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THE SWEETEST MUSIC.

I love to hear the singer that can warble like a bird. The lady who pulls down two thousand per; When I hear the voice of Melba I am most profoundly stirred. I am better, nobler, after hearing her. I like to hear the jingle of hard money in the till. I like to hear the clang of distant bells; I like to hear the ripple of the unpolluted rill. I am gladdened by the songsters in the dells. I love to hear the crooning of a mother who is young. I love to hear the wind blow through the pines; I am gladdened when I listen to a sweet love lyric sung. I'm exalted by the poet's lilt-ing lines. But if one wish might be granted—the one wish to me most dear—I'd wish to wake tomorrow, just at dawn, With a June breeze blowing o'er me as I locked my head to hear The rattle of the mower on the lawn. —S. E. Kiser.

A VILLAGE OR A CITY.

"Another evidence that Spokane is growing with record-breaking rapidity is found in the report of Manager Hutchinson of the Polk Directory company that the city directory this year will contain more than 53,000 names," says the Spokane Chronicle. "Estimated on the usual basis of two and one-half population to each name listed in the directory, this would give Spokane a population of nearly 132,000 at the present time, and show a gain of more than 11,000 during the past year. At this same rate of increase the city should near 150,000 by the close of 1910, and the ambition of the booster club may be realized.

"Aside from the directory estimate, other evidences, such as the school census, voting list, increase in post-office business, etc., show great gains."

Spokane is growing rapidly and it is easy to understand why. It's citizens are aggressive and they "go after" things that are for the betterment of the town. Among other things Spokane has been made the center or hub of an electric railway system that links eastern Washington and Northern Idaho to the city in a commercial way.

If only the proper work can be done Pendleton may be placed in line to become the hub of an interurban system having lines running in three or four directions out of Pendleton and making this place the Spokane of eastern Oregon.

But from appearances there are some big property owners in this city who do not want to see Pendleton go forward. They would rather see it revert back and become a village—a place where the men sit on dry goods boxes in front of the store and whittle while they wait for the coming of the daily mail.

This is harsh criticism and the East Oregonian does not like to say such things. But the attitude of the property owners towards the traction movement makes this criticism justified. Thus far the property holders have failed utterly to take hold of the proposition as they should. They are letting the merchants and property owners with moderate holdings put up money that they, the big owners, should be eager to subscribe. How long this situation is going to continue this paper does not know. But the East Oregonian hopes that a way may yet be found to break up the unreasonable opposition to the traction movement and get the big property owners in line. They are to be

the chief beneficiaries from the improvement. It is but right they should help bear the cost.

WESTON MUST DECIDE.

The Normal School question is up again, and it is time for the people of Weston to decide whether or not they wish to make an effort to get the Eastern Oregon State Normal School reestablished here, or to finally and definitely abandon the whole vexed proposition, says the Weston Leader. This is true. If the people of Weston want to have their normal revived it is high time they were finding it out and incidentally making the fact known. If they desire to ask support of the people of the state under the initiative then they must prepare for a campaign. Last winter the Eastern Oregon normal school was grossly slandered before it was left without funds. To offset the false impression many people hold regarding the school and the other normals will require some work and some money. Whether or not Weston wants to enter the fray again is for the people of that town to say. For one the East Oregonian will await their answer with much interest.

CAUSE OF THE DEFICIT.

The Honorable Frank Hitchcock, postmaster general and would-be manager of the Taft administration does not like many of the magazines and some newspapers. They are too free and outspoken in criticism of shysters like Hitchcock's man Ormsby McHarg and also of corporate interests that seek to acquire property that belong to the public. So Mr. Hitchcock has brought forth a plan to raise postal rates upon the magazines. But the magazines are now showing that the fault for the postal deficit rests with the government, not the magazines or newspapers. The government is paying too much to the railroads that carry the mails. One magazine, the Outlook, asserts that the government pays first class passenger rates upon the mail. This despite the fact that the mail bags occupy no plush seats and have no porters to brush them off. Perhaps Mr. Hitchcock did not expect to have this phase of the question investigated.

