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**OREGON WINS FIRST BATTLE.**

The first battle for the life of the initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution of Oregon has been won by the state. In the decision of Judge Cleland of Portland yesterday, sustaining the initiative and referendum law, the enemies of progress were dealt a body blow.

The Pacific States Telegraph and Telephone company, seeking to set aside the amendment, because it did not wish to pay to the state the sum of \$10,450.68 as a gross earning tax levied by the people, has received a direct tip that the courts are with the people. As is the lower court's decree, so will that of the upper court be, and the big corporation might as well decide now to "pony" up its taxes.

This opposition of the telephone company to the will of the people is but an incident in the march of progress. The initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution is founded on the solid basis of popular government and will stand the shocks of selfishness, politics and greed. The people are the supreme power in the state and their will must and will be the law.

**THE PENDLETON SPIRIT.**

That is an excellent response which the people of Pendleton have made to the demand for cemetery improvements. In this as in every other movement of this kind, everybody gives. There has been no stint. Purse strings which have been proverbially tied have been loosed and the donations have been good.

Some surprise is expressed that a few prominent men who have made all their wealth in Pendleton have not given more, but there is no censure. It is perfectly satisfactory. Every man is the best judge of his own ability. Let us all do what we can. Nobody can ask any more than this.

At the present rate the cemetery fund will have been raised within a short time. Work should begin this spring. The cemetery should be made to bloom this season.

The Pendleton spirit, that inspiring activity which does things, is stronger this spring than ever. It has received a new animus from the promise of the future and things will be done with a vim this year.

**INVINCIBLE MISSOURI WOMEN!**

The women of Missouri, God bless them, do things right. They cannot vote, but they can all but vote; they can influence votes as is shown in the following item from the Kansas City Star concerning the city election at Chillicothe, this week. The Star says:

Chillicothe, Mo., voted out the saloons Tuesday by the decisive majority of 243, the vote standing 840 "dry" and 597 "wet." The election followed a lively campaign. Chillicothe has 13 saloons and two brewery agencies. On the side of the saloons many politicians lined up.

The temperance forces were out Tuesday morning before daylight. A parade of children was held as soon as it was light enough for them to march. This parade was repeated several times during the day.

Two bands were in line, a band from Chula volunteering its services without cost. Floats and banners represented the "water wagon" and expressed temperance sentiments. The women after the first parade scattered themselves about the business streets and were busy all day. Saloon workers were constantly shadowed by women. Protests on the part of the saloon men were of no avail. The women kept everlastingly at it, and every time a saloon man tried to have a confidential talk with an impressionable voter, he found a woman at his elbow. Chillicothe's saloons have been paying a \$1000 city license and \$700 county and state license each.

**THE CARNEGIE HEROES.**

The East Oregonian has just received the first published report of the Carnegie Hero Fund commission which gives a list of the officials of the commission, the names of the heroes honored, the amount of the prizes and all information concerning the acts of heroism rewarded.

So far there have been 126 awards under this fund, ranging all the way from a bronze medal to a cash gift of \$6000, according to the degree of heroism.

In looking over the list of the acts of heroism which have been rewarded by this commission, one is struck with the commonplace character of most or many of them. Ordinarily, the common instincts of bravery, humanity, sympathy, courage are sufficient to actuate true men to deeds of heroism. Men perform acts of bravery equal to any recorded in this

list, every day, somewhere, without hope or thought of reward.

There is scarcely a man of middle age and common experience in any walk of life who has not performed some daring act, although it might not have seemed such to him at the time, and while the spirit in which Mr. Carnegie founded the hero fund was excellent and intended for the encouragement of courageous acts, yet that it has a tendency to stimulate self-seeking "heroes" in their quest for a medal goes without saying.

Every genuine hero is repaid for the act of bravery by the satisfaction of knowing that his duty was well performed. True heroism needs no further reward.

The late lamented flurry on Wall street did not touch Umatilla county, judging from the manner in which taxes are pouring into the sheriff's office this week. By the end of the week a large proportion of the taxes will have been paid and there will be plenty of money left with which to carry on the business of the county. With one crop on the way to market and another on the way to maturity there is nothing the matter with Umatilla county.

