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SURE, YOU WILL.

As you look on the waste of your small back yard, With its blankets of weeds o'erlaid, Do you dream of the time you'll be working hard With your rake and your hoe and spade? Do you long to clear up all the rusty cans And the trash? I suppose you do, I expect you are busy with springtime plants. Me too. Are you having fond visions of clinging vines And the scent of the blooming rose, And of tulip beds and their bright designs And the flash of the "piney-blows"? Do you yearn for the lettuce and beets and peas And the radishes peeping through? Are you simply crazy for things like these? Me too. When the wind's from the west and the grass grows green And the robins begin to sing, Will you get out and dig, will you rake and clean, Will you cultivate one blighted thing? No; you'll hire a strong man at three dollars a day, And you'll stick to your chair like glue. Me, too. —Kenneth Harris.

WESTWARD HO!

The spring rush of colonist to the northwest which is already underway shows again that the people of the country are "land hungry." Those who are now coming westward to settle in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, are moved by a world old desire—the wish to obtain a foothold and establish homes of their own. A man of energy and ambition does not want to be a nonentity. He does not like to be a mere cog in the great wheel of metropolitan activity. He wants to come west, secure some land and establish an identity of his own.

For those who are now rolling westward this section has a warm welcome. We know the class of men that are coming and the spirit that has prompted them to come. It is the same spirit that made our fathers and our grandfathers cross the plains in the early days to seek new homes in the "land of the setting sun."

At this time most of the newcomers are seeking irrigated land. The opening up of the great irrigation tracts of the west has provided homes for thousands who have heretofore been without them. Of course there are hardships connected with the settlement and the cultivation of the watered desert. There were many hardships connected with the early settlement of the west. But those who braved the dangers and did the work that was before them were well rewarded. The same will be true with respects to those who are now coming to people the land that has been reclaimed.

GOOD WORK, MARILLA.

New Hampshire is a state that has not done its part towards entertaining the world. It has been on duty all the time no doubt, yet it has scarcely been heard from since that morning some years ago when Ethan Allen captured Fort Ticonderoga in the name of the Great Jehovah and the continental congress. So unimportant has New Hampshire been in the world of affairs that August Wolf, publicity man for Spokane, has never even seen fit to refer to the state as being "East of Spokane."

But New Hampshire is awakening from her sleep and is coming to the front "with bells." It is all on account of a lady too. She is Mrs. Marilla Ricker and she wants to run for governor. Why she wishes to fill the gubernatorial chair is not disclosed. Evidently though she is a woman of ambition and has become tired

of bossing Mr. Ricker around and is looking for new foes to conquer. Then again she may want the office so that she may further "lord it" over her neighbor, Mrs. Spuffles, or whatever that madam's name may be. But regardless of her motives Mrs. Ricker has done much for New Hampshire. She has brought the old New England state "out of the woods." Already people are inquiring "Where is this New Hampshire we read of?" The people "down there" should be grateful to the lady.

HOT WORDS FOR JEFF.

Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas does not seem to stand well even in southern society. Following the disclosures just made against him in congress the Atlanta Constitution offered him the following vitriolic "roast": "As a common grafter, in direct contravention of the law, Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, superficially at least, appears before the country. "There is but one recourse to the senate, in justice to itself and to Senator Davis.

"That is to institute, forthwith, a searching and non-partisan investigation. If its verdict corroborates the present ugly charges, action in the premises should be prompt and summary.

"Here is the gravamen of the senator's alleged offense:

"According to our Washington correspondent, he admitted to the house committee on public lands, before whom he was pushing a bill to quiet for private parties rights to certain Arkansas swamp lands, that should success attend his efforts he would be rewarded with a large fee.

"It is contrary to law for congressmen to accept fees for pleading for measures before congressional committees. Later, the senator must have realized the enormity of his error. He attempted to secure a revision of the record. With trival concession, the committee stood pat.

"We have not seen all the evidence in the case. We are not informed regarding the extenuating circumstances, if there be any of that nature.

"He we do know that Arkansas, in its own behalf, should demand such a searching investigation as would conclusively clear up the present disreputable and suspicious status.

"The senator is a political mountebank and a demagogue of the crudest sort. It is owing to his own state, himself, the south and the senate to establish, without delay, whether he is anything more aggravated.

"He should, himself, be foremost in calling for an inquiry."

In spite of the prestige of his name Jeff Davis seems to be faring badly.

From appearances the government will soon be busy with the erection of the federal building. Let us hope so at least. Furthermore let us hope that the architect who designs the building will look somewhat to the needs of the future Pendleton as well as to the needs of the present city. Pendleton is going to grow and we will not want to ask for another federal building soon. It takes too long to get such improvements.

Chicago aldermen are trying to legislate against the lengthy hat pin. Incidentally they are having troubles with their fair constituents. "We want to protest right here against this attempt to regulate our attire," said the feminine attorney representing the women.

If you see a newcomer, show the true western spirit. Grasp his hand and tell him he showed good judgment in coming this way. Tell him of the good things about the country. This is better than the country he came from anyway.

Since the O. R. & N. has been having little trouble keeping its line open perhaps it will be possible for the company to soon begin on its line changes in this county.

Some people had evidently forgotten that gambling is contrary to law.

Union Republican: As spring advances, come more inquiries for land. These inquiries are often for small tracts and the trouble is that so few of them are offered for sale. It will be a glorious day for Union when some of our large tracts can be broken up in tens and twenties and placed on the market. They will be snapped up like hotcakes.

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SHE WASN'T AFRAID.

A crowd gathered at Tenth and Barton streets to watch a handsome fox terrier that was running about nose in the air, while froth was running from the dog's mouth.

"He's mad!" yelled a fat man. The fox terrier stood in the center of the group, with wide-open eyes, either too mad or too frightened to move.

At this juncture the policeman arrived. A dozen voices began to tell him that the dog was mad; that it must be killed; that it had been snapping at the children; that it began to froth when it passed a pool of water, and how best to shoot.

A tall, quiet looking woman pushed through the crowd and started toward the dog. A dozen men yelled at her; two or three men grabbed at her.

She picked the dog up and started out of the crowd. The policeman stopped her with:

"Madam, that dog is mad. He must be shot. Look at the foam coming out of his mouth."

"Foam," she said, contemptuously, "that's a cream puff he's eating!" —St. Louis Post Dispatch.

The Race. Cook—"I'll be havin' yez, mum. Mistress—Very well, Bridget. Keep to the right. Incoming cooks keep to the left.

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HE HAD CHANGED.

Vice Admiral Uru of the Japanese navy was a member of the class of 1881 at the naval academy at Annapolis, and has recently been visiting his classmates and celebrating a reunion with them.

At a dinner given to the Vice Admiral when he was in this country one of his classmates told a story on the vice admiral as an illustration of the progress of the Japanese in the past thirty years.

"Uru was the most correct and proper person in our class," said the story teller. "He was prim and pre-

cise and very reverent. I met him one morning on the parade ground. "Good morning," I said, enthusiastically. "Isn't this a splendid day?" "It is, indeed," Uru responded gravely, "and I thank heaven I am here and permitted to enjoy it." "When I met Uru this time, after a lapse of nearly thirty years, I recalled that conversation and said, "Good morning. Isn't this a splendid day?" "It is, indeed," Uru replied, "and will you, for heaven's sake, kindly tell me where I can get a drink?" —Saturday Evening Post.

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