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IN THE GARDEN OF LIFE.
 Ah, when I first began to plant
 Life's garden close, I did not
 know
 (For I was young and ignorant)
 What choice of seeds I ought
 to sow.
 And many things I planted there
 Alas! turned out but barren
 seeds,
 And others die for want of
 care,
 And many more proved noxious
 weeds.
 But in the midstmost place of all
 A little slip grew, unaware,
 And it had burgeoned fair and
 tall
 Before I knew that it was
 there.
 Around its head the sunlight
 drew,
 The sweet earth drew around
 its root,
 And fairer still in form it grew
 To bud, to blossom, and to
 fruit.
 And now, so radiant it grows,
 The garden is a magic bow-
 er—
 Spaces of perfume and of roses,
 Soft-veiled with beauty and
 with flower.
 —Charles Buxton Going in Suc-
 cess.

HINDERING DEVELOPMENT.
 Those who are opposed to the con-
 servation policy are continually charg-
 ing that conservation would block de-
 velopment work. Such organs as the
 Portland Oregonian contend that only
 through the giving of free rein to
 corporations may the resources of the
 country be brought into use.
 Very well, let us take a look at the
 Umatilla river. This stream, from
 Pendleton to its source, is controlled
 by the Byers' milling company. At
 least such control is asserted. Title
 to this stream was secured free of cost
 through an act of congress. By the
 terms of that act, so it is said, the
 milling company has absolute sway
 over the river. No one, not even the
 city, may take water from the river
 for household purposes without first
 settling with the company. Water
 may not be taken from the river to
 irrigate land lying along side the
 stream between Pendleton and the
 foothills. No other concern may step
 in and utilize the river for power
 purposes, despite the fact that the
 Byers company develops but com-
 paratively little power from the river.
 The river belongs to the company.
 It can use it or not, just as it sees fit.

Now this is not an attack on the
 Byers company. Understand that.
 For the late G. W. Byers the East
 Oregonian always had much respect.
 He was a far seeing and capable
 milling man. He merely acted as
 other prudent business men would
 have acted had they been in his
 position. He found it possible to "ac-
 quire" the Umatilla river and he did
 it.
 But what of the system that al-
 lows such proceedings as this? Is it
 right that one man or one company
 should obtain control of a river that
 is really the birthright of all the
 people of this section? Is it good
 business policy for the government to
 permit such practices as this? Cer-
 tainly not.
 Now the conservation policy looks
 to avoiding just such abuses as this.
 Under conservation no corporation
 could obtain perpetual control of
 any stream. It could merely use it
 for a term of years and would have
 to pay a reasonable fee. It could
 not hold a power site without using
 it. Had the conservation policy been
 in effect during past years the U-
 matilla would not be "corralled" as it
 is at present. Its power possibilities
 would have been developed. Pendle-
 ton would probably have a half dozen
 flouring mills where it now has but
 two.
 Yet the howl is continually made

that the Roosevelt-Pinchot policy
 would hinder development.
GIVE HEED TO THE CALL.
 Pendleton has a good reputation
 as a convention city. Many gather-
 ings of statewide importance and
 some of greater moment still have
 been held here in the past. Usually
 Pendleton takes steps to properly en-
 tertain those who come to the city.
 A year ago the Knights of Pythias
 and the Pythian sisters were here.
 They were entertained with fitting
 courtesy and every representative
 went home praising the hospitality
 of Pendleton. When the state wool-
 growers' association met here last
 fall an effort was made to make the
 visiting sheepmen feel at home. The
 effort was not in vain.

On the twenty-second day of this
 month Pendleton will have the hon-
 or of entertaining what will likely
 prove the largest convention ever as-
 sembled within the city. For the In-
 land Empire teachers' convention
 somewhere between 600 and 100 peo-
 ple will be present. Most of those in at-
 tendance will be ladies. This fur-
 nishes an additional reason why lo-
 cal people should look to their wel-
 fare and to their entertainment.
 At this time a well organized com-
 mittee is at work preparing to ac-
 commodate the teachers convention
 and to provide suitable entertain-
 ment features for the gathering. As
 a first step it is desired to list enough
 rooms so that those who come may
 be provided with rooming accommo-
 dations immediately upon their arri-
 val and without trouble to them-
 selves. In order to do this it will
 be necessary for local householders
 to open their doors to the teachers.
 The regular hotels and rooming
 houses will not be adequate for the
 occasion. So the call has gone forth
 for assistance and it merits a gener-
 ous response. Upon the hospitality
 local people are willing to show in
 this respect will depend much of the
 coming convention's success.

