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LURE OF WESTERN SEAS

Wind of the West, with your cadence sweet, And your croon of the deep-sea lands, You bid me go, and my restless feet Would stray to the distant strands. When the dusk of the night enshrouds the mart, And I hark to the ebb and flow Of the waste of sea, then with longing heart I'd go where the Cross hangs low. There's a ship in the bay with blistered sides, That has come from the lands afar; See! How she dips to the swell and rides With her nose to the harbor bar! Make way you lifeless sons of land, \*Who never sea can know— The old man calls, for he wants a hand— She's ready, and I must go!

KEEP OREGON IN THE LEAD.

In an editorial upon the subject "Popular Government" the Washington Herald of Washington, D. C., had the following reference to the direct election of senators and Oregon's plan of providing for the same. "Mr. Taft in one of his speeches in the last campaign, indicated, in a passing allusion to a then minor issue, that he looked with favor upon the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people. "It is an issue that every state in the Union must meet, and it has such important bearing upon popular government as a whole that it is decidedly national. "Many states, notably democratic states at the South—there are few democratic states elsewhere—choose their senators and their state officials as well by primary election. No state that has given a fair test to an honest primary law would voluntarily return to the convention system, with the dishonest machine practices which it invites and involves. "One state, and one state only—the republican state of Oregon—has attained a complete form of popular government that excludes corruption, has destroyed machine politics, and is immediately responsible to the people's will. Oregon, leading the way, occupies today a unique and enviable position in the family of states. The reform movement, begun some years ago, was stubbornly resisted, called socialistic in the extreme, and jeered at as impracticable and impossible of realization this side of the millennium. Now an accomplished fact, the state points to it with pride, and the country watches its successful operation with growing admiration. "But if the assemblyites have their way there will be little left of the Oregon system of electing senators by direct vote of the people. True the Portland assembly, out of policy did not openly denounce statement No. 1. Yet it is well known how the assembly supporters view the statement. They hate the direct election of senators. It means political reform and the average assemblyite looks upon political reform with the same favor the devil does holy water. That the influence of the assembly and the assemblyites is against the direct election of senators is fully shown by the fact that assembly candidates for the legislature are refusing to take statement No. 1. They are doing this in Umatilla county, in Multnomah county and elsewhere throughout the state. The election of assembly candidates to the legislature means that the principle of electing senators by direct vote will be sacrificed. Elect an assembly legislature and the first thing the members will do will be to hold a wake and dance with glee around the corpse of statement No. 1. If the people of Oregon want to see this state hold its place as a lead-

er in the matter of political progress then they will get ready to uphold the direct primary law in the coming primaries and election.

PLEASING THE PROGRESSIVES.

If reports are to be credited the administration is getting in shape for the fall elections. Just now the sails are being set to catch the progressive breeze. It is announced that from this time on the president is done with Aldrich and Cannon and that even Ballinger must go. This is startling and it naturally gives rise to the impression that the president has listened to the voice of the strenuous one. So there are many who rejoice. Yet after all does the announcement mean anything? Senator Aldrich has already declared his intention of retiring from the senate at the close of his present term. Speaker Cannon has always relied mostly upon his own resources or rather upon the resources of the interests he represents. He needs little from the president. As to Ballinger it has been generally believed for a long time that he will resign, when a favorable time comes. So it may be that all these things were going to transpire anyway and this has led the political generals to utilize the opportunity to curry favor with the progressives. It is inconceivable that the president is really going back upon his "standpat" friends. Could he snub Senator Aldrich whose tariff bill the president declared in his Winona speech to be the best bill ever passed? Will he really kick Ballinger out after having pronounced him blameless? Not likely, most people will say. It would be nearer right to say that the political press agent is at work and he is trying to please the progressive west and middle west. However we shall see what we shall see.

TWENTY ACRES ENOUGH.

