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WORK IS WORSHIP.

Be thou a servant, brother, and
Thou shalt be
A sovereign then;
Royal in thy coming down and
royal in ken,
And of the Heavenly Kingdom
graciously fee—
God's altar;
Thy loftiest use
Who lowest kneel, to wash a
beggar's feet
Or snatch a jewel thrown upon
the street;
The Paradise
Is here and now, and maketh
suffering sweet,
Earth growth sad, and darken
skies and droop,
Unless we stoop.

He always worships, whose de-
light is toil—
Simply to serve,
And never from the track of
duty swerve;
One with the freshness of the
flowers and soil,
And planets' curve,
Bending to lift
Weakness, he raiseth higher
Heaven's new walls,
In answering outcasts' cry and
sorrow's calls;
Where'er souls drift,
He casts himself beneath the
sinner's falls,
In truth's foundations yet shall
He, with trust,
His sacred dust.

—F. W. Orde Ward.

HONOR SAXTON'S MEMORY.

Here is a communication that has just been received by the East Oregonian and it contains a suggestion that is timely:

Editor East Oregonian:

Why not start a movement through the East Oregonian, to place a tablet on the tower or erect a monument somewhere on the dam of the Cold Springs reservoir in honor of Saxton and his discovery of the site. Saxton had a splendid mind and a spirit of purpose and the sacrifice he made is well worth this tribute to his memory.

Very truly,
E. P. DODD.

Surely it would be only right and fitting to honor the memory of the dead engineer in some way. He rendered good and valuable service to the people of this county and especially those of the west end section. In gratitude something should be done to show appreciation of that work and also the esteem in which Saxton was held by all who knew him.

This paper suggests that a committee composed of Herrington and Pendleton friends of the reclamation engineer take this matter up at once with a view to having a tablet or a monument erected at the reservoir. If such a committee will secure estimates as to the cost of such an undertaking and obtain the necessary co-operation of the government surely the money will be forthcoming for this worthy purpose.

VACATIONS.

The following paragraph from a current magazine sets forth the best argument why men should take vacations and should also take more or less time for recreation each day.

"No man gets the true perspective of his life until he gets away from his usual routine, and gets a new, fresh viewpoint from outside.

"No great artist will attempt to work constantly on his masterpiece until it is finished. He works while faculties are sharp, fresh and gripping; but the moment his ideal begins to dim or his energies to lag, he quits, because he knows that every bit of work he does while his thought is not fresh and vigorous will be inferior and will only injure his picture.

"A great many men bury themselves so completely in their work, keep their noses so closely to the grindstone that they can not get the proper perspective of their situations. They work hard, but they work to a disadvantage because they do not see their

business in its entirety. They do not mix with the people in their own line. They can not do the right thing because they are not in a position to get a broad view of their affairs.

"Many men who spend too many hours a day in their offices get into the habit of wasting a great deal of time with callers—talking, doing all sorts of things outside of business—whereas the man who spends only a few hours in his office is obliged to attend strictly to business from the moment he enters until he leaves. Everybody knows that his time is precious and that people who call upon him must be brief. The result is that he makes his time count and often accomplishes more in a few hours than the man who spends eight or nine hours each day in his office. The modern method is to do the actual business with dispatch, make every minute count and then go out and play with as much enthusiasm as one had previously put into work."

Men who devote much energy to their work must take steps to conserve their energy and to restore the supply when it becomes low.

LIP WORSHIPPERS.

It is certainly amusing to see the solicitude with which the assemblies regard the direct primary law. Now that the assembly has been held and the candidates select must go before the people for endorsement they are heart and soul for the direct primary—to hear them tell it. But it is lip worship only. At heart the assembly politicians hate the direct primary and in moments of candor they do not deny the fact. If they did not hate it they would not have held an assembly. The assembly scheme is absolutely antagonistic to the spirit and letter of the direct primary law. The direct primary law was passed for the purpose of doing away with bossism and with manipulation such as attended the old convention system and which have been revived under the assembly. A man cannot be an assemblyite and yet be a sincere supporter of the direct primary. You cannot serve God and Mammon—at the same time.

