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I built a palace broad and high—
Its stately walls were fair to see;
The sunshine lingered, passing by,
The waiting birds all sang to me.
Within—what treasures, rich and rare!
What friends assembled by my side!
Oh, life was full, and life was fair—
My heart and soul were satisfied.
One night the low gray clouds all wept;
The furious winds all raved and tore
With plucking hands, and while I slept
My castle crumbled to the floor.
I woke to find my garden fair
The center of an angry stream;
My friends were gone—I know not where;
Mine was the palace of a Dream!
Nettle M. Lowater, in New York Sun.

HELP ONE ANOTHER.

The records of Umatilla county show that during the last year surety bonds to the amount of \$285,300 have been signed in this county. These bonds have been distributed among 65 persons and average \$2120 per capita for those interested. This shows more clearly than any other argument the faith which men repose in their brothers and it shows to what extent men are trusted and esteemed by their friends.

These surety bonds are only a part of the obligations which men impose upon themselves for their friends. This does not include thousands of notes which have been signed, in which men freely pledge their honor and their property to help their friends.

After all, it is a pretty good world. With all its selfishness it still has worlds of genuine fraternity and fellowship. It still possesses genuine philanthropy and brotherhood, notwithstanding its chase after the dollars.

This record is one of the most inspiring written in the county during the year.

CURBSTONE CURIOS.

If ever any poor sinner got his just deserts, the curbstones curios, or knockers, got theirs at the real estate men's banquet and meeting last night.

It was agreed by all present at the meeting that no legitimate business man or honorable citizen ever does any knocking, but it was agreed that a species of knockers exists in every community and one of the by-laws of the real estate men's organization is to search these out and run them down and hush them up or shame them out of the country.

There will be less knocking in future than there has been in the past, because every business man will now have his ears open for these parasites and will brand them in big letters and the parasites know it and so will not carry their hammers exposed to view.

If the good fellowship and excellent spirit of last night's meeting does nothing more than to silence the knocker, the meeting will have borne good fruits. If the curbstone curio can be eliminated by the splendid harmony which marked last night's meeting, that will be sufficient reward.

FOR THE CRIMINAL.

Two or three mysterious murders in the northwest in the last few days will test the laws of evidence to their utmost. The criminal is entitled to justice and the suspected man, accused of a terrible crime is entitled to

more than the benefit of the doubt.

It is a terrible thing to convict a man on weak circumstantial evidence. There are always circumstances in every event which men cannot satisfactorily explain. There are connecting links which seem to be convincing and conclusive, but which some slight turn of fortune may wipe out.

Juries assume a tremendous responsibility when they take the life of a man into their hands. No matter how atrocious the crime, no matter how convincing the circumstantial evidence, it is a fearful thing to send a man to the gallows or to prison if there is the least doubt as to the substantial character of the evidence.

Innocent men are often enmeshed in circumstantial evidence which seems to be most substantial. But think of the fate of an innocent man who may be condemned wrongfully! It is better that a criminal should go free than that an innocent man should be punished on flimsy evidence.

The murder of the Portland pawnbroker and the subsequent arrest of a once cultured and highly educated army officer who had fallen into the lowest rut through the use of drugs, give rise to serious thoughts on circumstantial evidence.

The murder of a highly respected Walla Walla woman and the subsequent arrest of three brothers who are suspected of being the murderers, causes one to think seriously before condemning the criminal without first securing unmistakable evidence.

Strange things happen. Murderers are shrewd and skillful and are able to cover up trails and mislead officials. And innocent men found in compromising situations, unable to satisfactorily explain details which may puzzle the law, are too often "railroaded" to prison.

No matter how brutal the crime, unless there is direct evidence, juries should hesitate long before sacrificing a man's life or liberty to glut the law. But where there is direct evidence there should be no mincing of words in meting out full justice.

THE GREATEST COUNTRY.

The East Oregonian has always prided itself on the fact that the newspapers of a country are the greatest and most persistent boosters. This has been a sort of professional conceit possessed perhaps by every newspaper.

But that conceit has been knocked sky-high by the booster meeting and banquet of last night in this city. The real estate men can give the newspapers cards and spades in a boosting contest and then win the honors without a struggle.

It is safe to say that the real estate men of Umatilla county are closer together and better acquainted today, following their meeting, than ever before in the history of the county. And the business men of this city know the sentiment in different parts of the county better than ever before.

The booster meeting was simply a heart to heart talk among neighbors and co-workers for the county's good and the best of spirit prevailed. Every section of the county was represented and every one present was convinced again for the thousandth time that Umatilla county is the greatest country on earth.

The eulogistic talks from different representatives of outside points were revelations to many. The resources of the county were set out in a new light. Pendleton has a new view of the county, a new undertaking of the resources and capabilities today and it is safe to say will do far more than her share to exploit every portion of the county in the east.

