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THOUGHTS OF FALL TIME.

Keep your thoughts on fall time; you'll soon be at the place where a feller feels like "in" of old "Amazin' Grace."

The country then is nigh, where your possessions lie; you'll roam through golden meadows with your heart a-beatin' high.

Keep your thoughts on fall time; it's hurryin' along; it's a jig-tune to your spirits, an' a jubilation song.

The country rich and bright, with Paradise in sight, when you roam through golden meadows, by rivers of delight! —Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

"RAISING A DUST."

Senator Bourne owes office mainly to his advocacy of the direct primary law and of the principles that senators should be elected by direct vote of the people. He won out because he had the judgment and foresight to "get right" upon those issues. Immediately after the legislature ratified the election of Senator Bourne the Portland Oregonian discussed the election and said:

"His ambition to become a United States senator is of long standing. He has finally attained it by encouraging and assisting the people of Oregon to break up the political rings which have dominated the state, not always to its advantage, and to take both political power and much of the machinery of government directly under their own control. Mr. Bourne has succeeded in making the people of Oregon believe that he is the unwavering friend of the direct primary, the referendum and the popular election of senators. It was because of this widely accredited devotion to a great principle that Mr. Bourne received his large majority of the popular vote last June."

At that time no political campaign was underway and the Oregonian spoke truthfully and frankly. Now it is trying to deceive people by saying that Bourneism is the issue in the coming election. The Oregonian knows well that Bourne is but an incident. It is the direct primary that is at issue. The assemblymen want to annul that law while those who oppose the assembly scheme hold that the law should be observed both in spirit and in letter.

When standpat papers like the Oregonian attack Bourne for upholding the direct primary and popular legislation they only pour water on his wheel. He could want nothing better than to be made the champion of these measures. He will win out as long as he upholds them as he has done while other prominent republicans lack the sagacity to do so.

But there is nothing to the charge that Bourne is the big issue in this election. His term does not expire for two years and whether or not he is to succeed himself cannot be determined at the coming election. That matter will be determined two years from now when, if he wishes a reelection, he will have to ask for the popular endorsement at the open primary and subsequently in the state election.

When machine republicans contend Bourne is an issue in the coming election they are merely trying to raise a dust to obscure the real situation. It is an old trick.

A GOOD DRY LAND CROP.

Local landowners who want to see values maintained and advanced will do well to try the raising of dry land alfalfa. It is now well known that alfalfa is not solely an irrigated crop. It may be raised in dry land sections also and is one of the best drouth resisting crops known.

In western Kansas which has a rainfall very similar to that of Umatilla county much alfalfa is being raised. In reply to an inquiry from the East Oregonian Prof. A. M. Ten Eyck of the Kansas experiment station said:

"There is perhaps no better dry-land farming crop for western Kansas than alfalfa. The crop is now being raised on the uplands of western Kansas the method of culture being to plant in rows and cultivate. By this method good crops of seed are produced. No very large crops of forage are secured, however, but the seed crop is a very paying one."

In an address which this same gentleman delivered at Hays, Kansas, on June 7 of this year, he spoke as follows regarding alfalfa raising:

"I believe that alfalfa will do more for western agriculture in the next 50 years than all the other crops which farmers may be able to grow in this region. The soil of western Kansas and of much of the western plains is usually rich in the mineral elements of plant-food, but as stated before, it is often lacking in humus, which becomes especially noticeable if the land has been farmed continuously to wheat for a few years. By growing alfalfa it is possible to increase the supply of humus in the soil, and the roots of the plant penetrating deep into the subsoil disintegrate and deepen the soil, and altogether greatly improve its texture, giving it greater capacity to absorb and hold water. The beneficial effect on the soil of growing alfalfa is only incidental to the rapid introduction of the crop throughout the west. The great value of the crop as a money-maker is the main factor which is introducing it into the agriculture of the central west. Where alfalfa can be successfully marketed or fed, no other crop grown in the west will yield so great a net profit per acre in a series of years."

Why not raise more dry land alfalfa in Umatilla county?

Senator Gore's charges of attempted bribery in connection with the sale of Choctaw lands has brought forth denials from the accused men. But men who will attempt to bribe legislators will not hesitate to deny the fact.

Company L is now off to the encampment at American Lake and the boys who went with that command will have a good vacation and incidentally learn something about war maneuvers.

Between forest fires and premature hunters the grouse are finding out that the law does not protect them as it should.

THE MEANING.

One of the attaches of the American embassy at London tells a story wherein Michael Joseph Barry, the poet who was appointed a police magistrate in Dublin, was the principal figure. There was brought before him an Irish-American, charged with suspicious conduct. The officer making the arrest stated, among other things, that the culprit was wearing a "republican hat." "Does your honor or know what that means?" was the inquiry put to the court by the accused lawyer. "It may be," suggested Barry, "that it means a hat without a crown." —Denver News.

HER REVENGE.

A little girl had been so very naughty that her mother found it necessary to shut her up in a dark closet—in that family the direct punishment for the worst offense. Fifteen minutes the door had been locked without a sound coming from behind it. Not a whimper, not a sniffle.

