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and room on the ballot, for many more," says the Optimist. "Some of these bills have merit, for it is a fact that many of our counties are too large. But when considering the matter one should look to Hood River county and ask the citizens of that ballwicket how much in the way of taxes their whistle cost them.

"Much territory does not make a prosperous county; it takes taxable property and population, particularly the former. In many cases, as in the case of the formation of Hood River county, such divisions are good for the territory left in the old county, but the citizens of the new county are up against a hard proposition."

The East Oregonian knows of one Hood River property owner for whom division meant an increase of 64.4 per cent the first year division was in effect. His name is E. A. Schiffer and his tax receipts show that during the first year of Hood River county he paid, upon the same identical property, \$52.50 more in taxes than he had paid the previous year in Wasco county.

AVIATION A FACT.

When Glenn Curtiss sped through the air from Albany down to little old New York at an average speed of 54 4.5 miles per hour he made the world take notice. Heretofore we have had flights by aviators; Curtiss made a trip of 137 miles along a much traveled route; made it with but one stop and beat the time of the fast express trains. Aviation is now a fact. It merely remains for the airship makers to perfect a feasible passenger craft. That they will do this in good time and make air traveling as safe as trips by land or sea can scarcely be doubted. The passenger airship may not be a biplane. It is not likely it will. It may be a combination of the dirigible and the aeroplane. But the airship will have it that soon.

A short time ago the Spanish war was a vivid reality. Now it is a memory recalled only when a band of veterans such as those of Malabar camp of this city are called together. In time the husky veterans of the Second Oregon and other Spanish war regiments will walk with halting steps as do the "boys of '61."

Postmaster Young of Portland is dead and so there is another vacant office for republicans to quarrel about. Will the appointment be dictated by Bourne or by his enemies through Hitchcock.

Make preparations to attend the band concert tomorrow. It is for your benefit.

Will President Taft recognize his railroad measure when it comes back to him?

Now who would be an octopus like the sugar trust?

May has done very well.

FAMOUS AMERICAN SCHOOLS.

The venerable academies at Andover, in Massachusetts and at Exeter, just across the line in New Hampshire, come nearer, perhaps, than any other of our preparatories to bridging the gap between the average high school and such American developments of English models as are represented by Groton, St. Mark's, or St. Paul's. They were started in the heart of Puritan New England, in the midst of the war for independence, and for over a century they have kept alive the sacred fire with which the young nation was burning at their birth. No other schools have helped in the making of so many distinguished men, nor are any, perhaps, so saturated with traditions so peculiarly American.

In their early days, when most of the boys were working their way as they went, raising vegetables to help pay their board, bundling up as if for a sleighride on Sundays to listen to three sermons in an unheated church and on Monday reciting what they could remember of the discourses of the day before; in the day of Master Eliphalet Pearson—

"Great Eliphalet I can see him now—
Big name, big frame, big voice and beetling brow."

the boys boarded with the townspeople, and looked on for themselves very much as if they were at home of late years, as the type of boys has changed with the changing times, it has been found advisable more and more to gather them, especially the younger ones—in dormitories controlled by the schools.

Eventually, I suppose, they will be all lodged in school buildings. The newer dormitories, like Dunbar Hall at Exeter and Bancroft Cottage at Andover, are quite as fine as any buildings at the more fashionable schools, and discipline in them is much the same, but many of the so-called old colonial houses, with their broad white faces and green blinds, are still used as boarding-places, and the practice of encouraging a strong sense of personal responsibility still survives.—From "Some American Preparatory Schools" by Arthur Ruhl in the June Scribner.

TO BE SURE.

Many men hitch their wagons to stars, while others are satisfied with members of the chorus.—June Lippincott's.

A BEST SELLER OF THE FIFTIES.

Best sellers there were and ever have been. In the eighteen-fifties, a certain young man named Mitchell was writing them. His books were read by old and young; they sold like hot cakes, as we say; like bread, as the more sober idiom would have it. Our fathers read those books, if we ourselves did not; sometimes they read them to our mothers. "The Reveries of a Bachelor" is still read today; but my copy of it is gray and dog-eared, like a school-boy's Virgil; the bravery of its gilding is tarnished; yet how crisp were the pages sixty years ago! The "Reveries" came into the world with a pseudonym to cloak their author's modesty. Ike Marvel was the pseudonym, and we buried its wearer, bachelor no longer, though still an amateur "but yesterday. Ike Marvel had survived his literary generation, and even in his hey-day an old world flavor was tasted in his style; the gentle sentimentalist was one that knew the Spectator papers and had smoked his pipe late over Sterne and Goldsmith. It is hard to see how he was the worse off for it—or his readers, either.

I treasure my copy of the "Reveries" though I picked it up for a song at a stall where none but the malmed of the book world find their way. It is a shabby old book, and its two engravings have only stained the pages that they adorn. But, as I turn the pages of "Over a Wood Fire" (the best of the Reveries as it is the first),—Smoke, signifying Doubt, and Blaze, signifying Cheer, and Ashes, signifying Desolation—they take on a new meaning to me, and a double interest. The author's sentimentality seems to me less obvious than before; his humor less facile and less reminiscent. It is pleasant to think that I am not the first to get pleasure out of that cigar of his—A Cigar three times Lighted. Tramping through the woods, one comes upon the dead ashes of a camp fire. Does not that make the woods more interesting territory? Here I have a book that some one else has marked as suited his whim of the passing moment—the passing moment of half a century ago! Something of the fellow's temperament I know from the record of it that he made here. And the book—this copy of it—has had its little history, that it tells after its own pretty fashion. I cannot do half so well; and something keeps me from transcribing I feel guilty enough in trying even to retell it.—From "The Point of View" in the June Scribner.

