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BIRTHRIGHT. We who go a-wondering Up and down the year. Come to trace the path of spring By her blossoms near Hush to hear Far and clear How the winds her challenge bring. Ye who dwell with certainty Dull and hard and gray Asking naught of sky or sea Take your chosen way While we stray Who can say "Soul and spirit fare you free." —Adelis Dunbar.

ALL THE WORLD AKIN.

World tragedies like that just enacted in Italy bring out the fact that though the people of the earth are divided into many races, nations and creeds, they are all members of one great family.

When the news of Italy's misfortune was flashed around the globe, preparations were instantly made for the work of succor. Probably every civilized nation of the earth is sending money and supplies to relieve the needy.

The American people have responded nobly. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been raised, the rich and the poor alike contributing. San Francisco, herself but recently stricken, sends \$60,000 to show her gratitude for the favors received in her time of trouble.

The great battleship fleet, mighty in peace as well as in war, is now hurrying to the Mediterranean to join in the work of mercy. Other nations are doing the same as the United States.

Misfortune speaks in a common tongue and her voice is one to which all the world gives heed. It is said that all men are brothers when they smile, but this relationship is shown with even greater force when sorrow touches a common chord in the hearts of men.

Italy has the sympathy of the world in her present distress. If money and supplies could wipe out her loss, the terrible earthquake would soon mean no more than do the ancient myths of the Ionian sea.

MAKE IT EQUITABLE.

If the county court acts fairly at its session next week it will raise the county school levy at least one mill. By doing so it will make it possible for the special district levies to be lowered next year and as a result the expense of maintaining the schools of the county will be more evenly divided than at present.

As pointed out before by the East Oregonian there is much farming property not included in the boundaries of any of the school districts of the county. This property is now practically exempt from any school tax.

Then there are hundreds of large, profit-making ranches in districts where no special levies are ever made or where the levies are so small as to be of no consequence. The owners of these ranches live in the various towns of the county and secure the advantages of the town schools without paying anything towards supporting them.

Broad-minded men realize that this is not right. Within the past week or two many big farmers themselves have declared their entire willingness to pay a larger county school levy if the court will but require it. The East Oregonian knows of three or four of the biggest wheat raisers of the county who heartily favor the suggestion made by Superintendent Welles that the county levy be raised so as to permit of a reduction in district levies.

Here's hoping that when the county court makes the tax levy next

week the judge and commissioners will act fairly in this matter.

JOIN HANDS.

People who have interests in Pendleton and want to see the town go forward should start the new year by attending the woolen mill meeting to be held at the Commercial club rooms Monday.

At the coming meeting the work of disposing of the \$30,000 bond issue will be taken up with vigor and those in charge of affairs hope the entire issue can be disposed of without great difficulty.

For men who own property in Pendleton, or who are engaged in business here, the woolen mill bonds furnish a good field for investment. Five per cent. interest does not constitute their sole return.

From the re-establishment of the woolen mill and the continuous operation of the plant, local investors will reap great benefit. The re-opening of the mill means that the city's payroll will be increased; that there will be a greater demand for houses; more business for merchants and for everybody else in the city.

Then to rejuvenate the woolen mill, will encourage other industries to come to this city. Pendleton also needs a threshing machine factory and it needs a breakfast food factory. If the woolen mill can be made a success, local people will take heart and will work to establish these plants also. Then within a few years Pendleton will be a little city with manufacturing as well as agricultural resources. It will not be merely a big farming center as it really is at present.

John In. Mr. Property Owner and Mr. Business Man, and help finance the woolen mill.

A "MINORITY" MEMBER.

"Pat" McArthur is an aggressive young politician and his ambition to be speaker of the house of representatives is a laudable one.

But McArthur has no right to the speakership. He is an entirely new member of the house while there are many old members who would make good speakers.

Then McArthur is a "minority" member. He is an anti and an insurrection. He believes in machine politics rather than in popular rule, or at least his brief political record indicates as much.

While McArthur is wisely refraining from expressing himself upon the senatorship, yet he trains with the crowd that would like to defeat Governor Chamberlain. His political associates are men who would debauch the legislature if they could—men who have no respect for sworn pledges and state laws when they interfere with their own narrow partisan ambitions.

The East Oregonian is not concerned in the organization of the coming legislature, but if its advice is heeded, the statement members of the house and of the senate as well will stand together and place their own men in the posts of honor.

Farmers of the inland empire are now petitioning for the removal of the duty on grain bags. It is estimated the duty makes a difference of a cent in the cost of every grain bag used in the northwest. This duty the farmers of the inland empire want removed and they also want to abolish the tariff on Canadian coal.

