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation; and shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation of all property, both real and personal, excepting that all dwelling houses, barns, sheds, outhouses and all other appurtenances thereto, all machinery and buildings used exclusively for manufacturing purposes, and the appurtenances thereto, all fences and farm machinery and appliances used as such, all fruit trees, vines, shrubbery and all other farm improvements, all livestock, all household furniture in use, all tools used by workmen and in use, shall be exempt from taxation; excepting also such property for municipal, educational, literary, scientific, religious, charitable purposes, as may be specially exempted by law."

PENDLETON NOT SELFISH.

Usually the county seat of a county monopolizes the county offices and dictates county affairs, but neither of these charges can be laid at Pendleton's door.

A glance at the list of county and district offices of Umatilla county shows that Pendleton has but few candidates among them. Most of the number claimed their homes elsewhere before election to their present official positions. Those who were residents of Pendleton before their

election are Circuit Judge H. J. Bean, Senators Smith and Cole, Treasurer Hendley, Surveyor Kimbrell and Coroner Folsom.

The other county officials were well distributed over the county as follows: District Attorney G. W. Phelps, Heppner; Sheriff Taylor, Athena; County Clerk Salus, Weston; Superintendent Frank Welles, Milton; Assessor C. P. Strain, Milton; County Judge Gilliland, Pilot Rock; Commissioner Walker, Heix; Commissioner Lee, Milton; Representative Barrett, Athena; Representative Steen, Milton; Representative Slusher, Noll; Treasurer Bradley, Athena.

The East Oregonian is glad to make a note of this fact and to call the attention of the taxpayers and voters of the county to the matter. Pendleton is anxious to see the different parts of the county represented. She wants to see development, settlement, good public improvements and good service and she is willing to forego all the prestige which Pendleton men in office might give her, in order to see the county at large well represented and enjoying the most rapid development and best public conveniences.

In the county election this year it is not believed that Pendleton will claim a solitary county office not now held by a Pendleton man. She wants to see Umatilla county satisfied and well taken care of. Her pleasure and success depends upon the county's well-being and well-doing.

REFORM EVERYWHERE.

Not only in Pendleton, but in every northwest city, and in fact, all over the United States, a broadening of religious sentiment and a more practical and utilitarian plan of preaching is noticed.

The East Oregonian makes a note of this superb progress frequently and it is delighted to see that other newspapers are taking note of this growth. The Spokane Chronicle says of the changing sentiment in that city:

Within the last few years there has been a great change in the policy of many churches. The orthodox ministers of today try to keep abreast of the times.

They are preaching from the pulpits on subjects of popular interest. Questions of state, of municipal politics and of civic reforms give the basis for eloquent discourses that interest large congregations. It is like popular songs succeeding the classics.

Take, for example, the sermons preached in the city of Spokane last Sunday. Many dealt with the recent Sunday closing movement. There were sermons dealing with the saloonkeepers, the variety actresses and the man in the street, while some were of the old-fashioned sort.

Whether this change is for the better is a question that is being argued. One thing is certain, it is drawing attention to the work of the churches and bringing these organizations nearer to the world. Is the church losing in earnestness? Is it replacing its best line of work by a search for popularity?

Or is it simply entering a new era of broad-minded enterprise and practical work for the good of mankind?

JUST A SQUARE DEAL.

The Pendleton Tribune is much agitated over the fact that the editor of the East Oregonian is a "new republican." If this were so, the editor of the East Oregonian would be proud of the fact that his first service for the republican party in eastern Oregon is to ask for a square deal for the pioneer, permanent resident of the second or eastern Oregon congressional district.

It is not a square deal to have Frank Davey come over from Salem and "copper" the best job in Harney county within a year and a half; neither is it a square deal for the pioneer residents and aspirants of the second congressional district to have T. T. Geer come over from Salem and claim the congressional nomination in a district in which he has not lived for over a third of a century.

If it remains for the new recruits in the republican party to ask for and demand a square deal for the veteran members of that party, the editor of the East Oregonian is pleased to be reckoned with the new recruits. A square deal is all any man can ask, but that much is due every man.

If all the favorable comment heard from passengers on O. R. & N. trains on Pendleton's street paving could be collected into one volume, it would make a much larger book than the city charter and ordinances.

There will be no contest over the congressional nomination in the Wil-

lamette valley district. The people of Willamette valley would not stand for an eastern Oregon man to go over there and run for congress the first year of his residence there. Only permanent residents are eligible in the first district.

The principal plank in T. T. Geer's congressional platform is the fact that he crossed the Umatilla river where the Main street bridge in Pendleton is now located, 41 years ago.

The new thought doctrine of the brotherhood of man means a square deal in politics as well as in social and business relations.

Not the city bonds are sold, let us lay the cornerstone of the city hall.

LIFE'S BRIGHT SIDE.

There is many a rest in the road of life

If we only would stop to take it, And many a tone from the better land,

If the querulous heart would wake it!

To the sunny soul that is full of hope,

And whose beautiful trust ne'er falleth.

The grass is green and the flowers are bright,

Though the wintry storm prevail-eth,

Better to hope, though the clouds low,

And to keep the eyes still lifted; For the sweet blue sky will soon peep through

When the ominous clouds are rifted.

