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When on my day of life the
night is falling,
And in the winds from un-
sun-
ned spaces blown,
I hear far voices out of dark-
ness calling
My feet to paths unknown,
Thou who hast made my home
of life so pleasant,
Leave not its tenant when its
walls decay;
O Love Divine, O Helper ever
present,
Be thou my strength and stay!
Be near me when all else is
from me drifting;
Earth, sky, home's pictures,
days of shade and shine,
And kindly faces to my own up-
lifting
The love which answers
mine.
—Whittier.

THE COUNTY SHOULD HELP.

So great will be the benefits of the government experimental farm on the Umatilla irrigation project, to all of Umatilla county, that the county court can well afford to help raise the fund for erecting the buildings and equipment of the farm.

The matter of putting such an important institution into operation should not be left to the precarious methods of public subscription. It is a plain business proposition in which every man who farms or raises stock, fruit or alfalfa will directly benefit and it warrants a county appropriation.

After the farm is equipped with buildings costing about \$5000 the state and national governments will furnish the experts, conduct the experiments and maintain the farm. But it is up to Umatilla county to equip it.

The government has set aside 40 acres of choice land in the heart of the Umatilla irrigation project for the farm, and now Umatilla can secure an institution which will be of inestimable benefit, by a slight effort.

It is unjust to individual land owners and business men to ask them to bear this entire burden by public subscription. While all the county, from the extreme eastern to the extreme western portion will be directly benefited, it is not fair to have a comparatively few public-spirited men bear the burden of establishing this important institution.

The county court is awake to the interests of the county and knows the need and benefit of such a farm. The county will benefit directly by having arid and worthless lands brought into productivity through the demonstrations and experiments conducted by this farm, and therefore it will not be a gift for the county to contribute to this fund, but it will be a most practical and profitable investment.

Umatilla county can well afford to appropriate at least half to the establishment of this Umatilla County Experimental farm, on the Umatilla government irrigation project. It will be one of the chief assets of the county when once in full operation.

HARRIMAN'S PLANS.

Speaking at a reception held in his honor at the rooms of the Portland Commercial club, on the eve of his departure for San Francisco, E. H. Harriman said:

"We find ourselves in far better shape after the senseless money panic of last fall than might have been expected and the past year leaves us with hardly a scratch. We are in a position now to go ahead and complete the work laid out, and will do so."

Referring to the advent of the new road on the north bank of the Columbia, constructed by the James J. Hill system, Mr. Harriman said:

"We have never done anything to keep our northern neighbor out, and

we will not do so. Incidents in the past were due more than anything else to a misunderstanding. We thought we had an agreement with our northern neighbors that we believed was violated. That has all been smoothed out now and there are no hard feelings.

"We are just as much interested as anyone in developing this country and in helping others to develop it, for what helps the country helps us who are interested in helping this state grow."

Mr. Harriman showed that he meant what he said in regard to the animosity between his system and the Hill interests being at an end, for he said later that while all rivalry between the two systems is not over in a business way, they will be more neighborly hereafter and less vindictive.

LIFE ON THE FRONTIERS.

The Seward, Alaska, Gateway reviews the comparatively happy conditions of life on the frontiers, in the following entertaining manner:

As people sit in their comfortable homes in the cities and think of the life of the pioneers they wonder how they lived. Pioneer life is much the same the world over. Nature has to be depended upon to do a large share. They lived on the New England coast much as they have done in Alaska. They depended upon berries, which grow in abundance here as they formerly did there. Wild game was also a fruitful source of supply.

In New England the small game, such as squirrels and turkeys was much more abundant than small game is in Alaska. On the land nature has done much to supply the pioneer with the means of a comfortable living. The waters have contributed their share. Fish in great quantities are to be had for the taking.

Those pioneering in a country have not all the comforts of civilized life, but they escape many of the discomforts. Disease of many kinds follows in the wake of civilization, and the fierce competition in the large cities produces want and suffering such as the pioneer with all his supposed hardships knew nothing of.

The native of a country seems to get along pretty well till civilization looms on his horizon, then disease, sickness and death are his portion in an ever-increasing degree.

There is not so much occasion to wonder how the pioneer lived as there is to consider what will be the outcome of life as it is lived in the old and thickly settled parts of the states.

TAKE LIFE TOO SERIOUSLY.

Some of us are beginning to realize that we have taken life too seriously; that we have not had enough play; that we have not had half enough fun, says Success Magazine. Many business men see the fallacy of working too many hours a day.

Formerly men thought they must spend most or all of the daylight hours in working. Intense application to business had become almost a religion. But now they are beginning to learn that it is efficiency, mental vigor, freshness of mind and body, and not necessarily long hours that do things; and that this mental vigor, freshness and energy which produce efficient work are impossible when the body is weary and the brain is fatigued; that mental robustness means physical robustness.

So there has been a steady shortening of the working hours of men of affairs and an increasing of the play hours, just in proportion to the importance and efficiency of their work and responsibility.

Multitudes of men now find that they can accomplish very much more in a year by spending part of the time which they used to put into work in playing golf, tennis, or some other game, or in flying about the country in an automobile.

There are plenty of business men in this country at the head of great establishments who get through an enormous amount of work, who do not spend more than three or four hours a day in their offices, and who frequently take long vacations. They find that a good deal of play and mixing much with the world not only improves their health and multiplies their efficiency, but also gives them a broader, saner outlook.

The best meeting of the fall season greeted the Agricultural college and agricultural department experts who visited this city Saturday night. It was a meeting of genuine enthusiasm and genuine interest, such a meeting as can only be inspired by the true Pendleton spirit and the speeches rang out like sentiments of olden times in this city. That the experimental farm fund will be raised and the farm established, is now assured. The personnel of the committee in charge is a guarantee.

