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Time's an hand breadth; 'tis a tale; 'Tis a vessel under sail; 'Tis an eagle on its way; Darting down upon its prey; 'Tis an arrow in its flight; Mocking the pursuing sight; 'Tis a short-lived, fading flower; 'Tis a rainbow on a shower; 'Tis a momentary ray; Smiling on a winter's day; 'Tis a torrent's rapid stream; 'Tis a shadow; 'tis a dream; 'Tis the closing watch of night; Dying at the rising light; 'Tis a bubble; 'tis a sigh; Be prepared, O man, to die! —Quarles.

A SHORT ANSWER.

In "A Short Inquiry" to republican voters of Oregon, the Portland Oregonian asks: "Do you (the republican party) suppose you will ever succeed under a system that requires you to elect your political opponents to the highest and most important positions in the state and nation?"

The Oregonian, of course, refers to statement No. 1, and the popular election of senators.

Here is the answer which all sincere republicans may make to this "short inquiry." In a republican state, having a normal republican majority of 30,000, there is no possible excuse for the election of a democrat to a state or national office, if the Oregonian and other alleged republicans, will work and vote for republican candidates; if the republican candidate for the United States senate had received a square deal from the Oregonian and other republicans, the republican legislature would not now be called upon to elect "a political opponent" to the senate.

Parties may live and wax strong under statement No. 1, but in order to do this republican voters like the Oregonian, must support and vote for republican candidates—let democrats vote for democrats.

The sure cure for the alleged demoralizing effect of statement No. 1, is strict party loyalty, especially among republicans in Oregon.

HUMAN COYOTES.

"The wise man foreseeth the trouble and hideth himself, but the foolish pass on and are punished."

This is a piece of scripture that could be read with profit by men who are violating the prohibition law in this city. If current reports are to be relied upon some of the former saloonmen are breaking the law constantly and appearances indicate the rumors are not unfounded.

These men may think the law is not to be enforced. But if they do they are mistaken. Just now the district attorney is away and the courts are closed for the summer vacation. But the wheels of justice are not stopped because of this. In September a grand jury will convene here and it will be the day of judgment for those who have looked upon the law as something easy.

Juries in this county are usually composed of farmers. They are the men who voted the county dry and they did not enact the law to have it ignored. These sunburned men, who make their way by hard work and thrift, have little sympathy for soft-handed mortals who live by means that are shady. To them "bootleggers" are in a class with coyotes and when the time comes they will drive them out as they do the skulking animals from their ranches.

UNION'S STATE FARM.

The board of regents of the state experiment farm at Union is to be congratulated for its persistent efforts to make that property perfect, for the purposes for which it is owned, by the state, to-wit: an experimental station.

The farm is admirably situated for

that purpose and as such will return many benefits to the farmers of the surrounding counties.

Owing to the rich soil, abundance of moisture and high state of cultivation under scientific methods, the farm is able to produce every crop adapted to the north temperate zone and can be made a dream of beauty and utility.

But since Union county has her experiment station and is already enjoying this permanent and valuable state institution, she cannot reasonably expect to secure the branch insane asylum which is to be established in eastern Oregon, and to which Pendleton is entitled by reason of her mild climate, transportation conveniences and accessibility from all parts of the inland empire.

Umatilla county has heartily supported Union county's state institution and has been largely instrumental in holding the state farm for Union.

Now let Union keep her hands off the branch asylum question. Pendleton has no state institution and is entitled to the branch asylum. She offers a climate peculiarly suited to the needs of unfortunate insane. It is a happy mean between the cold climate of Union and the lower, humid altitude of Salem, and experts say that this district surrounding Pendleton would mean life and health and sanity for hundreds of unfortunates now dying a slow death at the asylum.

The state experiment farm is a most worthy and beneficial institution. It can be made a model of farming ideals and Union should be proud of it.

But she should also be satisfied with it. Let us divide up the state honors. Eastern Oregon is a magnificent big section and the public conveniences should be equitably distributed.

VACATIONS.