**KATHLEEN MAVOURNEEN.**

Kathleen Mavourneen! the gray dawn is breaking,  
The horn of the hunter is heard on the hill;  
The lark from her light wing the bright dew is shaking—  
Kathleen Mavourneen! what, slumbering still?

Oh, hast thou forgotten how soon we must sever?  
Oh! hast thou forgotten this day we must part?  
It may be for years, and it may be forever!

Oh, why art thou silent, thou voice of my heart?  
Oh! why art thou silent, Kathleen Mavourneen?

Kathleen Mavourneen, awake from thy slumbers!  
The blue mountains glow in the sun's golden light;  
Ah, where is the spell that once hung on my numbers?  
Arise in thy beauty, thou star of my night!

Mavourneen, Mavourneen, my sad tears are falling,  
To think that from Erin and thee I must part!  
It may be for years, and it may be forever!

Then why art thou silent, thou voice of my heart?  
Then why art thou silent, Kathleen Mavourneen?

—Mrs. Julia Crawford.

**A PROPHECY.**

When the city's siren voices lose their cunning and their skill,  
And the clash of clanging trolleys rings discordant to your ear,  
Then the ever mellow cadence of the little woodland rill  
Shall tinkle out of memory, and lure you to us—here!  
You will come back to us then.

You will come back to us then,  
When the clamor of the pulsing night and all the stress of day,  
Shall speak of pleasures faded with the joys of them long fled,  
Your feet shall seek the greenness of the sun bright meadow way,  
And your ears shall court the silence of the star-lit night instead.

You will come back to us then,  
—Stacey E. Baker in the Bohemian.

**THE POEM.**

Light one must pause upon, pure lily-bloom,  
Breath of the Summer night and tree-fung gloom,  
Black of the hills and spire in the profound,  
Silence that awes and thrills, more sweet than sound,  
Strangeness of things unseen where darkness broods,  
Wonder of infinite sky-solitudes,  
Dews and a fleck of cloud, where star on star,  
Burns in the vast of time, wondrously far.  
—Success Magazine.

**FRANK DAVEY IS ALL RIGHT.**

A political news writer in the Oregonian recently named the editor of the News as one of those republicans who are opposed to statement No. 1. This is a mistake. This writer stood through the entire legislative session of 1903 for the principle involved in that statement—the rule of the people in voting for United States senator. In 1906 he became a candidate for the legislature again and pledged himself before the primaries and on the stump to the support of that statement, was elected and stood by it. He

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**MEANING OF FLOWERS.**

Mint is symbolic of virtue.  
The peach blossom indicates submission.  
The bell flower is symbolic of gratitude.  
The horse chestnut is indicative of luxury.  
The American cowslip indicates devotion.  
The honeysuckle symbolizes a bond of love.  
The candytuft is an emblem of indifference.  
The box is regarded as symbolic of constancy.  
The calla lily is emblematic of feminine beauty.  
The primrose is in England an emblem of inconstancy.  
The arbor vitae is indicative of unchanging friendship.  
The China aster is set down as indicative of remembrance.  
The oat plant is in Italy regarded as emblematic of music.  
The red carnation is regarded in Spain as an emblem of despair.  
The myrtle plant has always been regarded as an emblem of love.  
The pink is considered in the south of France symbolic of pure affection.  
The lotus in India is emblematic of life; in ancient Egypt it was a death flower.—Selected.

We women have many faults, but men have only two. Everything they say is wrong, and everything they do, since everything they say is wrong, and everything they do, what fools we women are to love them as we do.—Selected.

**Sugar Acreage Decreases.**

In spite of the heavy bounties that have been paid to sugar growers in New South Wales, Australia (about \$1,200,000 since the fiscal year 1904), the area devoted to the cultivation of the cane crop is decreasing rather than extending. In 1905 the cane sugar area was 24,579 acres. In 1907 it was 20,601 acres, and a further decline is expected for 1908. This falling off in the acreage devoted to sugar cultivation is, to a large extent, attributed to the superior attractions of dairy farming.

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