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MAKING THE BEST OF IT.

Coldest kind o' weather north, an' east an' west. An' they're shiverin' in the lowlands o' the south. But Spring'll soon be comin', with the roses on her breast. An' honey will be meltin' in yer mouth! Coldest kind o' weather! When the bluebird chirps a note In a little patch o' sunshine sweet an' warm. The music in a minute is friz up in his throat. An' he's pelted with the pebbles o' the storm. Coldest kind o' weather—but it's with us for the best; The song'll be the sweeter fer the sigh; There's the glad note of the robin with the red upon his breast. An' the Spring'll come an' kiss us by an' by! —Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

MORE WORK TO DO.

Because Pendleton is assured a traction system with interurban connections it does not follow that local people may "rest upon their oars" for any length of time. It is true one big job is finished. Pendleton will not likely have another task of such magnitude for some time. Yet there is going to be much more work to do. If Pendleton is really to come into its own and become the city it is entitled to be then this work must be done well.

The advent of the traction system is going to mark the beginning of a new period in this city's history. After that system has been established, or even fairly started, Pendleton will have broken through its shell. Yet a chick just out of its shell is but little greater than before it broke through. The difference is that it has greater possibilities. It will be that way with Pendleton. When the traction system is once started Pendleton will pass forever from the country town stage. This place will then have city possibilities. The future growth and prosperity of Pendleton will depend upon the extent to which we take advantage of the opportunities that are before us.

After the traction system has been started it will be up to local people to see that the lines are extended as they should be. Pendleton will need connections with all parts of its tributary country. As such connections are secured it will devolve upon local business men to take steps to secure their share of the trade from the newly opened territory. Through such considerations as large and up-to-date stocks, good advertising, reasonable prices and generally courteous treatment may they accomplish this purpose.

Then there are civic improvements that will have to be secured. We need many things now, among them being a new water system, a first class theatre, a library building and a new high school building. In the future other needs will doubtless arise. In the proper time all these things must be provided. Sanity must prevail along these lines to be sure. Yet the course must be forward. The "Progressives" must keep in the saddle. There will be people who will not like the new conditions. They will be scared and uncomfortable. They will want to go back into the shell. But of course that cannot be permitted. If they cannot become accustomed to the life and bustle of the Greater Pendleton they will have to go to Walla Walla or some other quiet place to dwell.

"GO TO IT."

Mr. Fitz Gerald says the Washington-Oregon company will not build on Main street. He intimates that some new business streets will be provided for the city. Very well. It is

certain that if Pendleton is to grow to any extent the business district will have to be enlarged. It is poor policy for any town to confine its business section to a district too limited in extent. Such a policy means exorbitant rents and cramped quarters. Pendleton merchants have suffered much already from the fact that all the business has been confined to a few blocks and these blocks have been owned for the most part by men who confine their activities to the collection of rents. Go to it. Extend the business district. A chick cannot grow and stay in its shell.

THE CRATER LAKE ROAD.

The Medford Mail-Tribune grows very caustic in speaking of the supreme court's decision against the Crater Lake road. Here is an extract from the Medford paper. "God threw a pearl before swine when he placed Crater Lake in Oregon. The greatest natural wonder in the world, the greatest scenic asset any land possesses, and a people too ignorant, too provincial, too dense to appreciate it, a people actually hostile towards making it accessible and a supreme court, as narrow as its constituency, catering for votes in its noisback environment.

"The court has chosen to take the narrow construction of the law, although less than a month ago it gave the law a violent wrench to sustain its own unconstitutional membership—swallowed a camel to strain at a gnat. But the Salem hog and the Willamette valley pinhead, and their reactionary guide in the tall tower have been appeased and assisted in their effort to hurl a stambling block in the path of progress." These are sharp words but then the provocation is great. Many people outside of Medford would also like to have seen the Crater lake road built. It may be built yet. A movement is now on at Medford to raise \$50,000 by subscription. This amount will be added to another \$50,000 appropriated by Jackson county and the \$100,000 will be used to construct the road. But is it inequitable to raise money by subscription for such purposes as this. A few progressive and public spirited people are made to bear a burden that should fall upon the shoulders of many.