At last the stern but anxious parent unlocked the closet door and peered into the darkness. She could see nothing.

"What are you doing in there?" she cried.

And then a little voice piped from the blackness:

"I thipt on your new dress and I thipt on your new hat, and I'm waiting for more thipt to come to thipt on your new parasol!" —Philadelphia Times.

THE CORRECT SOLUTION.

Mother—Never tell a secret dear. It would be a great breach of confidence.

Daughter—What must I do with it, mamma?

Mother—Well—bring it to me!—St. Louis Times.

Little Dorothy had gone to church alone and when asked to repeat the text, she said:

"Don't get scared, you'll get your quilt."

The mother happened to meet the minister a few days later and told him what her daughter said his text had been.

"Well," he replied, "she had the idea in other words. The text was 'Fear not, for I will send you a Comforter.'" —

AN HISTORIC BLUNDER.

In 1876 Horatio Seymour declined a sixth nomination for governor, and four years afterward there was every reason to believe that it was only his own unwillingness which prevented his receiving a second presidential nomination. In the epoch immediately prior to, and for some years after 1876, his name had only one political compeer in the Empire state—that of Samuel J. Tilden.—Buffalo Times.

If Seymour instead of Hancock had been nominated in 1880, the improvement would have been immense, and Seymour probably would have been elected. This state was the deciding factor in the electoral college, and Seymour could have carried it easily against Garfield, whose plurality over Hancock, who had no particular popularity here, was only 25,000. But there was only one man to nominate in 1880, and he should have been named with unanimity and enthusiasm. We refer to the greatest statesman of that time, Samuel J. Tilden, who was elected and defeated of the presidency four years before. The failure to do this was one of the grossest blunders a democratic national convention ever committed, for its stupidity deprived the party of an irresistible issue that would have swept through the American love of fair play.—Troy (N. Y.) Press.

THE "MARSEILLAISE."

In the reign of terror under Freron and Barras—when hundreds of victims were carved by the guillotine, and the people rose against the aristocracy, was born the hymn of France, composed by Rouget de Lisle. He was an officer of engineers, and at a banquet was asked to compose a war-song. He wrote in his room that night before going to bed, and the next morning his hostess, the wife of the mayor of Strasburg, tried it on a piano, and in the afternoon the orchestra of the theater played it in the square of Strasburg, where it created much excitement and gathered many volunteers. Rouget called it a song for the Army of the Rhine, but subsequently it was sung by a regiment of volunteers, mostly assassins, who marched out of Marseilles to Paris, where it was appropriated by the capital and called the Hymn des Marseillais. But Joseph Rouget, the author, died in poverty. —Deshler Welch, in Harper's Magazine.

INGRATITUDE.

"You remember dat guy, Jim Burke," asked an irate Bowery denizen. "He's dat still dat's doin' time up der river—Sing Sing—biogly—ten years. Well, you know all I dose for dat stiff. When he was pinched didn't I put up der coin for der law-years? Didn't I pay der witness? Sure I did. De oder day I pinks I'll just go an' see dat mutt just I leave him know his friend's ain't tied de can on 'im. So I drives out to d' jail and goes into d' warden's office and he says I gotta send me card in. Me card! D' ye get dat? Well, anyway, I writes me name on a piece o' paper an' a guy takes it into Jim Burke, an'

what d' you tink dat stiff tells dat way to tell me?"

"I've no idea," said the listener. "He tells him," concluded the angry one, "t' tell me dat he ain't in!" —From Success Magazine.

WANTED MORE.

A hypochondriac friend of a Nantasket Maine, who was visiting the latter's place on the coast of Massachusetts, imagined that he was deriving some benefit by reason of the seawater he was drinking.

One-day, as the two strolled along the beach, the hypochondriac said to his friend:

"Dick, this seawater is really helping my dyspepsia. I've already taken two glasses of it this morning. Do you think I might take a third?"

"Well," returned the friend, with a gravity equal to that of his friend, "I don't think a third would be missed. Tom."—August Lippincott's.

THE USUAL WAY.

While passing a building that was in the course of construction an Irishman was hit on the head by a brick which fell from one of the upper stories. He was taken home and put to bed and for days was seriously ill, suffering severe pain. He employed a lawyer to collect damages, and it was such a clear case of negligence on the part of the contractors that

they settled with the lawyer for \$500 without going to court.

The lawyer then went to the Irishman's house and was shown to the sick room.

"Well, Pat," he said, "I have good news for you. The contractors have settled for your injury. I got \$500 from them. Here's \$50 for you."

Pat stared at him through his bandages.

"What do you mean by saying '\$50 for me?'"

"Why, that's your share. I get the rest for lawyer's fees and expenses."

"Say," yelled Pat, rising up on his elbow, "who got hit with the brick anyway?"

"Money! Money! Money! Hodge—And how do you like being married, John?"

John—Don't like it at all.

Hodge—Why, what's the matter w' she, John?"

John—Well, first thing in the morning it's money; when I goes 'ome to my dinner it's money again, and at supper it's the same—nothing but money, money, money!

Hodge—Well, I never! What do she do w' all that money?"

John—I dunno, I ain't give her any yet.

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