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DREAM O' SPRINGTIME.

Haste not away From the light o' the day. Soon reach the land where the violets stay. Winter takes wing To the garden o' spring; Soon see the green—hear a mockingbird sing. Haste not away;— After dim skies of gray You'll reach the glad land where the red roses stay. —Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

FOR PENDLETON'S SAKE.

When the Commercial association committee goes out Monday to raise the money that is needed to secure the traction system Pendleton will be put to a test—to the most severe test in many years. How will it be met? There are many who believe the needed \$50,000 will be raised with comparative ease. They remember that local citizens subscribed \$30,000 to take the woolen mill bonds last winter and so they imagine the present task an easy one. It really should be when the interests at stake are considered.

But unfortunately the situation at this time is not as hopeful as it should be. There are forces that are working silently yet shrewdly and more or less effectively against the traction enterprise. Those who are opposing are prompted by different motives. There is a heavy influence that may be traced to the door of the Northwest Gas & Electric company. Why this influence is being used against the new enterprise is obvious. Some are opposing the traction movement because of political or factional animosities while others are against it because they are possessed by foolish pessimism or too much conservatism. In the judgment of the East Oregonian there are but few men who are opposing the traction enterprise because they fear it is not meritorious. How anyone could oppose the proposition on such grounds, under the circumstances, this paper is at a loss to understand.

Yet the fact stands out that there is opposition to the traction enterprise or at least in certain quarters the movement is not receiving the support that it justly merits. What the final outcome will be the East Oregonian does not know. At this time it is only the truth to say that the success of the movement is still in doubt.

In order to have the movement succeed the business people and monied men of this city, great and small, must get together; they must lay aside all cheap and unworthy prejudices and be guided alone by civic patriotism. For the sake of Pendleton and for the Pendleton of the future they must drop their petty quarrels and differences. If people will but do this the success of this enterprise will be assured and this city and every business man and property owner within it will be benefited.

Why not do it gentlemen?

AS TO PARTISANSHIP.

The Oregonian refers to this paper as a "democratic journal" and attributes the enmity of the East Oregonian towards the assembly scheme to this fact. But the Oregonian is wrong in the characterization of this paper just as it is wrong with reference to almost everything else.

The East Oregonian is not a partisan paper of any kind and it is not going to be. This paper has convictions upon political subjects, to be sure. Likewise upon economic questions that are now before the country. For instance this paper favors a tariff that looks to the welfare of the general public, not to the aggrandizement of a few special

interests. It opposes the ship subsidy plan and favors the conservation policy. In other words this paper has "Progressive" tendencies and dislikes "Standpatism." But this is not particularly a partisan matter. The most conspicuous "Progressive" leaders at this time are republicans.

As for party names this paper does not care a rap, especially in state and local politics. The East Oregonian would as soon support a republican for office as a democrat. In the past it has helped many good republicans become elected and doubtless it will do the same in the future. In the personality of candidates this paper is interested, as is eminently proper. But as to their party affiliations it does not care any more than it cares about their religious beliefs or about the color of their hair.

The East Oregonian is opposing the assembly scheme because it believes that plan looks to the restoration of bossism in this state and that if it succeeds Oregon will go back into the dark hole of political corruption from which it but recently ascended.

Furthermore it may be added here that in the humble view of this paper the best interests of the republican party in Oregon demand the squelching of the assembly scheme. Nothing could work so much to the advantage of the minority party and tend to place democrats in office than for the republican party to take up with the assembly idea.

THE PROBABLE COST.

One of the arguments used most frequently by the brigade that is "knocking" the traction movement is the statement that the money to be raised locally will be sufficient to do all the work the company will do in this vicinity. Some of the "ants" are saying with much gravity that electrical roads may be built for \$2000 or \$5000 per mile.

Now the East Oregonian is not an authority upon the cost of electric roads and it does not wish to pose as an authority, preferring to have people investigate such matters for themselves. But the information this paper has all tends to the belief that there is absolutely nothing to the charge that Pendleton's \$50,000 will be sufficient to pay for the work to be done in this city. The traction men say it will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000 per mile to build their road. They point out that the Salem-Portland electric road cost this sum per mile and also call attention to the fact that the Walla Walla-Milton line is assessed at \$17,000 per mile, the assessment being based largely upon figures furnished by the officers of the company owning that line. According to Mr. Fitzgerald, Pendleton's \$50,000 will not be sufficient to pay more than one third or one fourth the cost of the work the company is to do here. That this is true is indicated by the fact that the directors of the company give a bond to spend at least \$200,000 within two years in this vicinity and in developing their power.

