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* Somewhere a sweetness grows;
* Somewhere it comes and goes
* Into your life and mine,
* Mortal, and yet divine!
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* Somewhere a sweetness speeds
* Unto our sorest needs;
* Under the gloom, the elod,
* Upward it grows to God!
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* Somewhere, in field or stream;
* Somewhere, in deed or dream;
* Somewhere a sweetness clings
* Round us with warding wings!
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* Somewhere, in darkest hours,
* Bird-song or bloom-o'-flower,
* Lo, at our weary feet,
* Somewhere is sweetness sweet!
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* —Baltimore Sun.

MR. GEER'S RECORD.

To people who have read the East Oregonian for the past third of a century the charge of the Pendleton Tribune that this paper is acting as a stool pigeon for the Pilot Rock Record or any other paper will appear ludicrous in the extreme.

The East Oregonian has a way of doing things on its own responsibility without fear or favor and knows nothing whatever of the bitterness between Mr. Geer and Mr. McManus, and in conducting its campaign in the congressional race is actuated by nothing that McManus has said, done or planned.

The East Oregonian did not make Mr. Geer's record. It did not commit the act which called forth the Grant affidavit published yesterday and it did not write the affidavit. It simply turns on the light. It is a candle-bearer, as the Oregonian says, for the people. What the light discloses the East Oregonian is not responsible for. Mr. Geer has made his own record. He, alone, is responsible to the people of Oregon and he should not so viciously resent the publication of any part of the political history of Oregon, for himself and his associates have made some little part of that political history.

FOLLY OF TWO ELECTIONS.

Fixing the time for the state election of Oregon five months prior to the date of the regular presidential election was almost as big a piece of folly as locating the state capital 52 miles from the center of population and metropolis of the state.

At the coming election in June the voters will have an opportunity to vote to change the date of the state election to correspond with the presidential election and thus save thousands of dollars of needless expense to taxpayers. This amendment should pass by a large majority.

The folly of the present plan is made plain on a presidential year when two elections must be held in Oregon, two election bills paid and two interruptions to the business regularity of the state, must be submitted to.

Let us have one election date and do away with this June election which is a needless expense and a waste of time and vital force.

HERMISTON STARTS RIGHT.

The people of Hermiston and the Umatilla government irrigation project have started right to make an attractive country and an ideal home community. Before any settlement was made upon the project a few public-spirited men laid out roads through the project and now that settlement is beginning to come, there will be no costly litigation, no wrangling over roads, no compromise, no disfiguring the landscape, no road wars such as usually curse every new settlement.

One diagonal road has been laid out from Hermiston to the government reservoir a distance of six miles and all the sectional line roads inter-

sect this, making a network of wide country roads, all leading into the one main thoroughfare, which penetrates the heart of the project.

The roads now laid out are wide enough to allow wide parks in which trees can be planted and this is going to be done. Within a few years that rich section, cross sectioned by elegant country roads, bordered with trees and hedges, will present a delightful appearance. It is easy to imagine the homecroft ideal fully realized at Hermiston.

TO USE SNAKE RIVER.

Snake river, obstructed with boulders and confined between its towering perpendicular walls, crooked as a snake, in reality, flowing through the desert for hundreds of miles, is to be utilized for irrigation at last.

The senate of the United States yesterday passed a measure permitting the construction of a dam by the Benton County Power company at Five Mile rapids, 15 miles above the mouth of the Snake, and it is understood that this company will construct a massive dam there and divert water for power and irrigation.

The desert lying on all sides of Five Mile rapids is highly productive. It is rich, sandy, sagebrush land, and will produce peaches, grapes, berries, garden or fruit of any known variety in a bunch.

From the power site electricity could be supplied to Pendleton, Walla Walla, Spokane, North Yakima, Lewiston, and to all points in the inland empire. The power possibilities are beyond conception. If you can imagine what power this magnificent stream, turning the wheels of electric motors, could produce, you have a faint insight into the meaning of this dam and its outcome.

Wires could be strung throughout the inland empire from the humming motors of Five Mile rapids and within an incredible short time electric lines could be in operation, homes and country settlements could be lighted and the inland empire would literally shine with the hidden forces of the magnificent Snake river.

WHO'S WHO IN UMATILLA.

The date for filing candidates petitions for the county and district has passed and Charles A. Barrett of Athena, is the only candidate for the legislature to sign statement No. 1 for the popular election of United States senators.

Mr. Barrett stood on this excellent principle two years ago and was elected by a handsome plurality. His capable services in the legislature and his second courageous stand for this statement will insure his election this year by even a greater vote than was given him two years ago.

It is now quite probable that candidates for representative and joint representative with Morrow county who will subscribe to statement No. 1, will be nominated by petition in time to get their names on the official ballot, as the friends of this principle desire to see it put into effect.

This will put the matter to a thorough test and it is believed that a delegation pledged to the people's choice for senator would win easily even though nominated at this late day by petition.

A republican county and a republican state should have no fear of the people in a senatorial election.

