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"These are the gifts I ask of
Thee, Spirit serene:
Strength for the daily task;
Courage to face the road;
Good cheer to help me bear
the traveler's load;
And—for the hours of rest that
come between,
An inward joy in all things
heard and seen.

These are the things I prize and
hold of dearest worth:
Light of the sapphire skies;
Peace of the silent hills;
Shelter of woods and com-
fort of the grass;
Music of birds; murmur of
little rills;
Shadow of clouds that
swiftly pass;
And, after showers, the smell of
flowers, and of the good,
brown earth.
And best of all along the way,
Love and Friendship,
Trust and Mirth."
—Henry Van Dyke.

THE CRISIS IN OREGON.

The republican state convention
just held in Portland, has precipitated
a crisis on the state, from a political
standpoint, which is of supreme
importance to the party in this state.
The Fulton forces which secured
control of the convention, named the
delegates and dictated the platform.
It is understood, are emphatically op-
posed to statement No. 1, the popular
measures by which the people may
express their sentiments on public
affairs and practically all of the re-
cent political progress made by the
state.
The people of the state have ex-
pressed themselves as being highly
pleased with all of these measures,
and so the republican leaders who
secured control of and manipulated
the convention, have taken issue
squarely with the people and stand in
the light of being opposed to the
power of the people.
If this is the case, as the people
believe, and if the Fulton people per-
sist in carrying out this program, the
state will be made democratic in spite
of all that the progressive republicans
can do to prevent it.

The people of Oregon, republican
and democratic voters alike, are mak-
ing progress. A handful of leaders
cannot dictate to them any more and
if the leaders do not heed the de-
mands of the people and give the peo-
ple the recognition which they demand
and deserve, the people will have
something to say as to the fate of the
leaders.

Mr. Fulton and his friends cannot
hope to turn back the clock of politi-
cal progress. They cannot hope to
check the onward march of popular
sentiment and if they hope to keep
the republican party in power they
will get into the forward moving band
wagon with the people and make the
party strong by keeping abreast of the
progress of the times.

The people will not stand for the
repeal of the primary law, the initia-
tive and referendum or any other po-
pular measure and through these mea-
sures they will administer their re-
buke to the leaders who persist in
disregarding the people's power.

It will require the services of every
sincere and progressive republican to
prevent the state from becoming dem-
ocratic. A crisis has been precipitated
upon the state by the state con-
vention.

OREGON'S FORBIDDEN EMPIRE.

Like the walled city of Pekin, into
whose secret streets and behind whose
sacred veils the vulgar eyes of the
world could not gaze, the forbidden
empire of central Oregon, held in the
grasp of the military road corpora-
tions, has been denied to the home-
hungry thousands who have come to
the west in search of land.

But slowly that forbidden empire is
being opened to the gaze of the home-

seeker. Year by year the vast domain
held as booty by the land grabbing
corporations which have ravaged the
state in the past, is being wrested from
their grasp and placed within reach
of settlers and soon like the walled
city of Pekin, the adventurous spirits
of the west will have looked upon and
admired the most secret recesses of
this empire.

Room for millions in central Ore-
gon; room for cities, railroads, man-
ufacturing enterprises, vast indus-
trial development; room for a rich,
new state, as it were, is to be found
in the great domain of central Ore-
gon.

The big corporations which are now
holding it for speculation will be
forced by the very overwhelming tide
of settlement to disgorge. They will
be forced by the insistent demand for
homes to unlock that empire and per-
mit the waiting floods of homeseek-
ers to pour into its inviting valleys
where a new civilization will be
founded in the heart of the desert.

THE FACE IS AN INDEX.

The face of every human being is an
open book which can be read by any
observant person. The thought which
engages the mind, the influences
which govern the person, the motives
which actuate and the sentiments
which predominate in the mind, are
so plainly depicted upon the counte-
nance that it is impossible to conceal
them from the eye of the student of
human nature.

Therefore it is impossible to long
hide one's real, genuine character
from the world. The every line of
the face, the glance of the eye, the an-
gular corners of the mouth and jaws,
all speak in indisputable language.
Pleasant thoughts, which smooth
out the wrinkles and leave the beau-
tiful curves of the face delicate and
attractive, may be read upon the face
as far as you can see the wearer.

It is impossible to be greedy, miser-
ly, vindictive, cunning, cruel or selfish
and not have it advertised in your
face. And it is equally as impossible
to be cheerful, kind, sympathetic, lib-
eral and sincere and not have it print-
ed in plain letters on your counte-
nance.

The face is a truthful index to your
character.

BOURNE'S LOYALTY.

Although Senator Bourne was de-
feated in his effort to swing the Ore-
gon republican delegates into the
Roosevelt rank, yet there must be
genuine admiration for him for the
loyalty which he has shown to Presi-
dent Roosevelt.

Rather than surrender his Roosevelt
idea and pledge himself to Taft, Sen-
ator Bourne foregoes the pleasure and
honor of being a delegate from his
state to the national republican con-
vention.

If anybody has doubted his sincer-
ity in boosting President Roosevelt
for re-election his self-sacrificing ac-
tion in this case must have swept it
away, for he could have been a de-
legate had he chosen to desert Roose-
velt.

