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BLOSSOMS ON THE BLOW.

Longin' for a sky of blue and blossoms on the blow;
To see a violet again I'd shovel tons of snow!

And any mockingbird I'd praise,
And take his note for thirty days.

Longin' for a glimpse of green —for grasses cool and deep,
The hum of bees a-wanderin' where roses are to reap.

Just let a bird's song southward float,
I bet you'll endorse each note!

—Atlanta Constitution.

UP TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

At this time the success of the traction movement is squarely up to the principal property owners of the city. Whether or not Pendleton is to secure traction accommodations and thus get in line to grow into a real city and remain one is for the property owners of the city to say.

Thus far the support given the traction movement has come from members of the soliciting committee and from merchants and property owners with moderate holdings. Under the circumstances a remarkable showing has been made. Already \$10,000 has been secured despite the lack of assistance from the "chief beneficiaries."

But of course the committeemen, the merchants and small property owners are not going to put up the entire \$50,000. Perhaps not even the major portion of that amount. These people could not finance the proposition alone even if they desired to do so. It would be right for them to do it. It is up to the big property owners, to the men who own the choice business blocks, the big acreage tracts and rows of rented houses to get behind the move. They are the men who are really vitally interested in the success of the traction movement. If we get traction accommodations and new electrical power Pendleton cannot help growing and we will have a general uplift. Realty values will advance and the property owners will be directly benefited.

At this time the property owners are doing nothing towards aiding the traction movement. Many of them are not even taking an intelligent interest in the matter but choose to treat the whole affair in a scoffing manner. This is not right in any sense of the word. The people who are working for the traction system are doing so from the best and most patriotic motives. They are trying to aid the town and incidentally the men who own property here. They are justly entitled to the cordial support and co-operation of the property owners and especially of the heavy and influential owners. These big owners should get into the harness and work with the committee in financing the proposition. They should help work out the problems in connection with the move. If there are things that are not right then help straighten them out. It is up to you Mr. Big Property Owner to get busy.

RESPONSIBILITY INVOLVED.

Upon the men who are the principal factors in the traction movement there rests a heavy responsibility. The members of the soliciting committee and the property owners whose support is desired are dealing with a matter that is of vital importance to this city and its inhabitants. The future of Pendleton may depend upon the manner in which the traction movement is handled. Since this is the case it is incumbent upon all to act with civic patriotism and with an eye to but one thing—the success of the traction movement and the welfare of Pen-

dleton. It is a time for everything in the way of personal, political or business prejudice to be thrown aside. Those things are unworthy at such a time as this. It is up to the leaders to forget everything of this nature. It is sometimes hard to lay aside animosities it is true. But they must go. They must be cast aside temporarily at least for the sake of the People of Pendleton. There are many people here who will be affected by the outcome of the traction movement, yet they have no active part in the work being done. There are small homeowners, widows, children, old men and others whose welfare is involved in the movement that is underway. These people are relying upon the leaders to handle the traction problem and to handle it right. If the leaders allow personal animosities or prejudices to deter them from their duty in any way they will be untrue to this trust.

Get together gentlemen, lay all your personal differences and prejudices aside and handle this proposition like men.

WATCH THE LIST.

Keep your eyes upon the traction subscription list, citizens of Pendleton. That is an interesting list and it is well that you should watch it. There are some mighty good names upon that list already and there are others that will be placed there later. The subscription list represents men and business houses of this city that have faith in Pendleton and faith in their ability to make this a better town. These people are willing to use their money and their influence towards bringing about the upbuilding of this little city. The men who have subscribed to the traction fund have not done so merely for selfish reasons. They are not only working for themselves when they work to build up the town. They are also working for your interests. Show your appreciation of their efforts and if it is in your power to do so return the favor. Above everything else watch the list as new names are added from day to day. Keep familiar with the names that go upon it. You will want to make use of that information at some time in the future, if not at the present time.

WHY THEY GROW.

People who are well informed say that the growth that has been made in the past few years by Walla Walla, Eugene, Salem and some other northwest towns has been due more than anything else to the establishment of traction lines. This is especially the case where as at Walla Walla, Eugene and Salem outside districts have been brought to the very doors of those towns through the building of interurban lines. Now Pendleton has a mammoth tributary territory that must be linked to this city of Pendleton is to remain the commercial metropolis of eastern Oregon. The time for starting this line of work is at hand. Take hold and help make the traction movement succeed.