THE DREAM MAKER.

Down near the end of a wandering lane,
That runs 'round the eaves of the day,
Where Conscience and Memory meet and explain
Their quaint little quarrels away,
A misty air castle sits back in the dusk

Where brownies and hobgoblins dwell,
And this is the home
Of a busy old gnome
Who is making up dream things to sell.

My dear,
The dearest dream things to sell.
He makes golden dreams out of wicked men's sighs,
He weaves on the thread of a hope
The richest fantasies of pretty brown eyes,
And patterns his work with a trope.
The breath of a rose and the blush of a wish
Boiled down to the ghost of a bliss.
He wraps in a smile
Every once in a while
And calls it the dream of a kiss.
Dear heart,
The dream of an unborn kiss.

Last night when I walked through
The portals of sleep,
And came to the weird little den,
I looked in the place where the elf-
man should keep
A dream that I buy now and then.
'Tis only the sweet, happy dream of a day—
Yet one that I wish may come true—
But I learned from the elf
That you'd been there yourself,
And he'd given my dream to you.
Sweetheart,
He'd given our dream to you.
—William Allen White.

LEGEND OF THE TOPAZ.

The topaz is called the stone of gratitude, and the old Roman books record the following legend, from which the stone derives this attribute: The blind Emperor Theodosius hung a brazen gong before his palace gates and on certain days, those who wished for his advice and help had but to sound the gong, and immediately admission into the presence of Caesar was obtained. One day a great snake crept up to the gate and struck the brazen gong with her coils. Theodosius gave orders that no one should molest the creature and bade her tell him of her wish.

The snake straightway told the following tale: "My lord, my humble nest is at the base of the gateway tower. While I was away finding food for my young brood a strange beast, covered with sharp needles, invaded my home, killed my nestlings and now holds possession of the little dwelling. Will the great Caesar grant his humble subject justice?"

The emperor gave orders for the porcupine to be slain and the mother to be restored to her desolate nest. Night fell, and the sleeping world had forgotten the emperor's kindly deed, but with the early dawn a great serpent glided into the palace, up the steps, and into the royal chamber and laid upon each of the emperor's closed eyelids a gleaming topaz. When the Emperor Theodosius awoke he was no longer blind.

WOULD I CHANGE MY WORK.

The thought comes to me sometimes—would I change my life work my choice of letters as a vocation, if I had my life to live again?—Certainly I would not, for the literary life seems to afford a spacious and exhilarating field for the work of a man who wishes to think and grow. Moreover literature to me has been, not a preference, but a passion.

That I have been able to follow the choice of my heart places me among the fortunate few, for how many are forced, by the tyranny of circumstances, into lines distasteful to their sentiments?

And, no doubt, this misfit of environments and this misunderstanding of energy are the causes of much of the dilatory and imperfect work of the world.

It seems an unfailing truth that the best work, like nest-building and honey making, must be done in joy. Every one should be as free, at least, as the artist to select his career and to work out his ideals.—Edwin Markham.

EXPERT GETS \$100 PER DAY.

Colonel George W. Goethals, chief engineer and chairman of the Panama canal commission, has appointed a cement specialist to work on the canal at a much greater salary than that of the chief engineer and chairman.

The story is to the effect that Chairman Goethals has cabled to Mr. Haskins of Boston, telling him to come to the canal zone at a salary of \$100 in gold a day. Mr. Haskins is an expert and is to investigate a number of technical questions about cement and the way it will have to be treated and used in the locks. No cement work will be done on the canal until 1909. The information is contained in the Panama News, a newspaper printed in the canal zone. Nothing is known of the appointment at the Washington office of the commission.

THE SONG OF LIFE.

In the lower worlds we rejoice because of something—some possession or event. In the spiritual world we rejoice in the fullness and splendor of Being—because of what is—and as we increase our share in that Consciousness, deep and deeper grows our Joy. We enter into the Song of Life; we become that Song—Book of Items.

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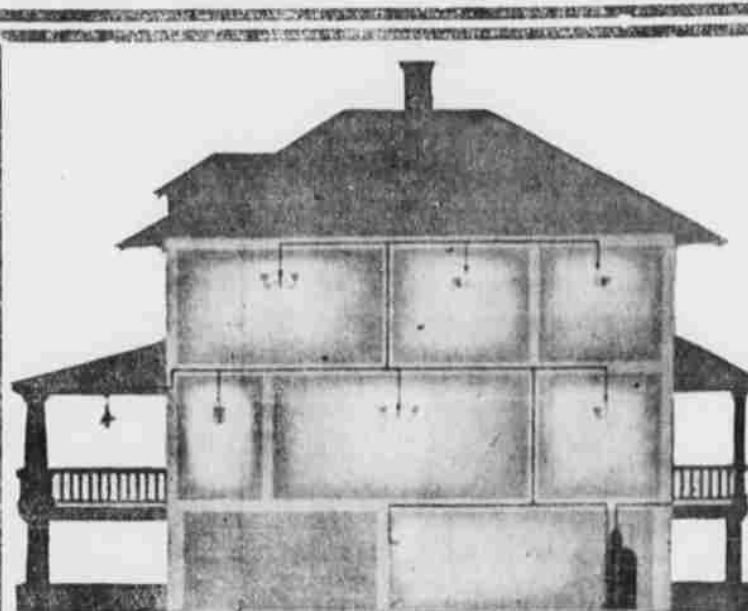
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