THE SAME OLD ATTITUDE.

If the government abandons the proposition of extending the Umatilla project Oregon will have grounds for complaint and no mistake. This commonwealth has never been treated fairly by the government for while the state has contributed much to the reclamation fund comparatively little has been expended on Oregon projects. When the amendment was passed freeing the government from the necessity of spending in each state the amount contributed to the fund for Oregon was handed out in the form of an announcement that the Umatilla project would be extended. Now it seems there is danger this announcement will not be carried out. Should the project be abandoned the government will only be following up its past attitude of indifference towards Oregon.

SAGAMORE HILL.

Time was when the newspapers believed they were indulging in good-humored fun if they referred to Sagamore Hill as in any way a notable spot in the United States. Yet there is no question but today it is at least as well known as Mt. Anticline, Hawarden, or Karlsruhe. Within the last nine years the owner of Sagamore Hill has become the greatest figure of the present generation and perhaps one of the greatest in history. It is no wonder, therefore, that the public manifests an interest in the little estate at Oyster Bay, in its owner, and in the daily life he leads there. And truly, the life which Theodore Roosevelt leads upon his hill is in itself so absolutely wholesome and so typically American that we cannot but envy it. It is a sane and a healthy outdoor life, the kind most of us who are city-bred constantly yearn for. Quiet that life could easily be upon the sun-drenched hill, but politics, that exacting occupying of Mr. Roosevelt's, pursues him even here and now in his retirement, and breaks in upon his tranquility.—"Roosevelt the Husbandman," by Henry James Forman, in the American Review of Reviews for August.

CITY ROOF GARDENS.

The long-neglected roof space of a variety of buildings, both private and institutional, is being turned to good account. For all the congestion of the cities the most attractive floor, for more than half the year, is the least used. By limbing a few additional feet a change of air and outlook may be gained equal to several degrees of latitude. The roof garden is a welcome oasis in the desert of city roofs.

During the present summer seven roof gardens have been thrown open to the public atop the New York public libraries. A considerable space has been tented over and the sides screened with shrubbery and vines. Books are carried up from the lower floors by electric elevators. The success of the library roof has been instantaneous, and plans looking to utilizing the roofs of half a hundred similar buildings are under way.

The settlement workers of the slums count their roof gardens as one of their most valuable assets. The space is completely enclosed with wire netting, and baseball diamonds or basketball courts, even tennis courts, are laid out. This space is in constant demand the year round. The evenings are devoted to classics in gymnastic work, to folk dances by the children, and other educational features.

All of the newer public school buildings in New York are built with roof gardens, often very extensive ones. The space is wired in and floored with smooth tiles. Even in the dead of

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winter there are willing volunteers to sweep this space of snow and escape from the crowded streets below. The same idea has been borrowed by several of the model tenement houses in the crowded sections. The parapets are carried high enough to afford some shade, and permanent furniture, such as porches and stone benches, are added. Several of the new apartment houses also set aside this roof space for the convenience of tenants.—"From The City Roof Garden," by Francis Arnold Collins, in the American Review of Reviews for August.

ROOSEVELT, ROOT, TAFT, HUGHES.

It was since Mr. Taft's well-known ambition to end his career as a member of the supreme bench. If Chief Justice Fuller had retired several years ago, as was expected, President Roosevelt would have appointed Mr. Taft as his successor. If Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Hughes had been nominated at Chicago two years ago, Mr. Taft would be all likelihood now be appointed Chief Justice. There was a crucial moment in New York politics, several years ago, when Mr. Roosevelt's decision made Mr. Hughes the republican nominee for governor. It was Mr. Roosevelt's decision, also, that made Mr. Taft the republican nominee for president. Mr. Hughes at that time was not anxious to run for the governorship, nor was Mr. Taft attracted by the presidency.

