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**WHERE TROUBLE STAYS.**

Down comes the weather, but still we wear a smile;  
We just congratulate ourselves we'll burn not yet a while.

None of us will blaze  
Fore the appointed days;  
An' it's better still to travel  
In a world where Trouble stays.

Down comes the weather; but take it at its best;  
There's some enjoyment in it, from the shiny east to west.

Oh, none of us will blaze  
Fore the appointed days;  
An' it's better still to travel  
In a world where Trouble stays.

—Frank L. Stanton.

**WORK FOR THE EXTENSION.**

The talks made at the Commercial club last night during the session of the project extension committee show the deep interest that is taken in the proposition of extending the Umatilla project to lands west of the river. The people of this part of eastern Oregon want to see that land reclaimed and reclaimed as quickly as possible. It is good land and if only the proper work is done it may be converted into the finest irrigation district in Oregon if not in the northwest.

This being the case it is but good business policy to place the matter before the proper authorities with as much emphasis as possible. While Secretary Ballinger is in the west he should be impressed with the fact that the people of eastern Oregon are anxious to have the government proceed with the extension. It is logical that the government should water the lands west of the Umatilla. The government is already in the field and has made extensive examinations of the project. The government has the money with which to do the work and Oregon is richly entitled to this work. The state has not been given anything like its just share of the reclamation fund.

It is very natural that at this time the people of this section prefer that the government proceed with the extension and not turn the matter over to private parties. When the government does reclamation work it does it well and the settlers pay only the actual cost of reclamation. When private parties are on the job there are often long delays and much uncertainty. Sometimes private companies are hampered by lack of capital. Eastern Oregon has many meritorious irrigation projects, that have not been carried to completion for this very reason.

Now that the government is practically ready to take up the extension of the Umatilla project and has the money with which to do the work certainly every effort should be put forth to induce the department to go ahead.

**WOULD FOLLOW OREGON.**

According to Senator Chamberlain the progressives of both parties throughout the middle states and the east look with favor upon the "Oregon system." So much so that in many states efforts are being made to follow the lead of this state. Many of the old boss ridden states are trying to secure the initiative and referendum and one of the main reasons why they want the initiative is that through the use of that privilege they may secure a direct primary law. It is next to impossible to obtain a thorough direct primary law from a legislature. This has been shown in New York where the legislature has persistently refused to pass a direct primary law despite the insistence of such men as Roosevelt and Hughes and despite the fact those men were willing to compromise by accepting a "half way" measure since it was plainly impossible to secure a complete direct primary law.

Oregon is the "fool of the family" only among those who oppose political reform. The Oregon system is regarded with disfavor by the machine politicians of this state and by the same element in other states. But among the rank and file of the people and especially with those who favor political progress this state is regarded with decided favor. Oregon is regarded as a state where the people act with intelligence and independence. They do not leave affairs in the hands of political bosses and their ward heeler.

It is to Oregon's credit that progressive states are trying to follow in our footsteps and it is no reflection upon our state to know that the machine element here and elsewhere regards the Oregon system with disfavor.

**WE ARE LACKING.**

The visit to Pendleton of Dean Hallowell of the Lewiston normal school is a forcible reminder of Oregon's present shortcomings in the normal school line. At this time the state provides no normal instruction and young people of eastern Oregon are forced to go to Washington and Idaho normals to secure trainings. Incidentally those who go abroad for normal training usually teach abroad. So Oregon loses them.

In connection with Prof. Hallowell's visit it is interesting to note that last year the Lewiston normal school was given an appropriation of \$120,000. This is nearly as much money as was given the Eastern Oregon normal during its entire existence of many years. It is four times as much as the Eastern Oregon normal will get annually if its initiative measure is adopted. So it does not appear that the Eastern Oregon school has been an extravagant institution.

It is also interesting to note that Idaho has two normal schools, one in northern Idaho and one in southern Idaho.

Though Idaho is a small state and a young state as compared with Oregon the fact must be admitted that in the matter of providing normal instruction that state surpasses Oregon.

One of these days Pendleton will have to wake up to the fact that an enormous amount of sidewalk rebuilding will have to be done. When that time comes all the present dilapidated walks should be replaced by concrete walks.

It would add to the appearance of Main street and likewise to the healthfulness of the city could all the basement vents that now serve as cuspidors be closed.

Oregon has a brisk political campaign but evidently it is tame compared with the contests that are on in Kansas, Iowa, Ohio and Tennessee.

Guess we will have no hot weather this summer.

**WHEN YOUR MONEY'S GONE.**

I see you sit where the lights are bright  
And hear you laugh at the lady's jest;  
You are out for a gay and care-free night,  
Your conscience slumbers within your breast.

I hear you toast to the lady's health,  
And I hear her laugh as your glasses clink;  
With the joy of one who has boundless wealth,  
You lightly call for another drink;

But I sit alone, from the crowd withdrawn,  
And I deeply pity you while I think  
Of your waking up in the cold, gray dawn  
When your money's gone.

I see you squeeze the lady's hand,  
And I see her look with a pensive smile;  
I hear you give your proud command,  
You're a millionaire for a little while;

You are free tonight from annoying cares,  
You gladly think that her laugh rings true;  
You scorn the world and its grave affairs,  
And claim a joy that you think is new.

While I sit alone, from the crowd withdrawn,  
And, deeply pitying, picture you  
As you shall awake, in the cold, gray dawn,  
When your money's gone.

—S. E. Kiser.

