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UNDER THE SUN.

The men who have gone before us
 Have sung the songs we sing;
 The words of our clamorous chorus,
 They were heard of the ancient king.

The chords of the lyre that thrill us,
 They were struck in the years gone by,
 And the arrows of death that kill us
 Are found where our fathers lie.

The vanity sung of the preacher
 Is vanity still today;
 The moan of the stricken creature
 Has rung in the woods away.

But the songs are worth re-singing
 With the change of no single note,
 And the spoken words are ringing,
 As they rank in the years remote.

—Charles R. Bacon in Century.

EXPRESS RATE REDUCTION.

The announcement made yesterday of a wholesale reduction in express rates ordered by the state railroad commission, will be appreciated by the people of Oregon. It means a reduction of more than 25 per cent in the charges made by the Pacific express company. The 100 pound rate from Portland to Pendleton is reduced from \$3 to \$2.25. A corresponding reduction is made between Portland and practically every point along the line of the O. R. & N. company.

There are many who will especially rejoice at a reduction in express rates. At this time express companies are practically exempt from taxation in Oregon. They have but little material property that may be assessed and the recently enacted law providing for a tax upon the gross earnings of express companies was done away with when the legislature enacted the law creating the state tax commission.

However, it is noticeable that while the distributing rate out of Portland has been greatly reduced no reduction has been ordered between other towns. At least a hasty examination of the new schedule indicates as much. The 100 pound rate between Pendleton and Echo is still 50 cents, while the rate from here to Athena remains at 40 cents per hundred. It might be timely for the railroad commissioners to explain why in making a reduction of rates they did not also order a lower distributing rate for this metropolis. It cannot be that Pendleton was neglected in the matter because it is not a competitive point, because this is a competitive point. Two express companies transact business in this city, the Pacific express company and the Northern Pacific.

But possibly other reductions will be ordered by the railroad commission at a later date. Let it be hoped so. It is the duty of the commissioners to stand between the people of the state and the transportation companies. It is but reasonable to expect that in doing so the commissioners will treat all sections of the state with strict impartiality. The railroad commission was not created to provide lower distributive rates for Portland, but to protect the interests of all the people of the state.

IT ISN'T NEEDED.

It is reported that the gentleman who is now conducting an initiative campaign in hopes of creating a new county out of portions of Douglas and Lane counties, has been seeking to do similar service for the people in the east end of this county. He has been talking with Milton-Freewater people about a new county for that

section, though it is not clear how far the matter has progressed.

But why the people in the north-eastern part of this county should want to secede from Umatilla is difficult indeed to understand. There is as much need of a new county up that way as there is for five wheels upon a wagon. They now have a representative upon the board of county commissioners and at the present time secure everything they ask for. They are in a county that is free from debt and has a property valuation of \$40,000,000. Should they form a new county their taxes would inevitably increase for the simple reason that they alone would then have to pay for a county government, whereas they now bear but a small portion of such an expense.

Of course, a new county in the east end would provide a few jobs for ambitious politicians and it would doubtless be gratifying to Walla Walla. But for the rank and file of the people it would mean nothing but loss. If the farmers and other property owners in that section of the county are alive to their best interests they will squelch a new county movement, should one be undertaken.

FOLLOW KANSAS.

That the dry land sections of Umatilla county will produce alfalfa with better results than are now obtained in the counties of central Kansas is declared by a former Kansan who is now farming in this county. He points to the fact that the rainfall here is greater than in Kansas, the soil is better and there is less trouble from droughts.

Some years ago central Kansas was a "sorry" country. Neither wheat nor corn could be raised with entire success. Through necessity the farmers were forced to try other crops. They started in to raise alfalfa. At first the idea was ridiculed and for a few years the results were not always satisfactory. But as the farmers learned more and more about alfalfa and as the variety raised became harder and better adapted to the needs of the country, alfalfa raising became more profitable. Central Kansas is now a great alfalfa district and an immense livestock feeding section.

At this time some alfalfa is being raised by many wheat farmers in this county. But the business has not been taken up to any extent because wheat raising has been very profitable. But land that will raise alfalfa is more valuable than wheat land. Furthermore, a ranch that produces alfalfa as well as wheat will net more money for its owner than will a ranch devoted exclusively to wheat raising.

It is worth while for the farmers of Umatilla county to take up the raising of alfalfa. There is every reason to believe that it may be raised with success. Should such prove to be true, then the problem of country life in this county and throughout the inland empire will be settled. The great wheat ranches will be broken up and the country will become populated.

That Pendleton is somewhat of a business center is shown by the bank statements just rendered the comptroller of the currency. They show the local deposits to be in excess of two and a half millions. After the wool and the wheat have been sold they will be greater.

It is reported that a local farmer has been buncoed out of \$5000. But a trifling sum like that means but little to a Umatilla county farmer. They have been known to invest as much as \$40,000 in swindling schemes.

Eleven years ago today Admiral George Dewey dropped in upon the Spaniards at Manila bay.

Now is the time to beautify your lawns.

PRESS COMMENTS ON ROOSEVELT'S HUNT

Toledo Blade: It is reported that natives of east Africa are threatening an uprising. Probably they haven't heard who's coming.

Birmingham Age-Herald: Between the lions of Uganda, who are hungry, and the natives, who want a king, we may never see our Teddy any more.