Sunshine surpassing that of San Diego, the boasted sunshine city of the new world; vineyards surpassing those of Andalusia; peach orchards greater and more productive than those of Italy's richest valleys; olive groves surpassing those of the Seini; dairy farms that will outstrip Holland's boasted possessions and flower gardens more gorgeous than those of Pasadena—all are to be found in the future Paradise of the inland empire, western Umatilla and northern Umatilla county.

If you don't believe this, ask the real estate men.

One of the follies of the age is to believe that money is necessary to happiness and enjoyment. But the falsity of this sentiment is shown every day in the poor men who keenly enjoy life and who find in their families, their books, their work, their little homes a higher enjoyment than is known to money-mad fanatics who think great wealth means great happiness and enjoyment. It is the mind and soul of the man that determines the degree of enjoyment which he gets out of life.

The Caledonian picnic at Athens, the pioneers' reunion at Weston, the

excursion to Hermiston, the farming demonstration train, "peach" day at Freewater, "strawberry" day at Milton, "apud" day at Echo, decoration day, Fourth of July, two circuses, market day the first Saturday of every month, high school and academy commencements, the Oregon theater, the "dime" theaters, baseball, high school field meets, state and county elections—how in the world are we going to attend all these attractions and attend to business besides? Talk about entertainment!

TO FIGHT FOREST FIRES.

A recent government bulletin says that one of the most important economic movements of the day about which the general public has yet learned little is the concerted action of owners of timber in different parts of the country in organizing associations to protect their holdings from fire.

In the Pacific northwest, the Washington Forest Fire association has just elected officers at Seattle and begun work for the year with 3,000,000 acres under its care. The plan includes a system of patrol by rangers resembling the work done by the United States forest service in guarding against and extinguishing fires.

Organizations of similar kind and for a like purpose are at work in Oregon and Idaho. In the latter state a portion of the expense is borne by taxation and paid from the state treasury. A western railroad company which holds large tracts of timber has taken steps to guard its property from fire, and during the short time that its plans have been in operation, it has met with most encouraging success.

Similar work is being done on the other side of the continent. Forest owners in Maine have gone to work in the same systematic way to control the forests' great enemy, fire. Like organizations are found in other parts of the country, showing how fully it is now realized that protection against fire is of the greatest importance.

It is safe to say that fires in this country have destroyed more timber than lumbermen have cut. When timber was abundant, the waste passed unnoticed almost, but now that a scarcity is at hand and an actual wood famine threatens in the near future, the owners of forest lands are waking up and taking action to save what is left.

VALUES.

"There never was a squaw quarreling with her husband on the Hudson river, but what the price of beaver was raised thereby."—Carlyle.

Which part do I play in the drama of history? Am I trying to emphasize my own petty notions, or am I aiming to make clear, even in my humble station of life, the will of God? Verily, I am not able to say what is great and what is small; I am not competent to measure the exact relation between effect and cause.

For all I know, my little life may be of infinite importance. The kind word I speak today may be echoed forever in the hearts of my fellow men. The arrow you shot in the air may be found in an oak tree. Aye, I know that not even physically the sound of human words was lost; that the speech of Anthony delivered at the burial of Caesar is even now vibrating through the air. How about spiritual results? Oh how solemn appears life in this light! Infinite results, unfathomable effects of my every word, my every action! God's battle is being fought, God's kingdom is being prepared—and millions sleep! Not knowing why they are here or using as a toy their immortal souls.

I desire to stand for something in life. I wish to feel that for the fact I have been here, the world has grown a little wiser, a little better. I wish to justify God for having created me.—Andrews Bard.

Two Fugitives Drown.

Two young men, one believed to be Harry Hadfield and the other name unknown, were drowned in a lake near Stratford, Wash., Friday. They are believed to have stolen a team in Wenatchee Wednesday evening and were being chased by a posse, when it is supposed they jumped into the water to escape. Their bodies have been recovered.

According to reports from Eugene, the Lane county prune crop has been greatly injured by frosts.

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Prompted by the success of the court of Broken Hearts, so called, which it has been conducting for some time past, the Educational alliance has suggested through its legal aid department, the establishment by the municipality of a "domestic relations court," says a New York item. In such a court, the alliance thinks more time could be given to the hearing of family troubles than in the present courts and through the proposed tribunal's operations much suffering and misunderstanding might be averted.

The alliance, through its present informal and strictly unofficial court, manages to straighten out scores of

little family differences, preventing in many cases desertions and divorce.

In the magistrates' courts, where such cases are now heard, there is no time to listen to apparently petty troubles. A husband who has deserted his wife is held in jail or sent to jail. His family loses his support and frequently becomes destitute.

Killed in His Garden.

Vincent Carlinio, an Italian gardener, was robbed and murdered in the residence section at Seattle Friday night. The body was found on the street in the morning and investigation show that he had been shot through the heart. Marks on the body indicated that his money belt had been stolen.

Woman's Nature

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