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#### CHEER UP.

Sing us something full of laugh-  
ter,  
Tune your harp and twang  
the strings  
Till your glad voice, chirping  
after  
Mates the song that robins  
sing.  
Loose your lips and let them  
flutter  
Like the songs of wanton  
birds,  
Though they naught but laugh-  
ter utter.  
Laugh and we'll not miss the  
words.  
—Riley.

#### THE POWER TRUST.

In the last issue of McClure's maga-  
zine Judson C. Welliver tells about a  
gigantic new trust that is being form-  
ed in the United States. He says  
that at the present rate of consump-  
tion the country's coal supply will  
not last more than one hundred and  
twenty-five years, and that a substi-  
tute must be found to produce the  
steam power used, and asks a ques-  
tion which he answers:

"Is there such a substitute?" There  
is. It is found in the great water  
powers of the country. And these are  
today well on the way to control by  
a trust bigger than any that has ever  
been dreamed of; a trust that, if it  
shall be able to carry out the system-  
atic plans now in hand, will be as  
wealthy as if it owned all the rail-  
roads of the nation, with Standard  
Oil and United States Steel on top,  
and then a few score of the minor  
trusts tossed in for good measure!

"This is the Water Power Trust. Its  
existence was first suspected by gov-  
ernment officials five years ago. Since  
then it has been gathering in the best  
power sites in every part of the coun-  
try. It has subsidiaries that operate  
in Canada. It has grown to such pro-  
portions, and its purpose to monopoli-  
ze the water power of a continent  
has become so plainly apparent, that  
President Roosevelt thus referred to it,  
not long ago, in his veto of the  
James River Dam bill:

"The people of the country are  
threatened by a monopoly far more  
powerful, because in far closer touch  
with their domestic and industrial  
life, than anything known to our ex-  
perience. A single generation will  
see the exhaustion of our natural re-  
sources of oil and gas and such a  
rise in the price of coal as will make  
the prices of electrically transmit-  
ted water power a controlling factor  
in transportation, in manufacturing,  
and in household lighting and heat-  
ing."

For calling attention to the opera-  
tions of this gigantic trust and for  
his work towards the conservation of  
national resources, ex-President Roo-  
sevelt is entitled to the highest credit.  
Whatever may be the result of his  
work his foresight and patriotism  
cannot be doubted.

#### VERY PECULIAR.

Right now the Oregonian is sup-  
porting Joe Simon for the republican  
nomination for mayor of Portland.  
But the Journal is reproducing past  
expressions from the Oregonian show-  
ing that Simon has not always been  
considered in the light of a worthy  
political leader. Here is a sample:

April 17, 1902, the Oregonian said:  
"These fifth rib stabs in politics  
suit Simon and his machine perfectly.  
Williamson, the republican nominee  
for congress, is now to be knifed in  
the same way. This stiletto work in  
politics is no new thing under the  
Simon machine. Many men have  
been victims of it. Let us see if we  
cannot put an end to the work of this  
political Mafia, which so long has  
been operating in Oregon."

It is strange that the Oregonian  
should now be supporting a man

whom but a few years ago it classed  
as the leader of a political black  
hand brigade. But some peculiar  
things happen in Portland. It is  
strange that Portland republicans  
should want Simon to run for mayor.  
He is a relic of the old days when  
politics was a game that was played  
in the dark. He is not adapted to the  
game as it is now played and his re-  
appearance seems absurd.

#### DAWN IN TURKEY.

Dawn seems to be breaking in  
Turkey, although it is a bloody morn-  
ing. For centuries the most absolute des-  
potism has held sway in that oriental  
empire. Along with this despotic  
government went a religious fanaticism  
on the part of the people. It is  
part of the Mohammedan creed that  
unbelievers may be put to the sword.  
This is a dangerous creed, for the  
unbelievers.

But the progressive element, rep-  
resented by the Young Turks' army,  
has outgrown the old time notions.  
They want a constitutional monarchy  
instead of Abdul Hamid's despotism.  
Nor do they share in the old time  
hatred of Christians. Reports from  
Constantinople say that during the  
hostilities foreigners were well pro-  
tected by the Young Turks, every  
possible consideration being shown  
them.

It is evident that among a large  
percentage of Turks at least the old  
narrow-fatalistic ideas have been dis-  
sipated. They now realize that men  
are part of a great brotherhood even  
though they differ in matters of re-  
ligion.

But the wonder is that the dawn  
has been so long in coming. People  
who are used to political and reli-  
gious freedom, as such obtain in this  
republic, can scarcely believe that in  
another part of the world the medi-  
eval darkness is just being dis-  
sipated. The only answer is that the  
world is still young and that a large  
part of the people of the earth have  
not yet learned the lesson of civil-  
ization.

The Standard Oil company has just  
paid a \$2,000,000 fine to the state  
of Texas for violation of the state's  
anti-trust law. From this it would  
seem that the Texas state judiciary  
treated the octopus with less leniency  
than did the United States court of  
appeals at Chicago. Perhaps it  
would be better if the United States  
judges were elective instead of ap-  
pointive officers.

The central fire bell, equipped with  
its electric striker, may be alright to  
"sound the knell of parting day," but  
it is rather slow for a first class fire  
alarm.

The weather is nice for the carn-  
ival company, but the inland empire  
would appreciate a little rain just  
now.

#### WITH LOVE FOR A FRIEND.

I.  
With the smile of the Springtime  
Gray winter will blend—  
Out in the blossoms  
With love for a friend.

II.  
A dream in a daisy  
Where bright dews descend;  
The peace of the lilies,  
With love for a friend.

III.  
The rainbows of heaven  
In beauty to bend  
O'er skies once storm-driven,  
With Love for a friend!  
—Atlanta Constitution.