As the East Oregonian understands the matter the traction company does not want the local money to use in building their road. They will do their work before they get any local money. The \$50,000 is intended to meet a deficit the company expects to face during the first few years its road is in operation. That the road, even with interurban connections, will have to be operated at a loss for several years seems plain. If so is it not entirely reasonable that the traction men should want local people to assist them in sharing this loss?

IS NOT THIS TRUE?

In the traction movement a fight is on between the progressive and the ultra-conservative elements within the city. The success or failure of the movement will depend upon which element obtains the mastery next week. The East Oregonian contends, as it has contended before, that the progressive course is the proper one—the only course for Pendleton to take. Owing to various reasons the growth of the city has been practically at a standstill during the past few years. Now if the city is to go forward local people must get busy, the town will not grow unless the proper steps are taken to make it grow. Local people and especially the monied men, must show a spirit of enthusiasm and of liberality in backing enterprises that promise to work for the city's advancement. They must continue to do just as they did with the woolen mill. If people refuse to do this but on the other hand take a narrow and ultra-conservative attitude there is grave danger that Pendleton will not only remain at a standstill but will become affected with "dry rot."

In the past Pendleton has always marched to a lively and aggressive tune. The question now is whether the people prefer that sort of music or the "Graveyard Slowstep."

Remember that there is soon to be a Commercial association election. Bring on the candidates for the presidency.

If you want the traction line think, talk and boost for it. The movement needs all the support it can get.

In their annual report the members of the water commission neglected to say anything about the mud.

It is for Pendleton, not for any individual nor for any group of men nor for any company.

TEUTONIC EFFICIENCY.

Cortlandt Field Bishop, president of the Aero club of New York, brings this one back from Europe free of duty.

"An American motorist went to Germany in his car to the army maneuvers. He was especially impressed with the German motor ambulances. As the tourist watched the maneuvers from a seat under a tree the axle of one of the motor ambulances broke. Instantly the man leaped out, ran into the village, returned in a jiffy with a new axle, fixed it in place with wonderful skill, and teuffed-teuffed off again almost as good as new.

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"And praising the remarkable instance of German efficiency he had just witnessed, the tourist returned to the village and ordered up his car. But he couldn't use it. The axle was missing."—Everybody's.

NOT SHIFTLINESS.

(Portland Oregonian.) The fact that many of the potatoes were frozen in the ground in this region and more or less throughout the Willamette valley was not due to "shiftness," that is so easy to charge up against Oregon farmers when disaster through weather overtakes their crops. During November the potato-digging month, the rain fell in torrents almost without intermission. Let any one who thinks it is either pleasant or profitable to dig potatoes in the rain try it. Then came the untimely freeze in early December. Again, let any one who thinks it easy or feasible to dig potatoes when the ground above them is frozen, try it. The fact is that there have not been a half dozen days suitable for potato digging since late potatoes were fit to dig. It is well to remember this before scoffing at farmers whose potatoes are still in the ground as shiftless and dilatory.

GOOD PHILOSOPHY.

The objection to conforming to usages that have become dead to you, is that it scatters your force. It loses your time, and blurs the impression of your character. If you maintain a dead church, contribute to a dead Bible society, vote with a great party either for the government or against it—under these screens, I have difficulty to detect the precise man you are. And of course, so much force is withdrawn from your proper life. Do your work, and you shall reinforce yourself. A man must consider what a blindman's buff is this game of conformity. For non-conformity the world whips you with its displeasure. Another terror that scares us from self-trust is our consistency; a reverence for our past act or word. But why drag about this monstrous corpse of your memory. A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

"What did you tell father about your prospects?" she asked. "I told him I expected in the near future to be helped by a rich relative." "Why, Charles! You told me you had no rich relatives!" "I know it; but I'll have one after the wedding, won't I?"

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