There was never a night without a day,

Or an evening without a morning, And the darkest hours, as the proverb goes,

Is the hour before the dawning.

There is many a gem in the path of life,

Which we pass in our idle pleasure,

That is richer far than the jeweled crown,

Or the miser's hoarded treasure; It may be the love of a little child,

Or a mother's prayer to Heaven; Or only a beggar's grateful thanks

For a cup of water given.

Better to weave in the web of life A bright and golden filling,

And to do God's will with a ready heart,

And hands that are swift and willing,

Than to snap the delicate, slender threads

Of our curious lives asunder, And then blame Heaven for the tangled ends

And sit and grieve and wonder. -M. A. Kidder.

A HORSE TRADE.

"Hello!" says I.

"Hello!" says he.

I never seen the man afore.

"Swap!" says I.

"Dunno," says he.

"Mebbe, I ain't shore."

"Th' bay!" says I.

"Th' gray," says he.

"Swap!" says we, and both unhitched.

"Fine horse," says I.

"Of course," says he.

An' in a minute we had switched.

"Git up!" says I.

"Git up!" says he.

An' both them horses stood stock still.

"Balk?" says I.

"Yep," says he.

"Mine, too!" We laughin' fit to kill.

"Say!" says I.

"Hey!" says he.

"Guess that's a horse apiece," says we.

"Guess that's a horse apiece," says we.

Good day," says I.

"Good day," says he.

Best joke, b'gosh, I ever see!

"THEY SAY."

A petty falsehood, started by a gossip-loving tongue,

Grew into dire proportions, and upon its blackness hung

A woman's reputation (pure, unsullied as the day)

And her whole life was darkened by the fatal words—"They say."

A man of worth, with honest work earned both success and gold,

Then envy pointed at him with a nod and whispered bold;

He fills a suicide's lone grave, yet (doubt it ye who may),

His death was but the poisoned fruit of these two words—"They say."

Oh, you who list to slander's tongue, I charge you in God's name,

Have care! lest at the harvest time you reap a double shame;

And dare not, for your own soul's sake, invite the dreadful day,

When Justice must hand forth to you, the fruit of the words "They say."

-Fanny Herron Wingate.

Some men do mean things like some women wear gloves—just to keep their hands in.

GOOD BLOOD NATURE'S PROTECTION AGAINST DISEASE

The preservation of health and prevention against disease is almost entirely dependent upon pure, healthy blood; every organ, tissue, nerve and sinew of the body draws on this vital fluid for nourishment and strength. Poisons, humors and germs from various sources often get into the blood, and then this great life-stream becomes a source of infection and disease, instead of a nourishing, health-sustaining fluid. Heredity is likewise an important factor, regulating the quality of the blood. Some persons are born with tainted blood from diseased ancestry, and Scrofula in one of its numerous forms is sure to crop out some time in life. Not only poisons in the blood are responsible for disease, but when the circulation is run down and becomes poor and weak in quality, then we see the effect in a general bad condition of health, such as weakness, sallow complexions, boils, and various skin eruptions. All blood troubles require a tonic and blood purifier, and none other equals S. S. S. It goes down to the very foundation of the trouble, and removes every particle of the poison or impurity from the blood. And not only does S. S. S. antidote the poisons, humors and germs, but it possesses health-giving, tonic properties, which build up and strengthen weak, impoverished blood, and fortifies the system against disease. S. S. S. permanently cures Rheumatism, Catarrh, Sores and Ulcers, Scrofula, Eczema, Tetter, and all other skin diseases and disorders. Book on the blood and any medical advice free.

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THE LOVERS.

The silent splendor of her eyes alight Kisses my forehead still with thought as fair As ever mortal longing breathed in prayer Beneath the maiden moon and starry night.

have a little fun with it sometimes. I was in the smoker of a railroad train the other day talking with three other men while we puffed away at our cigars when the conversation turned on stoeicism. Every man had an incident to relate about some acquaintance's remarkable ability to bear extreme pain without a murmur. When the third man had reached the end of his yard I mentioned casually that I rather prided myself on my ability to put up with a good deal of pain without making a squeal. "To illustrate," I said, and then opened my pen knife and slowly forced the point of its long, keen blade into my leg just above the knee, at the same time smiling pleasantly. One man fainted, another became deathly pale, and the third got up hastily and left the car.

She must be looking on her garden bloom Where all the dewy odors drift and steal Upon her musing peace and she must feel That for such joy her heart has hardly room.—Selected.

It is easy to wait with nothing in view.

A BLUFF WITH A CORK LEG.

"Cork legs are not bad in their way," said the man who had one. Some people are rather sensitive about theirs, but I'm not. I even

view.

BECOMING A MOTHER

of the suffering and danger in store for her, robs the expectant mother of all pleasant anticipations of the coming event, and casts over her a shadow of gloom which cannot be shaken off. Thousands of women have found that the use of Mother's Friend during pregnancy robs confinement of all pain and danger, and insures safety to life of mother and child. This scientific liniment is a god-send to all women at the time of their most critical trial. Not only does Mother's Friend carry women safely through the perils of child-birth, but its use gently prepares the system for the coming event, prevents "morning sickness," and other discomforts of this period. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Book containing valuable information free. The Bradfield Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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