Elizabeth Towne, writing in the August Nautilus, says: Vacation expenses are as necessary as grocery expenses, and should be provided for as certainly. If you are wise and not wealthy, you will begin a year ahead to save for vacations, just as you do for taxes.

Maybe you did not begin in time this year, and there is no fund for vacations. Never mind—take the daily vacation at home. First, Turn your work upside down and inside out and do it a brand new, different way, leaving out everything you can. Move your bed into a different room if possible; transpose all the rooms as much as you can; change the position of all the furniture! Get rid of rugs, carpets, hangings, curtains and bric-a-brac. Eat as many of your meals as possible—plain ones—outdoors on porch or lawn, or in the woods or park. Paper plates and napkins. Make as much of a picnic of it all as you can!

Then comes the daily vacation. Take one full hour every single day, preferably after the noon meal, for your very own vacation. Do nothing in that hour that you don't want to do, and allow no interruptions from any source. The best thing to do is to undress and go to sleep; or rest in the park or in the hammock, and let the world jog on without you. Read something good and peace-inspiring. If you live ordinarily with little company some of these vacation hours can be well spent in visiting or attending lectures or plays. Do what you want to do in part of the vacation hours, and rest and sleep the balance of them. But mind, the things you "want" to do must be entirely different from the things you are in the habit of doing or this vacation won't work!

If you follow this daily vacation plan for say six weeks, you will be amazed to see how much easier it will be for you to think right, feel right and do right for a long time to come. Any time in the year when you feel tired or irritable, when life seems hardly worth while, just stir things around a bit and take a few days of home vacation.

COMMINGLING OF SEXES.

At Cincinnati, the other day, President Hill of Lebanon University, asserted that the free intermingling of the sexes during the 52 years of that institution's existence had caused 10,000 matches. His conclusion was: "We find that rough and immodest deportment can be successfully excluded in no other way than by the mutual influence of the sexes. We believe that five women will humanize at least a hundred men." This, says the St. Louis Mirror, is evidence that ought to be fairly conclusive. If it be true, would not female suffrage make our politics more decent than they have been? And is it true? Hasn't the girl in the office made for better manners in business? Some may say: "Yes, she has made for better manners, but for more scan-

dal." Not at all. The woman in business is better able to take care of herself than the woman out of it. The emphasis upon sex, that is most dangerous is due to the separation of the sexes. If there were more comingling of the two sexes there would not be such a disagreeable exploitation in life of the baser manifestations of one sex or the other.—San Francisco Star.

To violate law, wilfully, whether the law of morals or the statutory laws of the state, or municipality, is criminal, and ranks one that thus lives as unfit for a high place among the better class of people. Yet there are some very good people—good otherwise, who wink at the violations of law, or give it absolute silence. Are you one of that class? asks the Pacific Searchlight.

With wheat selling at 73 cents a bushel the Umatilla county farmers have little cause for complaint. In spite of adversities they will still be able to buy automobiles in the fall.

How nice it would be if Pendleton had that Riverside park now and a band would give concerts in the evening.

MOST BLEST IS HE.

Most blest is he, who in the starting time Sets forth upon his journey, with no staff Shaped by another for his use; who sees The imminent necessity for toll; And with each morning wakens to the thought Of tasks that wait his doing. Never yet Has unearned leisure, and the gift of gold, Restowed such benefits upon the young. As need and loneliness; and when life adds The burden of duty, difficult, And hard to carry, then rejoice, oh soul, And know thyself one chosen for high things. Behind thee walks the helpers: Yet lead on— They only help the Lifters: and they give But unto these, who also freely give. Not till thy will, thy courage and thy strength Have done their utmost, and thy love has flowed In pity and compassion out to all. (The worthless, the ungrateful and the weak As well as the worthy and the strong), Canst thou receive invisible support. Do first thy part, and all of it, before Asking the Helpers to do aught for thee.

For this alone the Universe exists; That man may find HIMSELF IS DESTINY. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox in August Nautilus.