New Orleans Picayune: It is not probable that a man of Mr. Roosevelt's well-known temperament will alter his plans because of any element of personal risk that may be unexpectedly added. It is more probable that a native uprising would add zest to the former president's pleasure, although it would certainly give ground for uneasiness among his countrymen at home.

Teacher—Tommy, you should have known better than to fight with that Williams boy.

Tommy—I knew, ma'am; but I thought that I could lick him—London Mall.

Faith is following truth even though no one sees you.

THE REAL QUESTION.

"Did you ever climb to the top of the Hill of Fame?
 Did you tackle the world and beat it?
 Did you fasten success, my friend, to your name?
 Did you meet Defeat and defeat it?
 Well, may be you did; but the question today
 Is not what you did, nor how,
 But what are you doing, and how are you fixed?
 And where are you standing just now?"

Were you born in a hut, or raised in a slum?
 Did you wallow through trouble when you were young.
 With never a kind word, or cheerful?
 Well, it isn't these things that matter today,
 Your days were they joyful or tearful?
 The past—we question it not,
 But, how are you rated this day and hour?
 Who are you, and what have you got?"

We are prone to forget that humans must die
 To make room for others who need it.
 We try to live on the record we've made;
 When death comes, we strive not to heed it;
 And it doesn't matter to any, save us,
 How soon the "mortal" we shed,
 If we have the sense when we've shuffled the coil,
 To know that we really are dead."
 —Selected.

THE FLIGHT.

Hark—how the bugles blow,
 Alry bugles that ring!
 Full of wonder, over and under
 All other tides of sound!
 Oho! but we must go,
 We of the wondering wing!
 The call comes drifting,
 Dying and lifting.

Drizzling plumes of the palm,
 Scents of the Jasmine flower,
 Full of the dreaming waves on the gleaming
 Beach of the level sands;
 Langorous nights of calm—
 How we have longed for the hour
 When we should cry to them
 Gladly good-bye,
 Seeking the northern lands!
 Too much awaying at ease!
 Cloying of every sense!
 Naught but a vision ever elysian,
 Glimpse of blue and gold!
 Never a tang in the breeze
 Drowsing with indolence;
 Never the glory of mountains hoary,
 White with the touch of cold!

But now—away! away!
 The summoning bugles have blown,
 The spell is broken; we know
 The token,
 We of the wandering wing!
 On through the night and day,
 Over long leagues and line,
 Bearing, hearing, wher'er we're faring,
 The word and the wonder—
 Spring!
 —Clinton Scollard.

A LITERARY EVENING.

As Jones wended his uncertain way homeward he pondered ways of concealing his condition from his wife. "I'll go home and read," he decided. "Who ever heard of a drunken man reading a book?"

Later Mrs. Jones heard a noise in the library. "What in the world are you doing in there?" she asked.

"Reading, my dear," Jones replied cheerfully.

"You old idiot!" she said scornfully, as she looked in at the library door, "shut up that valise and come to bed."—Success.

What is supposed to be the first reference to the word "strike" in its present accepted meaning is found in the London Chronicle in 1765.

HEALTHY PLANTS

Require the Most Careful Attention as Well as Good Soil.

Did you ever see a rosebush which—despite the most beneficent environment of soil-of sunshine—and of atmosphere—seemed never to achieve a healthy growth.

A ton of manure will not help a plant that has a canker eating out its heart.

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"I can truly recommend it as the best all-round medicine it has been my privilege to become acquainted with. Of this I am quite convinced from my own experience."—Capt. Lemuel M. Hutchinson, Montpelier, Vt.

Can Now Eat Anything.

Mr. J. W. Pritchard, Columbia City, Ind., writes: "I am pleased to say that I have been cured of catarrh of the stomach by Peruna.

"I could hardly eat anything that agreed with me. Before I would get half through my meal my stomach would fill with gas, causing me much distress and unpleasant feelings for an hour or two after each meal.

"But, thanks to your Peruna, I am now completely cured, and can eat anything I want to without any of the distressing symptoms. I can now enjoy my meals as I used to do, and it is all due to Dr. Hartman and his wonderful medicine, Peruna.

"It has been one year since I was

Railroads Show Prosperity

A recent report of the power efficiency committee of the American railway association shows that during the first fortnight in March there was a decrease in the number of surplus cars of 8,507, the total number of idle cars on March 2nd being 299,925.

and on March 17th, 291,418. This steady placing cars in service is one of the sure indications of the slowly-returning prosperity of the country.

A special trolley car made a trip of almost 1000 miles recently, going from Louisville, Ky., to Cleveland, O.

CONDENSED

Report of Condition of the American National Bank of Pendleton

United States Depository

Rendered Comptroller of the Currency as of Date April 28, 1909.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$1,014,844.49
Overdrafts	10,187.96
Warrants and Securities	14,635.67
United States Bonds	160,100.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds	3,200.00
Banking House	60,000.00
Other Real Estate	500.00
RESERVE:	
Cash on hand and due from banks	299,810.59
	\$1,563,278.71

LIABILITIES

Capital stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided profits (net)	58,205.25
Circulation	98,400.00
U. S. Treasurer	47,500.00
Deposits	1,159,173.46
	\$1,563,278.71

Increase in deposits since February 5th, 1909, \$50,037.21.

I hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. THOMPSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of April, 1909.

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