THEY HAVE DONE WELL.
 Officials of the O. R. & N. com-
 pany have good reason to feel
 proud of the record made by the
 Oregon line during the past few
 weeks. Though the snowfall of the
 winter was almost unprecedented and
 the slides and washouts following the
 break-up have demoralized nearly all
 the railroads of the west the O. R. &
 N. has continued to take its trains
 through almost on schedule time. The
 Washington division has been out of
 order it is true. But on the main
 line of the O. R. & N. company the
 service rendered has been most
 credible. Not only has the O. R. & N.
 been able to handle its own business
 but it has been able to take care of
 the Southern Pacific trains as well.
 The situation is a powerful tribute to
 the efficiency of the organization of
 which General Manager J. P. O'Brien
 is the head.

SHOULD BE ARBITRATED.
 The causes back of the great strike
 that is on in Philadelphia are not of
 a local nature. The contest under-
 way in the Quaker City is but part
 of a gigantic struggle that is on be-
 tween organized capital and organ-
 ized labor. The issue is really the
 same whether in Philadelphia or in
 San Francisco. The workmen are
 banded together in a desperate effort
 to secure higher pay and to better
 their conditions. On the other hand
 the employers are organized to fight
 the demands made by their employees.
 The public is really the chief sufferer
 because it is caught between the two
 contending forces. It is because the
 public is heavily interested in strikes,
 though in an indirect way, that laws
 should be enacted looking to the pre-
 ventions of strikes. Differences be-
 tween capital and labor should be
 settled by arbitration. Then the pub-
 lic does not suffer and incidentally
 much bitterness of spirit is avoided.
 Strikes such as that now on in Phil-
 adelphia engender hatreds that are
 bad for the country.

President Taft has succeeded in
 having the postal savings bank bill
 passed. It was an administration
 victory and was a fulfillment of one
 of the pledges contained in the re-
 publican platform. Here's hoping the
 victory did not cost the president too
 much in respect to other legislation.
 The colonist are reaching Oregon
 at a very favorable time. This beau-
 tiful spring weather must seem nice
 to those from the storm swept plains
 of the east and the middle west. Of
 course we never have storms in this
 country.
 If you cannot say anything good
 about this town, this county, this
 state and this nation, then keep still.
 Let some one talk who can.
 It seems that the growing wheat
 has survived the winter. With the

amount of moisture in the ground we
 are entitled to a bumper crop. Be-
 sides it has been three years since we
 had such a crop.
 Now that the summer is here why
 not begin preparations for a real
 lively fourth of July celebration?

The Washington-Oregon company
 cannot say the weather is now unfa-
 vorable to construction work.

THE ONLY WAY.
 The shades of night are falling fast
 (As has been mentioned in the past)
 When through an Alpine village blew
 A climber with a retinue,
 He did not bear through snow and ice
 A banner with a strange device
 Nor did he roar "Excelsior!"
 (As has been mentioned heretofore),
 But tended strictly to his job,
 Which was to gain the mountain's
 nob.

Behind him on the weary jog
 There tolled a faithful blond stenog;
 Likewise there puffed a not'ry pub.
 Provided by the Alpine club,
 Who saw the climber did not cheat,
 And swore him every thousand feet,
 Roped by a yodelling Alpine guide,
 The trio scaled the mountain side.

At dawn the climber topped the crag
 And waved the Climbers' union flag;
 Dictated to the blond stenog
 The final entries in his log:
 "Made affidavit, 'Sheep me Bob!'
 That he had gained the mountain's
 nob."
 And Bill, the guide, to make things
 sure,
 Was witness to his signature.
 "That ought to hold the 'show me'
 bunch."
 The climber murmured, "Now for
 lunch." —Chicago Tribune.

