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LET IDLE DREAMS GO BY.

Let the dreams go. Oh, there are other dreams
In vastness of clouds and hid from thy sight
That yet shall glid thy world with golden beams
And shoot the shadows through and through with light.
What matters one lost vision of a night?
Let the dreams go.

Let the hope set; for there are other hopes
That yet shall rise like new stars in the sky.
Not long a soul in sullen darkness gropes
Before some light is lent it from on high.
What folly to think happiness gone by!
Let the hope set.

Let the joy fade. For there are other joys.
Like frost-bound bulbs, that yet shall start and bloom;
Severe must be the winter that destroys
The hardy roots locked in their silent tomb.
What cares the earth for her brief time of gloom?
Let the joy fade.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

NOTHING BUT BONES.

The Oregonian twits democrats for making capital out of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy and says: "It is a crossing where democrats should stop, look and listen. State conservation is natural democratic doctrine and Pinchot is its foe."

To the wind with "natural democratic doctrine" and with natural republican doctrine too. There is not enough "natural doctrine" left in either party to "flag a handcar." The republican and democratic parties are both relics of an age that is dead and buried. The present political alignment is farcial. What does it mean to say that a man is a republican? There are two kinds of republicans, the progressives or "insurgents" and the "regulars." There is as much difference between these classes as there ever was between republicans and democrats. What does it mean to say that a man is a democrat? Usually that he is a southerner or of southern descent. The remainder, or the most of them anyway, are democrats because they don't want to be republicans.

What the United States needs is a political shake-up—a realignment. We need to drop the prattle about the dusty, cobwebbed doctrines of by-gone days and take up issues of the living present. The issues of today differ from those of any other era in our history. It is natural they should. Yet we try to wear the same old political clothes. It is ludicrous.

The doctrines of Gifford Pinchot if classified politically would not fit either the republican or democratic parties. Pinchot is an economist, not a politician. His theory is that the Lord intended the world for the accommodation of all mankind, not for a few people. He does not want to see the natural resources of the country monopolized and he is working in a practical way to prevent this. Whether the states or the national government should receive the money to be derived from the development of natural resources is a detail that may be settled later. The first thing to do is to stop the plundering of the coal lands, water powers and timber and there will soon be none left.

Naturally the anti-conservationist would like to see the conservationists divided over the question of state or national control. So papers like the Oregonian drag forth the dry bones of "fundamental party doctrines" in hopes that people will get to fighting over them. But those bones have been gnawed so long that there is no juice left in them. People are not interested now in the "fundamental doctrines" of either party. In the

conservation issue they have a live subject—one that pertains directly to the material welfare of the American people. But it is an economic subject, not a political issue. It may become a political issue but if so the conservationists should form a new party entirely. They should not try to wear the musty robes of either of the present parties.

HELP GET IT.

When Pendleton gets the six miles of line the Washington-Oregon company proposes to build here and in the immediate vicinity this city will have the start for a big traction system. This city will be the base of the company's operations, so we are promised. The car service within the city and suburbs will aid Pendleton to grow beyond its present confines. There should be a big reality uplift as soon as the line is installed. Then when the company extends its interurban lines out into the different parts of the territory tributary to Pendleton business will flow into Pendleton from many miles away. The additional power the company will bring to Pendleton should stimulate manufacturing. The company promises to give lower rates than we now secure. Furthermore the company will have an ample supply of power, something that is important too. At this time our power supply is insufficient. The coming of the new power company with its first six miles of car service and the promise of interurban lines means much to Pendleton. The improvement will bring many other good things in its train. Help make the improvement possible.

IS THIS WHY?

Four workmen on the docks at Williamsburg have been sentenced to one year each in prison for manipulating the scales so as to benefit the sugar trust. Another checker is to get his sentence later. The government is right after the "villians" that have been cheating the customs house.

But where is the government taking criminal action against the "higher ups" against the owners of the sugar trust? Manifestly they are the men who profited by the crookedness. It would be a cruel farce for the government to prosecute the dock laborers and allow the real culprits to go free or to escape with fines. With the money they stole from the customs house they can well afford to pay big fines. But perhaps this is why Wall street selected the attorney general for President Taft.

Umatilla county is a big county and it has much improvement work to do. Especially is this true in the newer sections of the county. So it is natural that the annual expenditures of the county are greater than they were a few years ago. The present county levy, however, is not bad. A seven mill levy will not hurt anyone especially when land values are advancing and wheat is soaring around the dollar mark.