HOW ABOUT IT?

"For Oregon, \$2,582,540. For Washington, \$564,500, of which Willapa harbor gets \$30,000. Olympia harbor, \$15,000; Neah bay, \$200,000; Bellingham harbor, \$15,000; the Seattle ditch, \$150,000, and Grays Harbor, nothing, complains the Aberdeen World. It is a safe conclusion that either we have no friends in congress or we are a satisfied people. Then, again, maybe we are lazy." Yet Washington has three congressmen and two senators. They are all republicans and four of them are "regulars." Of Oregon's senators one is a democrat and the other is often called a populist republican. For some reason they seem to have done well despite their political alignments.

A number of local ladies are now working to secure a Chapter House which if obtained will be used as headquarters for the ladies clubs. If the ladies want this institution very badly the East Oregonian is ready to wager they will secure it.

According to the dispatches from Washington, Glavis is now to be placed on the defensive. Doubtless Gifford Pinchot too will be subjected to attack. The "Investigation" committee was not really hamed to investigate Ballinger but rather to defend him.

Zelaya is said to have swindled some people in San Francisco. Good for him. Now if he can proceed to bunco a few Seattleites his right to fame will be unquestioned.

Why not shift the business district around some? None of the really big Main street property owners gave a cent to the traction fund.

The more snow, the more moisture.

THE NEW YEAR MONDAY.

How they gleam, the golden years, On the ardent eye of youth! In his ravish soul he hears All the music of the spheres, And tomorrow, then is truth, "These tomorrows are all mine!" Oh, divine Years of youth! In his dream How they gleam! How they go, the vanished years, Down the ebbing tide of time, Bearing freight of hope and fears O'er a current swoll'n by tears, Onward to the sea sublime— To the ocean of the past, Where, at last, Shall we rest? Ay, no! How they go!

Let them gleam, and flee, and go, Each with its appointed train, Shining somber, swift, and slow, In your heart of hearts ye know All those years of earth are vain Shadows of the life to be, Sorrow free, Use them as God wills, and so, Let them go! —Selected.

ABOUT MISS NEWMAN'S DEATH.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 18.—(Editor East Oregonian, Pendleton, Oregon.)—Dear Sir: The news item in your issue of the 16th from Corvallis relative to Miss Stella Newman's death contained a conclusion that is hardly warranted and I would like to ask space to explain briefly the matter.

Miss Newman was given up by physicians before coming to Oregon but through Christian Science was greatly benefited, so much so that she sought a position again and began teaching during the past few months she had some help from Christian Scientists, but not regularly, or to any great extent, relying mostly upon her study of the Scripture and Christian Science literature for help. Your correspondent's conclusion that she had died because she had not secured medical aid can hardly be said to be well based because there is no way to determine whether such aid would have been effective. Having been pronounced incurable by medical physicians naturally would make her reluctant to seek help in that direction.

Had she employed a Christian Science practitioner at the last instead of relying upon her own understanding the result might have been different.

She was under a physician's care, who had been called by friends, when she died. Yours truly, HOWARD C. VAN METER, Committee on Publication for Oregon.

HIS THREAT TO CONDUCTOR.

Some time ago a man at Ypsilanti, Mich., became crazed on the subject of hypnotism and was sent on a Michigan Central train to an asylum. When the conductor asked for tickets the crazy man began telling of his hypnotic powers. "I'll hypnotize you," he said. "Fire away," replied the conductor. The man made several passes before the conductor's face. "Now you are hypnotized," he said. The conductor looked the part as best he could. "You're a conductor," the hypnotist said. "That's right," replied his victim. "You're a good conductor," went on the hypnotist. "Right again," said the conductor. "You don't drink, smoke or swear at passengers. You are honest. You turn in all tickets and money you collect from passengers. In fact, you do not steal a cent." "That's right," asserted the conductor. The hypnotist eyed him for a moment, then said: "What an awful fix you'd be in if I left you in this condition."—Chicago Record-Herald.