"WHITEWASHERS."

The investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy has started with L. R. Glavis as the first witness. If all reports are true Mr. Glavis should be able to give the committee some very important information. But the make-up of the committee does not indicate it is looking for much real information. It is a whitewashing brigade rather than an investigating committee.

THE WAY TO DO IT.

The beef trust is being boycotted and if the move is but continued it should have an effect. As a matter of fact if the consumers of any particular line can but be brought together and induced to act in unison they can make most any kind of a trust turn flip flops in rapid succession. The way to reach any sort of a hog is through his stomach.

In order to secure the fund that is needed for the traction system further solicitors are needed and a thorough, systematic canvass should be made. Incidentally there should be a committee of Five Thousand to read the subscription list three times a day and note who are the workers and who are the drones in the Pendleton hive.

With a murder trial, a poultry show, a debate, a championship pugilistic exhibition and a few other things going on here at one and the same time Pendleton is not so dull.

Every rural line built into the city aids the city. May there be many more of them.

Pendleton needs that traction system and is going to get it.

A Spokane man has invented a lemon-cucumber.

THE WIND.

The wind that made the meadows dance
Came whistling through the glade,
And all the little birch trees laughed
And twinged in the shade,
He tossed a red leaf in my hair,
Caressed each slim young tree
And left the garden all agog
With gay expectancy.

Today the wind came back again.
He marched like man at war,
And dust and leaves and frightened birds
Came hurrying before.

He tramped the meadows underfoot,
He whipped the trees to shreds,
And oh, the havoc that he wrought
Among my garden beds!

Next time the wind comes whistling by,
So airily polite,
I'll run and tell my lady trees
To bind their tresses tight.

I'll send a warning to the brook,
I'll bid the rain-crow shout,
And every garden sentinel
Shall hang storm signals out.

—Margaret Lee Ashley.

HOW HE GOT EVEN.

A traveling man who stutters spent all afternoon in trying to sell a grouchy business man a bill of goods and was not successful.

As the salesman was locking up his grip the grouchy was impolite enough to observe in the presence of his clerks:

"You must find that impediment in your speech very inconvenient."

"Oh, no," replied the salesman, "Every one has his peculiarity. Stammering is mine. What's yours?"

"I'm not aware that I have any," replied the merchant.

"Do you stir y-your coffee with your r-right hand?" asked the salesman.

"Why, yes, of course," replied the merchant.

"W-well," went on the salesman, "that's your p-peculiarity. Most people use a t-teaspoon."

FRUGAL FARE.

"So you're on a diet, are you?"

"Yes, my doctor has limited me to a few of the coarsest and simplest kinds of food."

"It's about noon. Won't you go in and have lunch with me?"

"It's very kind of you to invite me. I should enjoy it."

"Very well. We'll go into the grill-room."

After they had secured seats in a cozy corner the host asked:

"Won't you look over the bill of fare and see whether there is anything on it that you can eat?"

"Thanks," said the man who was dieting. "I think I'll have an oyster cocktail to begin with, and some chicken okra. Let's see? I guess I'll not eat any fish—yes, I believe I will, too. The broiled black bass will do very well. In addition to that I'll have some of the roast turkey, some New York maid, and—oh, well, never mind the dessert now, I'll decide on that later."

PANTOMIMES HOLD SWAY.

London.—Pantomimes are in full swing in England. From Land's End to John-o-Groats the round-limbed "principal boy," the masculine old lady technically known as the "dame," and the red nosed comedian who is baron, king or magician, according to the inspiration or story, hold unquestioned sway and draw hundreds of thousands to the playhouse nightly.

The production of an English pantomime is a curious thing. The oracle against whom there is no appeal is the costume designer. He is the autocrat of the theater. Long before a line of the "book" is written he is called in to consult with the manager, and it is he who suggests the subject of the big scenes. Then the author and scene painter are called in. The first has to make a plot so that it will give prominence to the costumer's ideas; the second is told to paint his scene in a subdued key, so that the dresses will be all the more brilliant by contrast. The end of it all is the same old glitter, the same old howling company of "ecstatically happy" artists and the same old howling success.

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