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THE WAY OF THE WEST

It's the way of the west,
 And a way that is best—
 A jolly good, mighty fine way,
 It's a grasp of the hand—
 Real thing, understand—
 And we hope you are with us to stay.

It's a slap on the back,
 And the slap don't lack,
 A thing in the welcoming line,
 It's a How-do-you-do?
 Wish-you-well, Hope-that-you-
 Like-the-layout, Go-to-it, it's fine.

It's a boost and a smile,
 Ever day—all the while,
 It's a Cheer-up-be-glad and a song,
 It's a No-further-roum,
 Make-yourself-right-at-home,
 Have - a - smoke - and - don't hurry along.

It's the way of the west,
 And a way that is best,
 It's a free-hearted, red-blooded way,
 It's God's country's style,
 Full of warmth, lacking guile,
 No wonder they come here to stay!

—Spokesman-Review.

THEY WON'T HAVE IT.

With 200 members present Pomona Grange of Multnomah county has gone on record as vigorously opposed to the assembly scheme. The following is the resolution passed by that organization without a dissenting vote:

"Whereas, We are now confronted with the declaration that the assembly plan of conventions will be instituted in Oregon for the purpose of placing in nomination state and county officers for the several positions within the state.

"Whereas, We deem this a departure from the spirit and letter, intent and purpose of the direct primary law.

"Whereas, The state and local granges have, at all times, gone on record as favoring, advocating and declaring their fealty and devotion to the direct primary, initiative and referendum laws.

"Whereas, We believe this plan of procedure, known as the assembly plan, by which a few select candidates for nomination for the various offices of the state is wholly unwarranted and contrary to the best interests of the state and showing a weakening on the part of the voters of the state to the several sister states which are working for a direct primary and initiative and referendum.

"Resolved, by Pomona Grange, in regular session assembled, That we denounce this so-called assembly convention system, and appeal to all good citizens to unite with us in defeating the plans, purposes and aspirations of all those who employ this method of securing a nomination, which we regard as a return to the old boss rule in politics, and nullifying the usefulness of the direct primary law of Oregon and stultifying the intelligence of her electorate."

Pomona Grange is but one of several farmers' organizations that have lined up against the assembly plan. The action of these organizations shows the trend of sentiment upon this subject. It is the general belief that the assembly scheme has been devised to annul the direct primary law and to restore bossism. The people of Oregon will have none of it.

PENDELTON'S OPPORTUNITY.

The Hill system has secured control of the Spokane & Inland electric lines and will operate them in connection with the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads in and out of Spokane. "We will use these electric roads in conjunction with our steam roads and continue to build up Spokane," James J. Hill is quoted as saying.

Electric roads are a great factor in building up commercial centers and they are going to be of even greater importance in the future. Spokane owes its supremacy over the other towns of eastern Washington to the fact that it has splendid traction connections and to the fact that it has power for manufacturing purposes. Boise owes much of its recent growth to its interurban connections. Other instances innumerable could be mentioned.

Pendleton's geographical situation is such that a traction system is especially desirable. The immediate vicinity of Pendleton is thinly populated. Pendleton can never become a real city if it relies upon its close surroundings. But it does not need to do this. It has a mammoth tributary territory. To the west there is an irrigation section that in time will sustain an enormous population. North and east there is a fertile farming section that is really adapted to more than wheat raising. Southward there is an immense undeveloped region comprising not only the southern part of Umatilla county but Grant county also.

It is Pendleton's business to reach out into the different sections of its territory and secure the business now available and get in line to secure the additional business that will be created when its territory becomes more closely populated.

Pendleton is now promised the nucleus of an extensive traction system. The Washington-Oregon company's scheme calls for the building of electric roads into the different parts of Pendleton's big tributary territory. Of course it is not to be expected that all these roads will be built at once. Doubtless the system will be extended gradually. But when the company establishes a city and suburban system for Pendleton and brings its electricity to this place we will have very reasonable assurance that the desired feeder or interurban roads will be built in due time.

Pendleton people can well afford to aid and encourage the Washington-Oregon company in its plans. They cannot afford to do otherwise.

IT IS THE LAW.

It is the law of Umatilla county and of the city of Pendleton that intoxicating liquors shall not be sold as a beverage. Whether that law is a good law or a poor law does not matter in the least with respects to its enforcement. The law was made by the voters of the county and their will should be respected. When they don't want the law it is to be assumed they will repeal it.

This county and this city do not need any "wild eyed" spectacular efforts on the part of officials—efforts that will breed further strife and bitterness and bring but little in the way of results. We have some big things on deck in the way of development work and we need no useless turmoil. We have had enough of that already.

What is needed is a sensible, consistent and effective enforcement of the prohibition law, by both city and county officials. The law should be enforced because it is the law.