SNAP SHOT FROM SAN FRANCISCO STAR. It seems that as early as Thursday of last week the Standard Oil group of "financiers" in Wall street got information of the decision of the circuit court of appeals in the \$29,240,000 fine case, and Standard Oil stock advanced 48 points from July 18 to July 22, which meant to those Standard Oil "financiers" a nice little "profit" of \$15,840,000. The value of a farm would not increase because of a decision reversing a judgment against the owner of the farm. It is special privilege that reaps "profits" from court decisions of this kind.

THE ACADEMIC ROUTE.

(From Success Magazine.) A maiden at college named Breeze Weighed down by B. A.'s and M. D.'s, Collapsed from the strain. Send the doctor, "Tis plain You are killing yourself by degrees."

In reply to Topeka's jeers because Topeka has a roof garden and Wichita hasn't the Wichita Beacon says: "Topeka is so constantly flooded that a roof is the only place a garden can be maintained."

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HARD LOT OF MEN.

Man that is born of his parents is of few days and full of microbes. He goeth to school when a youngster and getteth his pants paddled for something he didn't do, until he is sick at heart. He groweth up like a weed in the back yard and soon reaches the age when he is composed largely of feet, freckles and appetite for pie. About this time he gets too long for short trousers and not long enough for long ones, and goeth away to college, learneth how to monkey with a three dollar mandolin and play whiskey poker. He cometh home a bigger fool than ever and marryeth a sweet young thing whose pa is supposed to be wealthy but whom he subsequently ascertains couldn't buy the prize rooster at a county fair. He worryeth along from year to year, gradually acquiring offspring until his house resembles a Sunday school class just before Christmas. He fretteth through the day and lileth awake nights trying to figure out how to keep himself and his dependents out of the poor house. His efforts are rewarded by having his daughters run away and get married and bring him home a nice son-in-law every few days to feast at his board. His sons grow up and call him governor and set him back a five spot every day or two. About the time he has acquired enough lucre to make it worth while for his heirs to quarrel over, contracts a cold and is taken away before he has time to have a talk with his family. His sons blow in his money for bad whiskey and plug hats and his wife puts the finishing touches on his career by marrying the hired man.—Exchange.

LONGEST GAME OF CARDS.

How would you like to play a game of cards for 15 years? And cribbage, at that?

A game which requires such concentration of thought and cool judgment that players are required to sit in absolute silence, their brain cells working like a dynamo, their gray matter in a ferment. Such a game is now being played by four men in Des Moines, Iowa. It is for a million points, and it began seven years ago. It will continue nearly eight years longer, as not quite half the million points have yet been reached. This game is the longest ever played since cards first began to entertain mankind.

Each week the four men meet. They have played about 385 consecutive weeks. Each night they play from 7:30 to 11 o'clock, averaging each night 2150 points. The game is divided into a series of 100,000 points each. More than 250 packs of cards and several cribbage boards have been worn out.

While they play no one is allowed in the room. Silently they handle the cards and peg the scores on the cribbage board. With long deliberation at times they take up and examine the six cards dealt them. Slowly they lay down two cards for the crib. During the entire game they cudgie their minds to play so as to preserve the counting combinations; they do not talk. Heads of perspiration start on their foreheads. Sometimes it is mental agony. But lo! when one pair gets ahead and wins there is great enthusiasm, chuckling and fun.

For a half hour each evening the party rests for refreshments. Then they go at it again, working toward the million points. When they reach their last game the men declare they will call in their friends. And when it is over a prize will be awarded. A prize? Ah, when you ask them, one and all shake their heads. It's a secret—a deep secret. To learn what it will be it is said some of the citizens of Des Moines law awake nights.—Oregon Sunday Journal.

A teacher asked her class to name five different members of the "cat" family. Nobody answered till at last one little girl raised her hand. "Well," said the teacher, encouragingly. "Father cat, mother cat and three little kittens."

Tom—When are you going to wed your pretty fiancée? Dick (gloomily)—Indeed, I do not know.

Tom—But the report is gaining currency. Dick—Yes; but I am not gaining currency. That is just the trouble.

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