So right or wrong, Bourne is cer-
tainly sincere, and the justice and
wisdom of his stand for Roosevelt will
perhaps be acknowledged after the
November election, if Taft is nominat-
ed. Because the Oregon delegates are
for Taft does not go to show that the
voters of Oregon will be for him.
He is not the people's choice.

CHANGE ELECTION DATE.

The initiative amendment which
proposes to change the date of the
state election in Oregon to correspond
with the presidential election is a
most worthy measure and should be
adopted at the coming June election.

It is folly for Oregon to conduct
two elections in one year. The in-
creased expense on the taxpayers, the
interference with business conditions,
twice in the same season and other
objectionable features should induce
the voters to change the date of the
state election.

The state elections of nearly all of
the states are held on the date of the
presidential election to save election
expenses. Oregon has long borne this
additional expense, but nobody can
give a good reason for tolerating the
extra expense. Let us change the date
of the election. The question will be
on the official ballot and when you
come to that subject on your ballot,
vote "Yes."

It will save thousands of dollars to
the taxpayers and everybody surely
wants to reduce taxes in every legiti-
mate way.

Why should anyone be opposed to
the recall amendment to the constitu-
tion of Oregon? Is it not as fair for
one party as another? Should any
honest and conscientious official fear
it? Should any fair-minded man
fear to have his official acts scruti-
nized by the people? Should an of-
ficial fear to trust his conduct with

the judgment of the people? The
people should pass the recall amend-
ment. It will give them a voice in
regulating the official conduct of their
servants.

AT PARTING.

For a day and a night Love sang to
us, played with us,
Folded us round from the dark and
the light;
And our hearts were filled of the
music he made with us,
Made with our hearts and our lips
while he stayed with us,
Stayed in midpassages his pinions
from flight
For a day and a night.

From his feet that kept watch with
his wings he had hidden us,
Covered us close from the eyes that
would smite,
From the feet that had tracked and
the tongues that had chidden
us,
Sheltering in shade of the myrtles for-
bidden us,
Spirit and flesh growing one with
delight
For a day and a night.

But his wings will not rest, and his
feet will not stay for us;
Morning is here in the joy of its
height
With his breath has he sweetened a
night and a day for us;
Now let them pass, and the myrtles
make way for us;
Love can but last in us here at his
height
For a day and a night.
—Algernon Charles Swinburne.

EARLY RECOLLECTION.

Tousle-haired, freckle-faced, ordinary
boy,
Went to school with him, you know
'twas his greatest joy
To be dodging lessons—very much
like all the rest.
Fished and went in swimming, and
was very simply dressed.

Everybody knows him now. Wears a
beaver hat.
Makes profound addresses now and
then on this and that;
Has a manner most sedate and is, to
tell the truth,
The pride of the community—a model
for our youth.

But as I look upon his face with well-
remembering eyes,
I still discern a likeness which the
years can not disguise;
And still he seems, however his time he
chooses to employ,
That tousle-headed, freckle-faced, ordi-
nary boy!
—Washington Star.

POINTS OF VIEW.

I would not have trusted the bee with
a sting
Nor the gnat with a taste for meat;
I would not have hidden in brake and
ling
The adder that haunts my feet;
I would not have bristled the hedge
with thorns
Nor poisoned the berries red;
I would not have fashioned the bul-
lock's horns
Nor riddled the night with dread.
I would not have burdened the sun
with spots
Nor put out the moon so quickly;
I would not set snails in the garden
plots
Nor scatter the weeds so thickly;
But, knowing the world is God's not
mine,
I fancy the gnat and the bee,
The adder, the bush and the horned
kine
Must wonder why God made me.
—Exchange.

Her First Railroad Ride.

An old lady in Missouri took her
first railroad trip the other day. She
noticed the bell cord overhead, and,
turning to a boy, she said, "Sonny,
what's that for?"

"That, marm," he said, with a mis-
chievous twinkle, "is to ring the bell
when you want something to eat."
Shortly afterward the old lady
reached her umbrella up and gave
it a vigorous pull. The train was in
the middle of a trestle. The whistle
sounded, the brakes were pulled on,
the train began to slacken its speed,
windows were thrown up, questions
asked, and confusion reigned among
the passengers. The old lady sat
calmly through it all.

Presently the conductor came run-
ning through the train and asked,
"Who pulled the bell?"
"I did," replied the old lady meekly.
"Well, what do you want?" asked
the conductor impatiently.
"Well, said the old lady meditativ-
ly, "you may bring me a ham sand-
wich and a cup of tea, please."—But-
ter Democrat.

According to the Lord's Dictionary.
It is told of a minister, a great pre-
cisionist in the use of words, that on
one occasion in the course of an elo-
quent prayer he pleaded:
"O Lord, waken thy cause in the
hearts of this congregation and give
them new eyes to see and new im-
pulse to do. Send down thy lev-er or
lee-ver, according to Webster's or
Worcester's dictionary, whichever
thou usest, and pry them into activ-
ity."

Lighting a match to a nitroglycerine
cap which he had picked up, Earl
Bear, aged eight years, quickly re-
moved the ends of two fingers and a
thumb as well as securing some scars
on his face. The accident happened
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of sugar.

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