AN EXAMPLE.

A few years ago there was a shiftless colored boy named Ransom Blake who, after being caught in a number of petty delinquencies, was at last sentenced to a short term in the penitentiary, where he was sent to learn a trade. On the day of his return home he met a friendly white acquaintance who asked: "Well what did they put you at in the prison, Ransome?" "Day started in to make an honest boy out'n me, sah." "That's good, Ransome, and I hope they succeeded." "Day did, sah." "And how did they teach you to be honest?" "Day done put me in the shoe shop, sah, nailin' pasteboard oyster shoes for leather soles, sah.—Ohio Penitentiary News.

NO RESPECT FOR DIGNITY.

The other night Dr. Edward Goodrich Acheson was given the Perkins medal by the Chemists' Club. The Perkins medal is an article of esoteric significance, bestowed upon a chemist who has largely distinguished himself during the past year. In this instance Dr. Acheson invented some new form of gas. While the ceremonies were in progress a late comer entered the clubroom. Dr. Acheson was standing on the platform, with two older scientists at his side. "Who," said the late comer, "is the party making a chest up there?" The stranger whom he addressed said, in a tone designed to put the late comer in his place: "That is Dr. Acheson." "Ah," said the unabashed person, "and that's Topekka and Santa Fe with him, I reckon."—Cincinnati Times Star.

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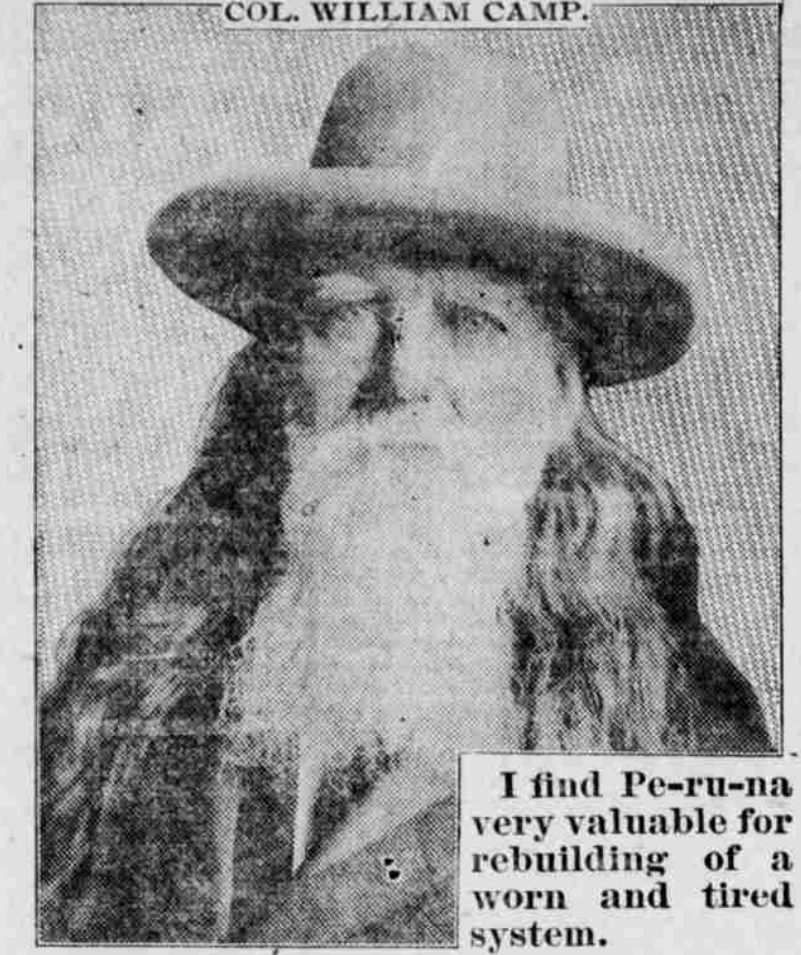
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