A THANKFUL SOUL.
 I care not how the wild wind blows
 On the land or foaming sea;
 I know somewhere, there's a bright
 sweet rose
 That blooms in the dark for me.
 And the dark may creep,
 And the storm may sweep,
 But I thank the Lord as I sow and
 reap.
 I care not how the world rolls on,
 For the birds sing in the tree,
 And I know, somewhere, there's a
 rosy dawn,
 In a round, blue sky for me.
 So, the dark may creep
 And the storm may sweep,
 But I thank the Lord as I sow and
 reap.
 —Atlanta Constitution.

MUCH CUT GLASS.
 "As nasty a dig as I ever adminis-
 tered in my newspaper career in Vir-
 ginia City," said Mark Twain "was di-
 rected against a man named Fergu-
 son."
 "Ferguson, at Christmas time, in-
 vited me to see the presents he had
 given his wife. They were magnifi-
 cent gifts."
 "There was a cut glass punch bowl,
 a cut glass decanter, a dozen cut glass
 goblets, a pair of cut glass candle-
 sticks and a cut glass vase."
 "You see," said Ferguson, "my
 wife is extremely fond of cut glass."
 "I see," said I.
 "But here's something else," said
 Ferguson, and he proudly showed me
 a diamond brooch.
 "Of course, Ferguson expected a
 writeup. Well, he wasn't disappoint-
 ed. The next day in a prominent
 place on the first page of the 'Enter-
 prise,' I inserted this paragraph:
 "John H. Ferguson's Christmas
 gifts to his wife are being much ad-
 mired. They include a diamond
 brooch and many other beautiful
 specimens of cut glass."

A hackin' cough has started many
 people toward a coffin hack.
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 of soft, sensitive flesh. Thousands of tiny blood vessels are interlaced
 throughout this mucous surface, and it is through these that the inner
 membrane receives its nourishment and is kept in healthful condition.
 When, however, the blood becomes infected with catarrhal impurities the
 tissues become diseased and Catarrh gets a foothold in the system. The
 early stages of Catarrh are characterized by such symptoms as a tight,
 stuffy feeling in the head, watery eyes, buzzing noises in the ears, with
 partial deafness and often difficult breathing and chronic hoarseness. These
 are merely symptoms, and while sprays, inhalations and other local treat-
 ment may temporarily relieve them, Catarrh cannot be cured until the
 blood is purified of the exciting cause. S.S.S. cures Catarrh by cleansing
 the blood of all impure catarrhal matter. It goes down into the circula-
 tion and attacks the disease at its head, and removes every particle of the
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 made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL.	
Amount of capital paid up	\$1,000,000.00
INCOME.	
Premiums received during the year in cash	\$2,825,895.91
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	257,998.04
Income from other sources received during year	632.59
Total income	\$4,084,436.54
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Losses paid during the year	\$1,846,741.41
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	143,600.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	1,078,704.36
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	112,289.23
Amount of all other expenditures	306,268.25
Total expenditures	\$3,485,533.25
ASSETS.	
Value of real estate owned	\$ 253,800.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned	4,949,546.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	944,750.00
Cash in banks and on hand	405,915.11
Premiums in course of collection and in trans- mission	362,867.66
Interest and rents due and accrued	39,336.72
Total assets	\$6,956,215.49
Less special deposits in any State (if any there be)	131,000.00
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$6,825,215.49
LIABILITIES.	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 279,904.23
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstand- ing risks	3,834,754.74
Due for commission and brokerage	51,196.47
All other liabilities	\$4,165,855.44
Less amount secured by special deposits	125,656.30
Total liabilities admitted in Oregon	\$4,040,199.14
Total insurance in force December 31, 1909	\$628,982,386.00
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR.	
Total risks written during the year	\$1,765,567.60
Gross premiums received during the year	41,196.46
Premiums returned during the year	6,067.07
Losses paid during the year	16,733.13
Losses incurred during the year	15,925.13
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon Dec. 31, 1909	2,470,379.00

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