A GOOD START.

Pendleton high school is starting out well to win the state debating championship this year. In the first debates held Thursday evening both the local affirmative and negative teams won against their opponents from Athena and Weston. The school is now ready to go against the other successful eastern Oregon teams in hopes of eliminating them from the championship race. Last year the Pendleton team was a strong one and finished second to but one team in the state. Had they not been forced to change sides for their last debate very likely they would have brought home the state championship in debating. This year the school should win the race if it is in the power of the students to accomplish the victory.

WHERE SELF HELP PAID.

A party of prominent Northern Pacific officials are here today. They came over the Pasco-Pendleton line a road that is of much value to this city because it gives us connection with a great transcontinental railway system. Pendleton owes its connection with the Northern Pacific to the fact that many years ago the enterprising people of this town believed in the doctrine of self help. They joined hands and raised something like \$60,000 to assist in getting the old Hunt road built. Local people have never regretted that action either. Pendleton has gotten value received for the money that was raised at that time.

A Portland paper complains because they cannot see comet A down there and says the comet has gone south. Tut, tut. It is no wonder. The best of comets could not shine through the fog and mist of the Willamette valley.

Developments may yet arise that will make the success of the traction movement possible. Surely property owners will not wish to permanently oppose a proposition that is plainly for their own interests.

This evening the poultry show will end after a very successful week. By all means the show should be made an annual event hereafter.

Stay with the fight, Pendleton will win out yet. Mr. Youngbird (on the train)—Did you leave anything for the cat, dear-est? Mrs. Youngbird—Oh how can you ask? You know I wouldn't forget him. I left a whole can of salmon, with a can opener right beside it.

AMERICA GETTING WELL.

Man has been called the sick animal. An ordinary Bengal tiger or a self-respecting armadillo does not overeat or smoke or drink to excess, or stay out all night at a director's meeting and awaken next morning with a bad taste in its mouth. Civilized man is especially likely to be sick, for the things that improve life make men ill through their abuse. If it were not for houses, there would be less consumption; but for the invention of glass, which lets in light and keeps out air, there would be less illness. Clothing, chairs, books and cooked food are all elements of civilization and of sickness.

America has a tremendous sick-list. According to Professor Irving Fisher's recent report on national vitality there are in the United States at all times three million people actually sick. If you try to picture three million sick beds side by side stretching from New York City to Nevada you may get an idea of the extent of this illness. Our American sickness costs us \$1,500,000,000 a year, equal to about twice the revenue of the national government. This estimate does not include the loss of efficiency of people who are not ill, but just tired, fagged, "below par."

The next great reform in America is to "get well." As a sick nation we have done fairly; we could double and treble and quadruple our work if we wiped out sickness. It can be done; in fact, it is being done. We have obliterated yellow fever and scurvy and almost entire smallpox. In another generation any city which has a typhoid epidemic will be held up to the scorn of the nation. Today there are five hundred thousand people continually sick from tuberculosis, an easily preventable disease; in another generation we shall have tuberculosis well under control. Hundreds of thousands of people in the South are suffering continually from the hook-worm disease, popularly called the "lay germ." This can easily be completely eradicated, and Mr. Rockefeller has just contributed a million dollars to start the work. According to Dr. Howard, there are three million cases of malaria every year. A little quinine and a vigorous war on mosquitoes will make this an unknown disease.

We are entering upon a new era in America. National, state and municipal boards of hygiene, better sanitary laws, associations of doctors, philanthropic and other organizations, bureaus of medical research, improved hospitals and sanitariums, better trained doctors and nurses are rapidly improving the health of the nation. The people themselves are doing still more. They no longer believe religiously in bad-tasting and worse-acting drugs, but are learning that pure air, pure water, pure food and war on flies, mosquitoes and rats are half the battle, and freedom from worry and anger the other half.