Where has Coxey been all these years? Since 1893 when he led his nondescript army through the country, in a mock-hero onslaught on the national capital, nobody had heard a word from Coxey, until yesterday, when the assembled hosts of the populist party named him as chairman of the national convention at St. Louis. Where have Coxey and the populists been all these years? Under what "hay cock, fast asleep" have they been in hiding? It is as though the magic curtain of the past had lifted and the country given a glimpse of those halcyon days of populism, say from 1891 to 1896, when things were really humming in places. Coxey! The wires were hot with that name in 1894, but it has been dropped from human speech since then, it seems.

Owing to the fact that Oregon had no representation in the house at the last session of congress, the work which has accumulated for Congressmen Ellis and Hawley is enormous in quantity and diversity. All of the departmental work which falls upon a congressman had accumulated during the previous session and Congressman Ellis is trying to clear up the work of two sessions in one. He writes that he has not been able to attend any of the public functions or social affairs at the capital during the entire winter, so great have been the demands of the office upon his time. By remaining at his post during the entire session he hopes to clear up the work which had accumulated and to leave a clean desk at

GEER TOOK THE MONEY.

In answering the charge that he sold the office of superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary to H. B. Plummer for \$1000, during his term as governor, T. T. Geer says in his paper, the Pendleton Tribune: "The truth is that Mr. Plummer not only did not have any sort of an agreement with me, written or otherwise, but he did not pretend to have UNTIL LONG AFTER I HAD REPAID HIM HIS MONEY AND MR. LEE WAS APPOINTED."

Washington when he returns home at the close of the session.

EXPENSIVE ECONOMY.

The railroads, which have cut their force of employees as low as possible and have allowed their cars, tracks and locomotives to get in bad repair, now announce that they will need from 250,000 to 300,000 men this summer and fall to help in the work of repairing roadbeds, tracks and machinery, says the Spokane Chronicle.

They may find, in the end, that their extreme economy was costly, for now much work will have to be crowded into limited time in order to move next autumn's crop.

The net result may be that much of the railroad equipment will be in poor condition next fall and that there will be another car shortage.

IN THE DIM LONG AGO.

There's a mystical place in a far away land.

Where echoes are ever awaking,
From those valleys our spirits by breezes are fanned,
Where the footsteps of friends dot the billow-kissed land,
Where memory's surges are breaking.

'Tis the realm where the years when their cycle is o'er,
Come in from their pilgrimage slow,
Where they bring the bright trophies of days gone before,
And lay them away on the echoing shore
Of the land of the Dim Long Ago.

'Round its valleys and hilltops a halo is tied,
Where our fancies oft fitfully play,
Where links that were broken are potent to bind,
Where are lingering lost treasures for us yet to find,
In the land where old melodies stray.

In the wake of the winds that roam everywhere
Are trembling the pledges once spoken;
There are low murmur'd tones of a soul-soothing prayer,
And all those dear vows have been registered there,
—Although vows and though hearts have been broken.

There are all those bright forms that gladdened us so,
That silently slipped from our side;
That the years have caught into their ebb and their flow
And treasured them safe in the Dim Long Ago,
To wait until we cross the tide.

And if we would oftener thitherward stray,
Where skies o'er beam brightly and clear,
Where the beauty of spring has ne'er faded away,
Where flowers that here perish bloom day after day,
Fewer sighs would be wrung from us here.

—Herbert Drake.

A TOAST TO THE MEN.

Here's to the men since Adam's time,
They've always been the same;
Whenever anything goes wrong,
The woman is to blame.
From early morn to late at night,
The men fault-finders are;
They blame us if they oversleep,
Or if they miss a car.
They blame us if, beneath the bed,
Their collar buttons roll;
They blame us if the fire is out
Or if there is no coal;
They blame us if they cut themselves
While shaving, and they swear
That we're to blame if they decide
To go upon a tear.

Here's to the men, the perfect men!
Who never are at fault;
They blame us if they chance to get
The pepper for the salt.
They blame us if their business fails,
Or back a losing horse;
And when it rains on holidays
The fault is ours, of course.
They blame us when they fall in love,
And when they married get;
Likewise they blame us when they're sick,
And when they fall in debt.
For everything that crosses goes
They say we are to blame;
But, after all, here's to the men,
We love them just the same!

—Edgar A. Guest.

Opposed to Endurance Race.
Governor Gooding of Idaho is opposed to the endurance horse race that is to be run from Ogden to Denver, says a Boise item. His objections were enclosed in a letter received by Governor Cutler of Utah Monday from W. O. Stillman, president of the American Humane society. Governor Gooding cannot see any good results in the proposed race.

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OPEN SHOSHONE PROJECT.

The great Shoshone river irrigation dam in Wyoming, of which the first stone was laid a few days ago, will throw 87,000 acres of arable land open for settlers, states an exchange. Of this, 17,000 acres will be watered before fall and 50,000 acres next spring.

The lake formed by the dam will not be large, as the dam, which will be 250 feet high, blocks a deep gorge, and the lake proper will only be 800 feet long by 400 feet wide at the widest point. The water will be taken through a tunnel, known as the Corbett tunnel, to the Garland flats, and

thence to Prantiss and Lovell, Wyo., 75 miles away.

The land to be irrigated is all rich and highly desirable. The project is under the auspices of the United States government.

The province of Alberta, Canada, has purchased from the Bell Telephone company all lines and equipment in the province and will operate the same hereafter. The price paid the company was \$675,000.

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