AN ECHO CONTROVERSY.

Editor East Oregonian:

Please publish the enclosed matter along with the enclosed article coming out in the issue of April 8.

Echo, Ore., April 7.—"The District School" a farce in two acts, was given here last night in the I. O. O. F. hall by local talent; the hall was crowded, there being between two hundred and three hundred persons present. The receipts were over \$50. The parts of the different characters were well represented. The proceeds of the entertainment will go toward the minister's salary.

The most interesting feature of the entertainment is that it stands as a monument marking a new epoch in Echo. For hereafter it is expected the prohibition workers will be more temperate in their efforts, for had it not been for the "near beer" men and their families taking part, they would have been unable to have put the play on the stage. As it was not more than half a dozen of the entire company were church members.

The writer would have given some attention to the above matter sooner but for the fact that he has been in the hospital in Spokane for several weeks. This little article of thirty-two lines seems to have been intended for a reflection on three parties, the "near beer" people, the officials of the town and the Methodist church. This is dry territory, so declared by the voters of this county, and if the writer had reason to believe that the law was being violated it seems to us that the right course to have been pursued was to have reported such facts to the town authorities or to the prosecuting attorney and let an investigation be made, and if the writer did make such report to the first or last named parties and they refused or neglected to make the necessary investigation, surely they are not to blame. If the writer was not in possession of facts to warrant the above statement or inference, a dry pen and a closed mouth, perhaps, would have been more becoming. The statement is made in the above that the "near beer" people were the principals in the program referred to—the truth of the matter is that the church members were the ones that took the initiative step in the matter and were assisted by other parties that they were able to get to take the different parts. In this matter we would hardly believe that either the preacher or the members of his church consented in their own minds to sell their principals or prove traitors to the cause they represented as the writer of the above intimates in the statement that it is to be supposed that the temperance people of this community will not be so vigorous in their work in the future. Now we do not believe that any party who took part had the smallest idea of hindering the work of temperance or any good work, but did what they did as a matter of kindness and so far


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as the temperance and church people are concerned, we hardly think that their principles are on the market for the consideration of fifty dollars, or even more, and the preacher is inclined to the idea that his are not on the market at any price.

A. M. LAMBERT.


THE DAILY NUISANCE.

A difference I note, that's meet,
When comes this worst of bores;
He grinds his organ in the streets;
I grind my teeth indoors.

—June Lippincott's.

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It freshens all the day;
It tips the peaks of life with light,
And drives the clouds away;
The soul grows glad that hears it,
And feels its courage strong—
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering people along.
A laugh is just like music,
It lingers in the heart,
And where its melody is heard
The ill of life depart.
And happy thoughts come crowding
Its joyful notes to greet—
A laugh is just like music
For making living sweet!

—St. Louis Republic.

OUR WAY THE BEST.

Illinois is furnishing a splendid object lesson of the results of electing United States senators by legislatures. One after another members of the legislature that elected Lorimer are pleading guilty of having been bribed into voting for him. Lorimer's legitimate majority is fast melting away and indications are that he will have to resign his seat in the senate.

How is that for a spectacle; a United States senator elected by votes purchased at so much per head. The senate is the upper house of congress. It is supposed to be a dignified and awe inspiring body, a check upon the lower house. Yet a senator from one of the principal states of the union, owes his seat to criminal work on the part of himself or his political henchmen. How many United States senators have been elected by the votes of men who were bribed but have not "squealed?" How many senators have been elected through indirect bribery in the form of political promises? It would be shorter work to go through the senate chamber and pick out those who were elected upon their merits through honest methods.

Now frankly, does not this Illinois spectacle make you appreciate Oregon's plan of electing United States senators by direct vote of the people? There are people who object to Oregon's present senators for political reasons. Such objections are to be expected. But is it not a source of satisfaction to know that whatever criticism may be made of Senators Bourne and Chamberlain it cannot be asserted they acquired their seats dishonestly? Each man was endorsed for office by the people in a free and open race. Each man was the popular choice for senator and the legislature but ratified that choice as a majority of the members were under pledge to do.

Is not this plan of procedure immeasurably better than the Illinois way? Surely it is, all regardless of the partisan or factional affiliations of the present senators. The Oregon way of electing senators is the one and only proper way. Furthermore the people of this state, republican, democratic and otherwise, are going to stand by statement No. 1. The people of Oregon have no desire to see this state thrust back into that pit of corruption from which it escaped but a few years ago and in which Illinois is now wallowing to its sorrow and to the disgrace of the people of that great commonwealth.

LOOK UP THE COST.

During the next six months the taxpayers of this state and especially those living in proposed new counties will do well to look up the probable cost of division in increased taxation. Thus far Hood River county is the only new county created under the initiative and the The Dalles Optimist remarks that because that job was accomplished we are promised a surfeit of county division measures this fall.

"As nearly as we can count them now there are about fifteen bills being "signed up" for presentation to the voters, and there is still time.