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THE GREAT ADVENTURER. Over the mountains, And over the waves, Under the fountains, And under the graves, Under floods that are deepest, Which Neptune obey, Over rocks that are steepest, Love will find out the way.

THE PRESIDENT'S OPPORTUNITY. Entirely aside from politics W. J. Bryan's suggestion to President Taft that the latter recommend a constitutional amendment providing for the direct election of senators is a good one.

It will be interesting to know what stand President Taft will take. It is true the republican platform does not advocate the direct election of senators. But it is also known that the republican platform was in many respects unsatisfactory to the president when he was a candidate for office.

If President Taft is anything of a reformer he will urge the constitutional amendment suggested by his late rival. Of all reforms needed in this country a change in the old time method of choosing senators is the most urgent.

It is because the senate is filled with such men as these that Senator Aldrich has been able to handle the senate as though the seats were occupied by manikins. Had the members of the senate all been chosen by popular vote they would have shown more consideration for the welfare of the consumer while the tariff was under consideration and would not have answered "me too" to everything suggested by the senate boss.

RUSH OF TOURISTS. Railroad men report that the tourist travel to the Northern Pacific coast is several times as heavy this season as last, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The exposition at Seattle is responsible for a considerable share of this extraordinary movement, but much of it is only indirectly affected by the exposition. The low round-trip rates attract many who would have visited this part of the country, at the lower rate, even without the added attraction of the exposition.

And this is not merely casual tourist travel, intent only on a look at the country and a summer's outing. There is a more serious purpose behind much of it. It is safe to say that an actual majority of the people who have come here, or who are on their way hither have a more or less well-defined purpose, if they find conditions to suit them, to remain permanently, or to return home for the purpose of making a permanent home after they have settled up their business affairs and are in a position to make the removal.

The whole Pacific Northwest has made great gains in population in the past nine years. There promises to be a gain the present year out of all proportion greater than has ever been seen in any previous year in the history of the Pacific Northwest.

TRAINED TEACHERS NEEDED. The annual report of the county school superintendent will show that the 97 school districts of Umatilla county employed 169 teachers during the past year. Of these 31 were men while 138 were women. Figures showing the total number of teachers in eastern Oregon are not at hand but it is safe to assume that in the 15 counties east of the Cascades between 500 and 1000 teachers are employed regularly.

To these teachers is intrusted the education of the children of eastern Oregon. It is work of the utmost importance and it is essential that the teachers should be trained in the best possible manner for the work they have to do. Yet by the action of a handful of men in the state senate money for the future maintenance of the Eastern Oregon normal school was denied. So the school must remain closed for the next two years at least and eastern Oregon will have to take what can be secured in the way of new teachers. Good teachers were already scarce and in the future the situation will become worse, for many students from eastern Oregon are preparing to enter the Washington normals this fall and by doing so they will obligate themselves to teach for at least three years within that state.

Thankfully Pendleton has a corps of very competent teachers, mostly normal graduates, and many of the number have been with the local schools for several years. So this city at least will not suffer immediately from the closing of the normal. But vacancies are always occurring and in time the schools are sure to retrograde unless provision is made for normal instruction. The country schools will suffer first by the closing of the normals because the larger salaries paid in the cities and towns will draw the normal-trained teachers to those centers leaving the country children at the mercy of untrained teachers.

It is going to be up to the people of Eastern Oregon to see that normal training is again provided for those who wish to teach. Furthermore it will be necessary to provide such instruction in eastern Oregon, for experience has shown that a sufficient number will not go abroad for normal training. Unless prospective teachers can receive instruction in eastern Oregon they will try to teach without proper preparation for the work or else will do something else.

Umatilla county will gladly welcome a visit from Secretary Ballinger. We have a reclamation project and an Indian reservation to show him.

Christian Johnson who spent his life in duping women incidentally duped himself. The swindler is always his own victim.

DIAMONDS AND ILL LUCK.

There is a soul of truth in every ancient superstition. And the vulgar notion that there is something baneful in the possession of big diamonds is no exception. The ill-omened Hope diamond was sold for a king's ransom last week in Paris—with a shuddering tale hanging to it of the ruin of two kings and many commoners. Of this malignant jewel, as of many others, it may be said that its beauty is no finer than that of a dew-drop glistening on a rose leaf. Its charm, its fascination, lies solely in the fact that it cost much money, much labor and much life. It is unlucky to have one's mind distorted, so that one cannot tell what is worth while and what not. It is unlucky to be vain and cruel, and to desire nothing but to outshine one's neighbors. That is why it is unlucky to own big diamonds.

THE YOUNG MEN.

Glad be the hearts of the young men, and the feet of them, glad be they That they walk in the morning meadows and dance on the dewy way;

Glad be the hearts of the young men and the lips of them glad to sing With the cry of the battle bugles and the music of spring;

Glad be the hearts of the young men, with the forward looking, the hope, Winged with the victory pinions where the hills stand ope;

Glad be the hearts of the young men, with music of morning voice, Life not a world worn burden, but a thing to rejoice;

UP-TO-THE-MINUTE JOKES.

A man got into a train with a bag of fruit in one hand, and at the first station he called out to a porter: "I say, porter, do you like fruit?"

Second Artist—Splendid! Got a commission this morning from a millionaire. Wants his wife and children painted very badly.

"My darling," said Mr. Spoonamore, as he finished the third helping of his wife's plum cake, "the lightness and flavor of your excellent cake give a grand and emphatic denial to all the rubbish written in would-be funny papers about the incapacity of young wives to cook."

"Or, perhaps," he continued, "it may be that my own little wife-pifey is better than all others."

"Oh, ducky," she whispered, "how happy you make me."

"Kind lady, please help me; I'm very ill, and I can't get into the hospital because there is no room."

A gentleman was traveling in the north of Scotland. When he reached his destination he discovered that he had left his water-proof in the compartment. He hurried back as the train was leaving, and shouted: "Is there a black machintosh in here?"

One of the gentlemen replied: "No; they are all MacGregors."

"Dear Mick—I send you the coat as promised. As the buttons are rather heavy I have cut them off to save postage and put them in the top left-hand pocket."

Wife (excitedly)—If you go on like this I shall certainly lose my temper! Husband—No danger, my dear. A thing of that size is not easily lost.

Mrs. Brown—How would you define "tact?" Mrs. Jones—I should say tact is the ability to make your husband believe he is having his own way.

A little girl was sitting at a table opposite to a gentleman with a waxed mustache. After gazing at him for several moments she exclaimed: "My kitty has got feelers, too!"

Twelve years ago Miss Grace Whitely, who lives on a Burnt River ranch, received two ewes for a present. Later her father disposed of \$300 worth of wool, the year's clip from the product of these two animals, which with their increase compose a flock that now numbers over 200.

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The very great majority of persons need a tonic in the Spring or early Summer. The system undergoes a change at this season and the entire physical machinery is disturbed. The general bodily weakness, a tired, worn-out feeling, fickle appetite, poor digestion, a half sick feeling and a general run-down condition of the system, show that the blood is weak or anemic, and a blood purifying tonic is needed to build up the deranged system and enrich the blood.

THE American National Bank PENDLETON, OREGON Report of Condition to the Comptroller of the Currency as of June 23, 1909. CONDENSED

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