A Pendleton man, Dan P. Snythe, has been honored by being chosen president of the interstate sheep sanitary association. That association has important work to do and it is complimentary to have a local man chosen to lead the same. It also strengthens our claims to being the greatest sheep center of the west.

Binger Hermann is now on trial after many years of waiting. He was the honorable commissioner general of the land office. What will they be doing to Dennett five years from now?

Pendleton needs a Workers Brigade that will do things and will only work the harder when obstacles are met.

It is great weather for the coal dealer and likewise for those aristocrats who have hay to sell.

The Boston public library has classified Dr. Cook's book as fiction. That was a cruel thrust.

GIRLS HAVE A RIGHT TO OBJECT

(Baker City Herald.)
A communication has been addressed to this office calling attention to the lack of gallantry among Baker City's young men. Signing herself "A Baker Young Lady," this person handles the situation in a very truthful manner, so truthful, in fact that it will hardly be right to print the entire communication, as it would reflect on the raising given young men.
She tells of play after play and dance after dance where the young men of this city march in like tin soldiers, paying little attention to the girls, except at the dances the ladies are asked to be partners for a waltz or two-step and then are left to entertain themselves as best they can. It becomes necessary for the girls, if they want any social enjoyment, to form a battalion of their own and plod through snow to the hall where the dance is being held, when Baker is noted for its excellent cab service. And no one can deny the fact, but are not the girls to blame to a great extent for existing conditions?
For the past ten years women of

marrageable age have in many instances given away their independence in order to meet young men and to be in their company. As a result a cold, indifferent independence has come over the boys and they feel to a marked degree that they, instead of the fairer sex, should be sought after. The only reason for this is that they are sought after. Sometimes to the extent that the situation becomes ridiculous, and near friends of young ladies view the whole social problem with not a little alarm.
If the young lady who has seen fit to write this communication will organize her lady friends, pass some rigid rules and live up to them they will in a short time see the time-honored chivalry return in the opposite sex and the girls will be dealt with a tender, admiring manner which betrays them and which they are really entitled to if they but keep their places.

AUSTRALIA BUILDS RAILROADS.

Railway development in Queensland is being vigorously pushed forward, and large tracts of virgin country will soon be opened up for settlement. In his annual report the Commissioner for Railways states that the addition of 139 miles of lines opened during the year brings the total mileage to 3498, while no less than 11 lines, aggregating 376 miles, are at present in course of construction.
Alluding to the question of uniform gauge, the Commissioner points out that there are now 8596 miles of three-foot six-inch lines in Australia so that the adoption of either the Victorian or the New South Wales gauge for the commonwealth would necessitate the alteration of over 12,000 miles of line in the other states. Last year the railways of Queensland earned \$19.72 per cent on the capital expended on opened lines. This shows a slight decrease on the previous year, but the Commissioner points out that the increase of expenditure at a greater rate than the increase of revenue is a result which many reasonably be looked for from the policy of pushing railways ahead of close settlement.

A bill has been introduced by the South Australian Government for the better protection and control of the aboriginal inhabitants of the state. The administration is to be intrusted to the Aborigines Department, and the Treasurer is to be asked to supply funds for distributing blankets, clothing, provisions and other relief for the natives. It is proposed to appoint protectors in various districts and to create preserves for the benefit of the various tribes. Penalties are provided for any interference with the blacks, or their removal unless by authority, while the supply of firearms is made an offense.—Exchange.

FINING LATE THEATERGOERS.

Cleveland has passed an ordinance fining any theater manager \$100 who permits a patron to take a seat while the curtain is up. Those who arrive after the first act has begun must wait until the end of the act before taking their seats or the house will be prosecuted.

We doubt if any substantial good will come from such an ordinance. The decisions of courts in the east have uniformly been to the effect that a theater is a private enterprise and not a public institution and that the managers may make such reasonable regulations as they please for conducting it. Doubtless the ordinance will be thrown out by the courts, but the incident calls attention to a growing evil. Most persons are very selfish in taking their pleasures. They forget how much their own conduct affects others. Those who come in late at the theater or opera and compel persons already seated to stand and give passage way are guilty of social misdemeanors. It took a long time to establish the custom of requiring women to remove their hats and it will probably take longer to make them prompt in attendance, but 'tis a consummation devoutly to be wished. In the meantime, we might revert to the old time "curtain raiser" to make the main play thoroughly enjoyable.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Dance at German Hall.
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