ARIZONA'S BUSINESS.

It is now announced that during the coming session of congress Arizona and New Mexico will get separate statehood "if they do not insist on including in governing laws, features that President Taft found objectionable in Oklahoma's constitution."

But when did the president become censor for the people of Arizona, New Mexico or Oklahoma? Is it not Arizona's business—the matter of the sort of constitution that territory desires? So long as New Mexico and Arizona adopt constitutions that are in conformity with the federal constitution and the laws of congress why should the president worry?

It is a pretty generally accepted rule in America that the states run their own local affairs. If Arizona and New Mexico want to provide some restrictions for corporations as did Oklahoma, or provide for guaranteeing bank deposits, that is their business. It would be their business if they wanted to regulate the thorns on the cactus that grow upon the Arizona deserts or to permit the water in the irrigation ditches of New Mexico to run uphill, if it can.

JUDGE BEAN'S DECISION.

Judge Bean's decision in the famous detective bill case seems sound and it will be applauded. The payment of the detective bill was held up by men who do not want to see the law enforced. They were not acting from the standpoint of taxpayers who wish to keep down expenses. The county had netted something like \$5000 in fines through the efforts of the detective who had a claim for but \$350 for his services. Incidentally Judge Bean's decision will make the way clear for the district attorney to proceed with the enforcement of the

prohibition law. Both he and the sheriff now have authority to employ detectives and by co-operation they should be able to handle the situation without difficulty.

Another family comes to Pendleton because of the woolen mill. That is a good industry. Its payroll means comfort at the firesides of its employees and business for the merchants of this city.

Walla Walla saloonmen deserve to lose the fight that is now on in the Garden City. If for no other reason than because they have slandered Pendleton in the hopes of making a few votes for their dives.

The Christmas spirit is a cheerful spirit.

ROOSEVELT TROPHIES ARRIVE.

That Colonel Roosevelt is shooting straight out in East Africa is evidenced by the large assortment of skins and skeletons of the animals which recently arrived at the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

The skins are the outer coverings of many wild animals the scientific names of which would be all Greek to the layman. However, to the scientists of the Smithsonian Institution the names of didik, hartebeeste, steinbuck, impalla, wildebeeste, cland and gnu, are as familiar as the word dog is to the average American citizen.

There are also in the collection skins of lions, leopards, hyenas, giraffes, a black rhinoceros, hippopotami, and several species of the rare wart hog.

If the first consignment of specimens is as large as the first was, it will require more than two years to complete the work of mounting them, and it would require a good amount of space in the new \$2,500,000 National Museum building, which is nearing completion, to accommodate the exhibit. The first consignment consisted of van after van load of barrels and casks and boxes, on each of which some facetious individual had marked in large white letters "T. R."

Many boxes of birds and numerous species of rats and different varieties of rabbits, moles, mice and other small mammals, came along with the shipment. Some of these specimens, it is claimed are far more valuable than the larger animals. In this collection the warty rat is considered the rarest specimen. He has two warts on his lower lip. This is the only specimen ever brought to this country. This animal is carnivorous, and lives on the less hardy members of its tribe. The skeleton and pelt of this animal has been given special care at the institution so as to avoid all danger of a mishap to it. The bird collection was perfectly preserved before it was packed in East Africa, and each specimen arrived with every feather in place. The task of attaching the names and classifying the bird exhibit will have to wait until the experts with the expedition in Africa return to this country.

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JAPANESE SELF-RESPECT.

If I were asked the most dominant trait of the Japanese," says Frederic S. Isham, author of "Half a Chance" (Bobbs-Merrill & Co.), and for many years a traveler, "I should say it was self-respect. During a recent six months' sojourn in Japan, we failed to meet a single beggar. Think of that, you travelers in Italy, Spain, France and other lands of the so-called higher civilization! One day in Kyoto, a little girl brought us some wazouki biscuits. I offered her a coin; she did not take it. But the longing of the child to have it was apparent; she doubtless thought at the moment of certain marvelous peddlers' carts, filled with confectionery, wonderful Japanese dolls and what not. Seeing that desire I placed the coin in the niche of a stone wall at her elbow, indicated it, and went away, leaving her to struggle with a great temptation. Several days afterward, being curious, I went back to the spot; the child had fought out the battle; probably a supreme one for her. The coin was still there."

A German shoemaker left the gas turned on in his shop one night and upon arriving in the morning struck a match to light it. There was a terrific explosion, and the shoemaker was blown out through the door almost to the middle of the street.

A passerby rushed to his assistance and after helping him to arise inquired if he was injured.

The little German gazed at his place of business, which now was burning quite briskly, and said: "No, I ain't hurt. But I got out shust in time, eh?—Lippencott's."

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