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But if our life be life And thought and will and love Not vague unconscious airs That o'er wild harpstrings move, If consciousness be aught Of all it seems to be And souls are something more Than lights that gleam and flee— Though dark the road that leads us thither, The heart must ask its whence and whither. —F. T. Paigrave in "The Reign of Law."

THE SPIRIT OF CITIES.

Pendleton, compared to other eastern Oregon cities, is a matchless example of human activity and industry.

While older and more favored cities and towns, not a thousand miles distant, have simply died of senile decay and dry rot, Pendleton's splendid type of business men has kept the warm life blood flowing constantly through every vein and artery of the city and community.

It is possible for one or two non-progressive men to crush the commercial and industrial life out of an entire community by their selfish and tyrannical methods of business, and while it is a shame to send such men to worry the devil, it is much better for a community that they pass away quickly and peaceably. There is no place on top of the earth for such men.

But fortunately, when the census of Pendleton is taken, there is not one man to spare—not one who does not fill a place and perform a valuable labor for the city. The spirit of the city is superb. The business atmosphere is clean and pure. The co-operation and unity of the various diversified interests, are perfect.

To this excellent spirit Pendleton owes her place at the head of the list, and her grasp on this high place among the cities of the inland empire will be strengthened by this spirit.

It is charged against several "dead" towns of eastern Oregon that one or two or half a dozen selfish men are wholly responsible for the low ebb of the industrial life of these towns. Their "rule or ruin" policy has assassinated the public spirit and left all its veins empty of the rich, red blood of municipal pride and activity.

Not so with Pendleton. Every Pendletonian is needed at his post. Every one is bending to the ear. That is the secret of Pendleton's fame and wealth and popularity!

TUBERCULOSIS A MENACE TO THE DAIRY.

A clipping in this issue from a Pendleton paper says that pure milk is the recently adopted slogan of that town. It is a very appropriate slogan and one that is being adopted by several towns and cities in the northwest and that bids fair to be generally taken up in the near future, says the Rural Spirit. Milk consumers and those familiar with dairy conditions in the average dairies around our towns and cities as well as throughout the country must admit that there is room for much improvement.

An awakening populace demands more attention to sanitation in handling the dairy and its products to the end that the health of the public may be more carefully safeguarded.

The difficulty with that as with all such reform movements is that an aroused public is apt to go from one extreme to the other. If people get the idea into their heads that bovine tuberculosis is readily transmissible from the cow to the human through the medium of the cow's milk and that the only remedy is the total extermination of every cow that reacts to the tuberculous test, much trouble and unnecessary loss to the industry

will occur through the promiscuous slaughter of herds that are far from being rendered valueless by a few of their members reacting.

There is no use evading the fact that bovine tuberculosis is very prevalent and rapidly increasing in this state and that it is the greatest menace, not only to the Oregon dairymen, but to the whole cattle industry.

Science is not yet well satisfied as to whether bovine tuberculosis is transmissible to the human. Upon this point the most eminent authorities disagree. Personally we are of the opinion that there is very little danger of human beings contracting tuberculosis through the use of the milk from tubercular cows. The fact that statistics show that tuberculosis has increased rapidly the last few years among the dairy herds supplying our eastern cities with milk, while it has materially decreased among the consumers of that milk, would seem almost conclusive evidence on this point.

While we believe that tuberculosis is the greatest menace to the dairymen, we believe the public has more to fear from such troubles as dysentery and typhoid, through unsanitary conditions in the dairy, than it has from tuberculosis. For the good of the public health as well as the dairy industry it is well that public sentiment is being aroused, but their actions should be guarded and intelligently directed. We have some very good dairy laws, but others are needed. We have through the northwest some good dairy officers, but not enough of them. The dairy industry has made wonderful growth in this part of the country the past few years and it is now larger than the provisions for taking care of it. To properly inspect the dairies and enforce the laws we have and others that may be passed, a stronger official force is needed. The office of food and dairy commissioner should be made into two offices and the dairy commissioner should have enough deputies to properly cover the field, with a state appropriation ample for their maintenance.

The leading industry of the state that produces so much wealth annually and its products enter more largely into the daily menu of all classes of our population than the products of any other one industry is entitled to every needed support. It is mistaken economy to stint it.

Without any undue publicity or excitement the eradication of tuberculosis from the herds of the state should be taken up systematically and with determination. A law to prevent the importation into the state of unsuspected cattle is needed and through the efforts of our state and federal officers and the Oregon Pure Bred Livestock association an efficient law of this kind will, without doubt, be passed at the next session of the state legislature. Annual inspection of our dairy and breeding herds by experienced and competent veterinarians should be inaugurated, but the ruthless slaughter of all suspects is, we think, a falacious policy.

Prompt, decisive and united action will in a very few years stamp this disease out of our herds. The opposite course would in time mean the destruction of the dairy and beef industry.

THE RAILROAD THREAT.

Intensely significant to the American public is that notice served by the railroad companies that all the big transcontinental systems will abandon the export business after November 1, 1908.

This is a part of the railroad plan to thwart the interstate commerce commission and humiliate the American people.