#### HIS CONFEDERATE.

She's such a dainty, winsome bit  
Of feminine humanity,  
Entirely unaware of it,  
And wholly free from vanity!  
I lost my heart when first we met,  
She was so sweet and squeezable—  
(I own I haven't done it yet,  
It never seemed quite feasible).

But still she rules within my heart,  
And—strange peculiarity—  
She binds me to her by an art  
Without familiarity.  
I grow to love her more and more,  
Though I'm a husband dutiful,  
And pray, why not? She's only four,  
And doesn't know she's beautiful.  
—From the Somerville Journal.

#### NOT BUSINESSLIKE.

There is a certain Pittsburg brok-  
er who insists that every clerk in his  
establishment shall present an im-  
maculate personal appearance. "If  
you care to retain your position in  
this house," said he one morning to  
one offender whom he had summon-  
ed to the private office, "you will  
have to devote more attention to your  
toilet. Why, man, you present the  
appearance of one who has not shav-  
ed for a week." "Beg pardon, sir,"  
said the clerk, "but I am raising a  
beard. That's no excuse," said the  
boss. "You must do that sort of  
think outside business hours."—Har-  
per's Weekly.

#### THE NEW DOCTRINE.

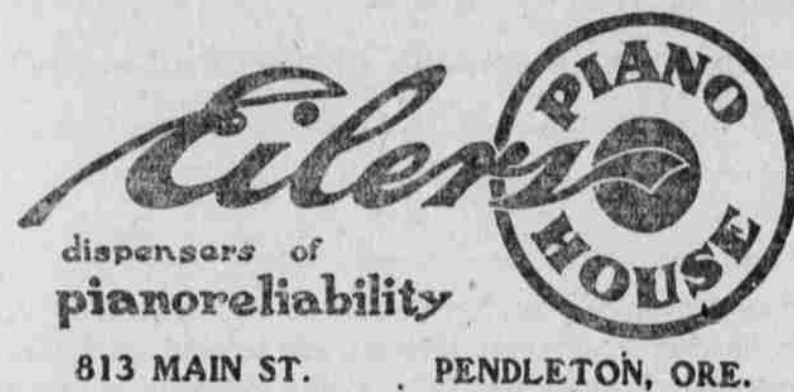
"Do you believe in the literary idea  
of future punishment?"  
"Not for myself," answered Mr.  
S. Barker. "But I favor it for a  
lot of people I know."—Washington  
Star.

France and Italy maintain national  
pawnshops.

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#### LOOK UP.

When trial o'ertake us and dark  
seems the way,  
When with trouble beset we are  
downcast and blue,  
Look up through the clouds, see the  
brightness of day;  
Be loyal and earnest, be faithful and  
true.

Our mistakes seem as mountains, our  
sins are as great loads,  
But to err is but human and sins  
are forgiven.  
Look on them as steps to but show us  
the road  
That leads to the brightness the fu-  
ture holds hidden.

No life is so drear, weary, sin-sick, de-  
pressed  
But that sunshine may not far ex-  
ceed shadows cast.  
Life's a great mine of treasure, seek  
therefore the best,  
Assert now thy right, prove thy  
heritage vast.  
—W. C. Graves in Human Life.

#### HOW CHEAP IS HUMAN LIFE?

One of the curious things about the  
fearful story of death by violence is  
that human life is cheapest, not in  
the large cities, though of course the  
total number of deaths is greatest  
there, as the casual observer might  
suppose, but in the smaller cities.  
And nowhere are lives held so lightly  
as in the smaller cities of Pennsylv-  
ania. Measured by the deaths by  
violence human life is cheapest in  
Butler, Pennsylvania, where the an-  
nual rate is 379.4 per 100,000 popu-  
lation. Pittston in the same state  
stands second with a rate of 359.6.  
Iron Mountain, Mich., is third in rank  
with a rate of 290.7, then comes  
McKeesport, Penn., 290.1; Shenado-  
ah, Penn., 278.9; Pottsville, Penn.,  
276. Pueblo, Col., is seventh in the  
list with a rate of 269.3. Altogether  
there are more than a score of small  
cities, half of them in Pennsylvania,  
the rest in New Jersey, Massachu-  
setts, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and  
Maryland in which the death rate by  
violence exceeds the highest rate in  
any large city.

This highest rate for a large city,  
190.9 per 100,000, is found in Pitts-  
burg. If to this be added the death  
rate from typhoid fever and other  
preventable diseases, Pittsburgh may  
be deemed fairly entitled to such  
glory as may attach to the fact that  
human life is held cheaper within  
its boundaries than in any other civ-  
ilized community.

#### BE A MAN

A Texas tradesman has this perti-  
nent sign in a conspicuous place in  
his store:

Man is made of Dust,  
Dust Settles.  
Be a Man.  
—Everybody's Magazine.

#### A Repeated Process.

A filthy fellow applied for a po-  
sition as porter with a large concern  
where help was badly needed. The  
manager looked him over doubtfully.  
Finally he handed him a half dol-  
lar.  
"Go up town and take a bath," he  
told him. "Then come back and may-  
be I'll be able to take you on."  
The fellow started for the door.  
"And, oh, by the way," the man-  
ager called after him, "if there's any  
change left, take another bath."—  
Everybody's Magazine.

He had pleaded the "detained at  
the office" excuse so often that they  
had become transparent, so when he  
arrived home late on a recent even-  
ing he determined to lean on the  
truth.

"You've been drinking!" said his  
indignant wife.  
"Selina, m' dear, I can not tell a  
lie—I—" stammered the delinquent.  
"Then you're even more intoxicated  
than I thought. Go to bed."—Tit-  
Bits.

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