Mr. Root, if he had been so minded, could have been governor of New York and republican nominee for the presidency. After his retirement as Secretary of War, when he had just earned great popularity by pricelessly service to the nation, both Roosevelt and Taft urged Root with all their might to accept a nomination for the governorship with a view to becoming the republican candidate for the presidency in 1908. Mr. Root, who was seeking no further political preferment and was content to be leader of the bar of New York, deliberately refused what was easily within his grasp. He would have been elected in 1904, and again in 1906, and would have been elected president in 1908. In this case, also, Mr. Taft would probably have become Chief Justice. Under those circumstances, Mr. Roosevelt would very likely have taken Mr. Platt's seat in the senate. The death of Mr. Hay was followed by the imperative call that Mr. Root should return to the cabinet as Secretary of State. He was offered the same position in Mr. Taft's cabinet, but decided to go to the senate. The four most eminent personalities in the republican party at the present moment are these four whose political destinies have been so curiously intertwined. Mr. Roosevelt refused a third term; and by the supreme exercise of his political authority he succeeded in putting himself out of power and putting another man in. Yet in spite of himself he remains the most dominant influence in our political life. Mr. Taft, who would have made a Chief Justice of the prominence accorded only to Marshall, finds himself playing the more conspicuous but less congenial part of president. He is a better judge of law and of evidence than of men; better fitted by nature for the bench than for executive work. He deals easily and rapidly with principles and questions. He is not skillful in dealing with a thousand little details that relate to persons rather than principles. Mr. Root, who is a good deal older than the other three in years, is rather the younger of the four in personal appearance, and quite as young as any of them in the freshness of his mind.—"From The Progress of the World" in the American Review of Reviews for August.

HIS INSPIRATION.

"Isn't inspiration a queer thing?"
"I suppose so. What about it?"
"Why, a few weeks ago I had a red hot squabble with my wife over a dressmaker's bill, and when I came down to the office I was mad enough to chew spikes. Then I sat down at my desk and wrote a little poem on 'Help the Erring Brother with a Single Kindly Word' and, say, those verses, born of bitterness and nourished by anger, have been copied in the leading newspapers all over the country." How's that?"
"Fine. Why don't you improve on the idea?"
"How?"
"Why, get mad enough to beat up your wife, set fire to the house, shoot a policeman—and then write an epic

that will go thundering down the ages."

ALWAYS TALKING OF THE HEAT

Hear the folks in house and street
Always talking of the heat,
With a humid sort of humor as they part or as they meet.
How they talk, talk, talk,
As they sit or as they walk,
Of mosquitoes, and of breezes that the sun's attacks could balk;
How they weep
Over sleep
That won't come to them at night.
How the girls
Fret of curls
That will never twist aright!
See the men roundly fat,
Each with a cabbage leaf in hat,
And with gaping shirt and vest—
Wishing they were more undressed!
And the women, slim and plump,
Sitting down with angry bump,
Vowing that they know they'll die,
While they fan, and fuss, and sigh
Of the heat, heat, heat, heat, heat,
Heat!

See the man who writes the rule
Tell you how to keep cool;
Hear the doctors who advise us, each according to his school,
Not to eat
Any meat,
Nor to drink the frigid liquids that are either sour or sweet,
Nor to walk where it is sunny,
Nor to think about our money,
Not to quarrel or to fight,
Nor to stay up late at night—
Hush! They're tiring and perspiring
While those things they are requiring,
And the people that they blame
Are repining just the same
And would fain stab through and through
Him who comes and murmurs: "Ooh! Is this hot enough for you?"
Oh, the people that you meet
Standing with reluctant feet
Where the shade and sunshine meet
While they grumble and repeat
"Darn the heat, heat, heat, heat,
Heat, heat, heat!"
—Chicago Post.

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