It is to thwart the interstate commerce commission because the systems say they will abandon the export business rather than make public their overland rates to foreign ports as required by the commission.

And it is to humiliate the American public which is strongly demanding railroad regulation, because it is highly probable that all the steamship lines of the railroad systems will be sold to Japanese companies, thereby making the little brown rival of the United States, the commercial master of the Pacific ocean.

So this announcement by the rail-



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road companies is a two-edged sword, one edge defying the regulating power of the government, the other delivering the Pacific coast carrying trade into the hands of the enemy!

And it all resolves itself into this conclusion, to-wit: The quicker the United States government becomes the owner and operator of its entire railroad industry, the better it will be for the people.

As long as there is private ownership of railroads there will be a perpetual clash over the question of government regulation. As long as there is private ownership there will be favoritism, discrimination, bitter rivalries and injustice.

Government ownership will do away with these and will make the railroad system, like the postoffice system, the absolute servant of the people.

Let us put prejudice and politics aside and get down deep into the social and economic ethics of this great problem and settle it on its merit, once for all.

American Lake is a good place to be during the next two weeks, for the breezes from the sound are cool. The encampment will be fine recreation for the guardsmen aside from furnishing them good experience in the soldier life.

When the Indians get the patents to their allotments the white men get the land. Poor Lo is a full-fledged citizen under the law, but when he gets out from under the protecting wing of the government he lasts quickly.

Paper Dealer Arrested.

Twenty-one proprietors of stands selling Sunday newspapers, etc., were arrested at Topeka, Kan., last Saturday afternoon charged with violating the Sunday labor law in selling newspapers on the previous Sunday.

Theatrical managers whose houses had been closed swore to the complaints in retaliation.

The city council of Topeka, however, declared sales of ice cream, cigars and soda water before 9 o'clock on Sundays were not violations of law.—The Fourth Estate.

"I have been told," said the assertive woman, "that you are singularly lacking in tact."

"What is your idea of tact?" asked Miss Cayenne.

"I don't know. What's yours?" "Tact, as a rule, is the ability to conceal one's surprise at foolish or impertinent remarks."

The three Italians who escaped from jail at Fernie, B. C., last Wednesday, have been captured near Waldo, B. C. They were headed for the boundary and were armed with still-ettes.

MARRIED WOMEN

Every woman covets a shapely figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided by the use of Mother's Friend before baby comes, as this liniment prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form. Mother's Friend makes the danger of child-birth less, and carries her safely through this critical period. Thousands gratefully tell of the benefit and relief derived from the use of this remedy.

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The August American Boy.

Unalloyed enjoyment of the water's refreshing coolness is shown on the face of the boy looking out from the front cover of the August American Boy, and the contents of the magazine just fits in with the vacation season. The fine serials of Houston, Tomlinson and Optic, with Weir's stories of his experiences Under the Great White Canvas continue with increasing interest. Of the many splendid short stories in this issue, there are: In the Hands of the Enemy, telling of the manly courage of a boy during the trying times of the Civil War; the Traitor of Camp Bennett, a fine story of boys camping out and how a traitor was dealt with; A Boy and a Bear tells humorously of a boy who was anxious to meet a bear and what he did when Mr. Bruin confronted him; In Quest of a Sea Otter is a vivid account of the dangers encountered by two boys in a boat

while trying to kill a sea otter; History Written in Bark will appeal to the boys who love to carve their names on the bark of trees. My Friend's Stiff Shoulder is a stirring story of hunting tigers in India; The Runabout Trio at the Chicago Convention gives a most interesting account of what three boys say and heard while attending the republican national convention at Chicago. Then there are How to Float, Trapping Hints for Boys, Opening of the Oyster Season, Talks with the Doctor, and Destroyer of Boys, while the various departments are filled with the sort of matter which appeals to the boys with hobbies. 76 illustrations; \$1.00 a year. The Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit.

Yeast—Have you ever seen the sun come up at sea? Crimsoneak—No, but I guess I've seen everything else come up.

S.S.S. A CURE FOR RHEUMATISM

Rheumatism is caused by an excess of uric acid in the blood, which is carried through the circulation to all portions of the system. Every muscle, nerve, bone and joint absorbs the acid, pain-producing poison, causing aches, inflammation, stiffness and other well known symptoms of the disease. Permanent relief from the pains and discomfort of Rheumatism cannot be expected from the use of liniments, plasters, and other external treatment which does not reach the blood, where the cause is located. Such measures give temporary relief, but in order to cure Rheumatism the uric acid and inflammatory poison must be expelled from the blood. S. S. S. cures Rheumatism because it is a perfect blood purifier. It goes down into the circulation, neutralizes the uric acid and drives it from the blood. S. S. S. expels the irritating, inflammatory matter which is causing the pain, swelling and other discomfort, enriches the weak, sour blood, and permanently cures Rheumatism. In all forms of Rheumatism, whether acute or chronic, S. S. S. will be found a safe, vegetable remedy, possessing the properties needed to cure, and at the same time a medicine that builds up the entire system by its fine tonic effects. Book on Rheumatism and any medical advice free to all who write. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

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