State wide prohibition went into effect yesterday in the states of North Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama. All over the United States the liquor business is being placed under the ban. Prohibition is heroic treatment, but people are getting tired of the saloon business as it exists in the United States.

The library is now thoroughly provided for. In the matter of civic betterment the next upon the program will be the improvement of the north side cemetery.

While 1909 is young let us impress upon him the fact that Pendleton expects much from the 12 months coming under his tour of duty.

Get off the mark quickly; the sand in the hour glass is always flowing.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Falseness is truth gone on a debauch. Unbridled passion throws the rider. Economy pays its own dividends. Artificial beauty is the shallowest thing in the world.

A suffragette is a woman who insists upon being understood. The husband who loves his home is safe anywhere.

Better no music than that men should sing their own praises. Love's sacrifices do not make grief for the divorce mill.

Some homes are loudest advertised by their crying babies. Salt and batter often make assault and battery.—Ex.

SUPPOSEDLY FUNNY.

Reciprocity. The man who wears a collar high Will laugh at simple folk Who, in their turn, pass neckwear by As just a silly yoke. The novels that one girl will like Another girl will not; The things that you admire may strike Your friend as tommyrot. —Washington Star.

An Ethical Game. Sir Oliver Lodge, the English scientist, learned to play golf at St. Andrews thirty years ago. His teacher was Professor Tait. "You don't play golf with your muscles," Professor Tait said to him one day; "you play with your morals." "But I hope," said Sir Oliver, with a hasty glance around, "that no one will consider my morals as bad as my golf."—London News.

Mistake of Identity. A French sentinel in Algeria had for colonel a very tall, round-shouldered man. This round-shouldered colonel one night was making a quiet inspection. Passing the sentinel, he found to his rage and indignation that he was not challenged. So he returned to the man and roared: "You didn't challenge me?" "N-no, sir," faltered the sentinel, saluting.

"Well, why didn't you?" the colonel demanded. "Excuse me, sir," said the sentinel, "but I thought—I beg your pardon, sir—I thought you was a camel."—Washington Star.

Just to Make Sure. An old farmer, who by hard work and thrifty habits had got together a small fortune, decided that the time had at length arrived when he was justified in ordering a family carriage.

He went to a carriage builder and described in detail the kind of vehicle he wished to buy. "Now, I suppose you want rubber 'dresses'?" said the carriage builder. "No, sir," replied the old farmer, in tones of resentment. "My folks ain't that kind. When they're riding they want to know it."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Generous Raganuffin. Old Lady—My little lad, do you smoke cigarettes? Boy—No; but I can give yer a chew of tobacco.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Trying to Keep Up. "I suppose you have read Shakespeare's works?" said the young man from the east.

"Yes, all of them," replied Miss Fitz of St. Louis. "That is, unless he has written something within the last year."—Chicago News.

Breaking It Gently. A young man married against the wishes of his parents, and, in telling a friend how to break the news to them, said: "Tell them first that I am dead, and gently work up to the climax."—Tit-Bits.

Cruel. Leading Traffic Man—Did you see how I paralyzed the audience in the death scene. They were crying all over the house. Stage Manager—Yes, they knew you weren't really dead.—Tit-Bits.

Quick and the Dead. "What little boy can tell me the difference between the 'quick' and the 'dead'?" asked the Sunday school teacher.

"Willie waved his hands frantically. 'Well, Willie?' "Please, ma'am, the 'quick' are the ones that get out of the way of automobiles; the ones that don't are the 'dead.'"—Labor Clarion.

"You seem to manage remarkably well on your housekeeping money." "Yes; the storekeepers haven't sent in their bills yet."—Stray Stories.

On the Southern Pacific lines west of El Paso, 253 truck foremen received from the company just before Christmas each a present of a fat turkey. The recipients of these gifts appear to be chiefly those section masters who live on their sections remote from towns.

YOUR HAT

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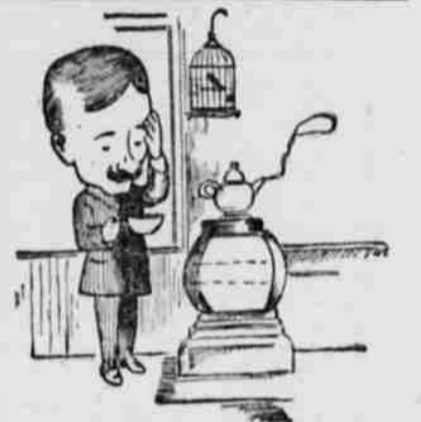
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