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I wish that all the children of the city's grimy street were out here with these wildflowers beneath this sky of blue.

They're stunted, maimed and weary and their eyes are far away. The sunshine never sees them and they never know 'tis true.

KEEP UP STEAM.

The big helper engines on the mountain division keep up steam even when they are not at work. The idea is to have the engines in readiness for service when needed.

Now it so happens that the bulk of the business men of this city are live ones. They usually have up a full head of steam and whether there is much to do or not they are ready for action.

But there are some few business men in Pendleton who do not carry enough steam to haul a handcar on a down grade. Because business in their lines may be a trifle dull they moan and groan. They don't work for business. They won't even advertise. They let the whiskers grow upon their faces and the cobwebs in their show windows.

It is a fact that Pendleton gets some very bad advertising from just such people as this. It is not right either. It is not right at all that the good, vigorous, bustling work that is done by the hustlers of the town should be offset by this persistent, pessimistic griping.

well even if he is not. It is largely a psychological proposition anyway. Steam up and then see how you feel.

IS THIS WHY?

President Taft criticizes the states of the west and of the middle west for not keeping their men in congress for lengthy terms as do the eastern states. It is a criticism that has often been heard before and is worthy of attention.

THERE'LL BE SOME WORK.

Unless all signs fail the coming summer will be the busiest from a construction standpoint that Umatilla county has experienced in many years. The work on the O. R. & N. line changes between Yoakum and Pendleton alone will be an enormous task.

Then the big cut off from Coyote to Echo or to Stanfield will also be made. This will involve almost as much work as will the Yoakum-Pendleton line changes. The construction work on the O. R. & N. company is to do will unquestionably help greatly in stimulating business in Pendleton and in all other towns in this portion of the county.

Aside from the railroad construction work the big dam and reservoir at Horseshoe curve is to be finished by the Furnish ditch company. Many men will be needed for that work. There will also be much other work on the irrigation section.

A THOROUGH CLEAN-UP.

Hundreds of piles of rubbish that have been raked together during the past two days in answer to the clean-up summons shows that the people of the city have responded loyally to the call. It is to Pendleton's credit that they have done so.

Now it remains for the city to see to the carting away of the rubbish and to the prosecution of those who have failed to do their duty. Unless the city does take after the negligent ones the real benefit of the crusade will be lost. It is from the dirt that is left that the epidemics result. It is up to the city authorities to see that there is none left.

PLENTY OF RAIN.

At Pendleton the rainfall so far this season has almost reached the 12 inch mark. We are within about two inches of the average annual rainfall and still have five months of the present season left. The year is liable to be a record breaker for a heavy precipitation. The rainfall thus far is four inches ahead of the total rainfall for the season of 1907-8 and three

inches greater than the total rainfall for last season. If Umatilla county does not have bumper crops this year it will not be through any fault on the part of Jupiter Pluvius.

According to a story from Walla Walla some cases of hookworm have been discovered near Freewater. That is strange. Freewater people are known as being a progressive bunch. Here's betting they will soon give the hookworm the hook.

The Hallinger-Pinchot controversy seems to affect all who get near it. Now the investigating committee is mixing up in a wordy war.

By proper precautions on the part of householders and shopkeepers the fly nuisance can be almost eliminated and along with it much summer sickness.

When you meet a knocker try to show him where he is wrong. There are many things for him to be happy about if he only knows it.

April showers are better than wind.

A GIRL'S WORST ENEMY.

So it's poverty that is the worst enemy of the young girl, is it, Mrs. Reformer?

I don't agree with you. I never saw a good girl driven to do wrong by poverty in my life.

And if you will come to think it over, neither did you.

By loneliness? Yes.

By unkindness at home? Yes.

By vanity and a fondness for dress.

By laziness and envy and a silly, empty-headed desire for excitement? Yes.

By poverty, by hard work, by self-denial? Never in the wide, wide world.

The best girls in the world are working girls. You know they're good girls, or they wouldn't be working. And they are working because they are good girls.

No woman who was ever worth the saving ever threw herself away because she was poor. Any girl who amounts to a row of pins in a paper would kill herself before she would be driven to any such way of getting out of poverty.

She would scrub the stones in the street for a living and hold her head up with honest pride while she was doing it, and it would never enter her head to offer her good name for sale just to get a new dress or a Chanticleer hat.

Good girls are made of different material than that.

Can you make an honest man steal because he wants a new tie or thinks he ought to have a new hat?

You cannot. An honest man is born honest, and nothing but the most desperate need of some one he loves will ever make him anything else but honest.

The poor girls who stumble and walk in the crooked, dark paths that lead to misery do not deliberately walk in that path to get away from poverty. They are called by stronger voices than the voice of mere silly vanity.

Dress, dress, dress—I get so sick of the very sound of the word sometimes that I wish we could all be Indians and dress in a blanket and be done with it.

What are you talking about to your daughter, little mother—new clothes, yours and hers and the neighbors? Isn't there something else in the world with which to fill that little daughter's head? Is it so important for her to know the very latest styles, or wouldn't it be better to keep her busy enough so she wouldn't care whether her dress was pink or blue as long as it was clean and comfortable?

And you, Mr. Wise Man, who loves to laugh at the vanity of woman—to whom do you show the most attention—the sweet, pretty, modest little girl who thinks of something besides her own looks or the flaunting human parquette who'd die if she did not have the very latest hat and the newest thing in spring dresses?

Vanity a cause for the ruin of young girls? Yes. Poverty? Never.—Annie Laurie in San Francisco Examiner.

BOYCOTT AMERICAN WIVES.

German concern to cultivate the good graces of the American people does not reach to the length of encouraging German diplomats to wed American wives. Third Secretary Von Stumm, of the Kaiser's Washington embassy, having wedded an American girl, there is much unofficial protest in Berlin. Bismark laid down the law that only a German wife could be accounted a safe wife for a German diplomat and there is a curious revival of that sentiment. The fact that Baron von Sternburg, late ambassador in Washington, had a charming American wife, and incidentally was the despair of all the other diplomats because of his facility for getting what he wanted from the state department, seems to have been forgotten.—From Success Magazine.

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Torpid Liver, Stomach Trouble.

Mr. James O'Byrne, 626 Madison St., Topeka, Kas., conductor Santa Fe Railway and member Order of Railway Conductors, writes: "I suffered with a torpid liver and stomach trouble, which made my complexion very sallow, and I felt miserable and tired all the time."

"An aunt wrote me that she was taking Peruna with such good results that she advised me to try it, and I finally bought a bottle, although I disliked to take patent medicines."

"However, I found Peruna very agreeable to take, and effective, as I felt better in a week. I took only five bottles in all and I found that was all I needed."

"I am most grateful to you for what our medicine has done for me."

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TRUE POLITENESS.

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When she returned she asked the child if she had done as she was bidden.

"Well, you see, mamma, I was awfully sleepy, so I just asked God if he wouldn't excuse me tonight, and He said, 'Oh, certainly, don't mention it, Miss Brooks.'" —From Success Magazine.

A scientist advises people to investigate the building of the wasp's nest. We decline, except from a distance, through a magnifying glass.

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