**THE NEW YORK WAY.**

"I'm at a loss here to take my country cousin tonight."  
"He's strict, I s'pose."  
"Very." And I don't know whether he'd prefer preaching in a theatre or vaudeville in a church."—Washington Herald.

**THE SPEED OF LIGHT.**

Two hundred and thirty-five years ago Ole Roemer read before the Academy at Paris the paper in which he demonstrated for the first time the velocity of light. Putting his timekeeper upon the horses of the sun, he declared that they speeded at the rate of 185,500 miles a second!

Bradley, in 1729; Fizeau, in 1849; Foucault, in 1850; Michelson, in 1879, and later on Struve by various methods, reached practically the same conclusion.

Roemer's calculation was based on certain facts gleaned from a study of

the moons of Jupiter when in eclipse, the process being too intricate to be dealt with in this narrow space.

The value to science of Roemer's discovery is incalculable. Knowing the speed of light, we have the key to the enormous distances with which astronomy deals. It being settled that light travels 185,000 miles a second, we know that the sun is 92,000,000 miles away, a distance that would require a railroad train traveling 20 miles an hour 350 years to traverse, but over which light is flashed in eight minutes and 14 seconds. Knowing the speed of light, we can easily determine the diameter of the sun's orbit and the distances of the six stars, the nearest of which is 40 light years away that it takes its light three and a half years to reach our eyes.

Roemer was born in Ansbach, Jutland, in 1644, and died at Copenhagen in 1710. A child of the bleak north, with its murky ashen heavens, it was yet his destiny to be the first of human kind to tell how the light cometh to us through the infinite spaces.—Selected.

**NOT A PARALLEL CASE.**

Jokes on the doctor are tempting if the doctor suffers no injustice from them. He is a good joker as well as a good natured target for assorted witlings. Among the patients in a certain hospital there was one disposed to take a dark view of his chances for recovery.

"Cheer up, old man!" admonished the youthful doctor attached to the ward wherein the patient lay. "Your symptoms are identical with those of my own case four years ago. It was just as sick as you are. Look at me!"

The patient ran his eye over the physician's stalwart frame.

"What doctor did you have?" he finally asked feebly.

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**SCARS OF BATTLE.**

A much scarred veteran occupied a seat in a car and opposite to him sat a benevolent looking old gentleman, who gazed with interest on the rugged face and at length said: "I think, my friend, you've had some exciting experiences."

"I should think so, sir," replied the warrior. "This gash across my brow, this seam down my cheek and this cloven chin each cost more than one life in a hand to hand fight."

"Dear me!" said the old gentleman. "And how did you come by that deep indentation on your nose?"

The warrior hung his head and made no reply.

"Come now, Joseph," said his better half, who was seated beside him, "tell the gentleman how you got that one."

"You keep quiet, Maria," snarled the warrior.

"I won't," snapped Maria. "It fairly riles me to hear you bragging of the marks you got from the Indians while you never mention the one I gave you when I hit you with the fire shovel!"

**LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG.**

A young man, flushed of face, carrying a Chihuahua dog, rushed hurriedly in to the State Courts building the other day and asked excitedly for the dog license bureau.

"You're in the wrong house," a policeman advised him; "you'll have to go up to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for that."

"Wow!" exclaimed the young man, as if in pain. Then he confided his story to the cop. "You see," he said, "I just bought this 'mutt' for the girl I'm going to marry. Then we went over to the City Hall to get our marriage license. When we got there she chased me out to get a license for this harmless brute. She's waiting for me now," he added, "but I guess it's no dog license, no marriage license, and no troubled youth boiled for the subway and the animal headquarters at Twenty-sixth street.—New York Tribune.

**SLEEPLESSNESS.**

Various methods of courting sleep when sleep is coy have been recommended by the confident persons who always have cures for colds, but the fallacy which has exploited with the loudest report is that which conveys the advice to count up to a hundred, or a thousand, or a million. The man who can't sleep is irritated any way because he can't sleep, and by the time he has arrived at 765, and has sud-

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denly forgotten whether it was 766 or 566 or 676 or 767, he is so enraged that that alone keeps him awake another half hour.

It is the same with the attempt to count sheep jumping over a fence. The very stupidity of the proceeding is annoying, and starts the brain on a wave of activity that delays sleep still further. The fact, it is doubtful whether any mathematical stunts soothe the brain when it is nervous, and even if they do, there are almost as many different kinds of brains as there are numbers, up to infinity, so what is the use of a general prescription?

A man who occasionally suffers from sleeplessness has this to say: "I always know when I am dropping off to a natural sleep. The moment comes when the ordinary things of everyday life assume weird or preposterous groupings. For instance, if I seem to think of a cow looking out of the corner of her eye with an arch glance, or a caterpillar directing an orchestra, I know that sleep hovers near. There has been no connection

between my previous thoughts and a cow or a caterpillar, yet that fact is a surety of repose in itself. I know I'll be asleep in a few seconds. At the same time, I mustn't be too sure about it. If I rouse myself to the extent of feeling a distinct assurance that I'll soon be asleep, I wake myself up again thereby, and ruin my chances of a good sleep. I have made that mistake more than once, and now I endeavor to cultivate vagueness in my antedorminal thoughts."

It was suggested to this individual that a deliberate invention of such impossible situations might be a cure for sleeplessness in his case, but he retorted that the affect of imagining a tin horn dancing in the center of a circle of mullage bottles, or the hands of the clock making derisive gestures at the moon, immediately started the brain-waves rolling tumultuously and defeated the object in view. He sighed as he said this, and one felt that his case was indescribably sad.—David H. Dowe in August Lippincott's.

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