We are wisely spending a great deal of thought on the conservation of our natural resources; we are just as wisely devoting our spare effort and thought to conserving our vital resources. By lengthening and stretching our lives, we can create a new and higher civilization in this tired old world.—From "Success Magazine."

A WICKED CARRY.

"He reminds me of Smith and his five dollar bill," said Senator La Follette, in speaking of a corrupt politician who had come to grief. "Smith went to New York for the Harrison-Fulton celebration. He had in his pocket a bad five dollar note. One night after a banquet he handed a cab driver this bad note by mistake. The driver gave him his change—a one-dollar bill—and whipped by his horse. Suddenly Smith realized what he had done." "Hey, there! Stop!" he shouted after the man. "That bill's bad!" "It's good enough for you!" shouted the driver, without stopping. "And Smith, examining his change under a street light, found that it, too, was bad."—Everybody's.

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OUSTING THE HAREM.

Oriental women are casting aside their veils. Even the rank and file of them are revolting against being penned up in harems. The word harem is Arabic, and means privacy, seclusion. The confining of women in harems, that is to say, secluding them and denying them the privilege of talking with or coming in contact with men, excepting their husbands or nearest male relatives, is a Mahomedan custom and harems are to be found existing in every country where the influence of the Moslem has been dominant. The downfall of the harem is the greatest good that modernism is accomplishing in Asia, and with it is dying polygamy.

A new order of womanhood is springing into being in all quarters of the orient. Masses of oriental women are willing, nay eager, to share the responsibilities of public life with men. Moreover, they are willing to work with them shoulder to shoulder. In every Asiatic country you see the "new" woman conducting special schools for girls and neighborhood centers for women of comparatively advanced ages. These institutions are designed to educate the present and rising generations of women to properly discharge their various duties. In these schools oriental girls and women are taught what constitutes their real rights. Here they are also inspired to unflinchingly and steadily labor to obtain and maintain these rights.

Paradoxical as it may seem the most favored and successful manner in which the oriental woman carries on her propaganda work is through the channels of the newspapers and even magazines. In various parts of Asia, especially in China, India and Japan, women are conducting publications to further the cause. In Japan the Twentieth Century Woman, a radical monthly magazine, is edited by a woman, and many of her contributors are women. China has three flourishing publications edited by and for women. In Hindostan is also a magazine for women. It is printed in English, and, started some two years ago, it has a large and growing circulation.

FEBRUARY SUCCESS.

The February number of "Success Magazine" opens with a remarkable series of letters entitled "The Things He Wrote to Her," by Richard Wightman. "Where Business, Which Rules Us All, Is Not Quite Wise—As Yet," is the third installment of Charles Edward Russell's series entitled "The Power Behind the Republic." There is a timely and authoritative article by Louis Brownlow, late of the Orient, entitled "Our Chance in China." E. A. Van Valkenburg, the editor of The North American (Philadelphia), writes on "Enlightened Selfishness as a Saving Force in American Life." In the fiction for the month there is a gripping story by Hamlin Garland entitled "Through the Spirit of Lull," a humorous story by Joseph C. Lincoln, "Literature in Our Village," a charming tale of old days, "The Daguerrotype," by Elizabeth Payne. There is a thrilling installment of the serial romance, "The Shores of Destiny," by Leroy Scott, another installment of the "Sky Man" by Henry Kitchell Webster and Dr. Marden's editorial for the

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month is called "The Pleasure and Profit of Reading." There is verse by Robert Whitaker, Charles Buxton Going and John Kendrick Bangs. In the investor's department appears an article, "The Engineer's Report from the Investor's Standpoint."

He had been calling at intervals for five years, and one night when he and the young lady were seated in a secluded corner of the drawing room the front door bell rang. "Oh, bother!" cried the young man "better tell the servant you are out."

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