It is said that Jasper Wilson, son of the secretary of agriculture, will come to the northwest to engage in farming. Also the story states that he will take but a 20 acre tract. He considers that enough for one man to farm. And 20 acres is enough for one man to farm if the land is suitable to close farming. A man who handles a 20 acre irrigated farm and works his place to the limit of its capacity will have all he can do. There are men who keep very busy and make excellent livelihoods for themselves and families from but ten acre tracts. So if Mr. Wilson Jr., wishes to engage in high grade agriculture he could no no better than to come to the northwest and secure a 20 acre ranch.

ALFALFA IS PROFITABLE.

Upon 200 acres of land near Hermiston the Newport company will produce 1000 tons of alfalfa this year, according to the East Oregonian's correspondent at Hermiston. This hay will be worth \$10,000 in the stack. Next year a crop of 1500 tons should be raised. It is estimated that the crop this year will net a profit of \$40 per acre or ten per cent interest upon an investment of \$400 per acre. Is not this an object lesson for landowners who have farms that may be watered by using the flood waters of the Umatilla? By irrigating their ranches with the flood waters they could raise an annual crop of alfalfa and so make interest on five times the present value of their land. Some day they are going to do it too.

Secretary Ballinger says the project extension is up to the army engineers. Very well. Here's hoping the army men will know a good project when they see it.

Wonder if the people of the east get the same sort of "dope" that is now coming westward?

If this weather keeps up long it will not be long until jokes about the coal trust will be in order. Umatilla county has no forest fires. But we burn a thresher or a grain field occasionally. This is the day the grouse suffer.

THE PERFECT MAN.

There is a man who never drinks Nor smokes, nor chews, nor swears; Who never gambles, never flirts And shuns all sinful snares— He's paralyzed. There is a man who never does Anything that is not right; His wife can tell just where he is At morning, noon and night— He's dead. "What is an angel, mother?" asked a six-year-old. "Why, dear, it is a beautiful lady with wings, who flies. But why do you ask?" "Because I heard father call my governess an angel," replied the little boy. "Oh!" said the mother. "Well, dear, you watch her, and you'll see her fly tomorrow." "I saw your wife on the street yesterday." "Did you see her gold teeth?"

"No, she had her mouth closed." "Then it wasn't my wife." NEEDED A VACATION.

"My, what are the folks in our church getting up a subscription for?" "To send our minister on a vacation to Europe this summer." "Won't there be no church services while he's gone?" "No, dear." "Ma, I got \$1.33 in my bank. Can I give that?"—Cleveland Leader.

One morning Jenkins looked over his garden wall and said to his neighbor: "Hey, what are you burying in that hole?" "Oh, he said, 'I'm just replanting some of my seeds; that's all.' "Seeds?" shouted Jenkins, angrily. "It looks more like one of my hens." "That's all right. The seeds are inside."—Christian Work and Evangelist.

COLOR OF HER HOUSE.

"Children," said the teacher, "after a house is built paint is put on, primarily to protect it from the elements of the weather, and secondarily to beautify the structure by its color. "Now Mary, what is the color of your house?" "Black, ma'am." "Black? Was that sombre color your father's idea?" "No, ma'am." "Your mother's?" "No, ma'am." "Surely, it wasn't of the children's choosing?" "Oh, no ma'am." "Then whose idea was it?" "Nobody's. We live next door to a soft coal factory."

An old negro was accustomed to pray in a loud voice each night. "Oh, Lord, please come, take po' old Pete home." Some mischievous boys thought that they would frighten him. Just as he ended his prayer one night they dragged a heavy log across the loose boards of his porch floor. "Who dat?" in a scared voice from Peter. "De Lord come to take po' Peter home," answered one of the boys in a mournful voice. "Peter don't live h'yar. He been moved three weeks," answered poor old Peter excitedly as he blew out the candle.

A Hint to Merchants.

One step won't take you very far You've got to keep on walking; One word won't tell folks who you are, You've got to keep on talking.

One inch won't make you very tall, You've got to keep on growing, One little ad won't do it all, You've got to keep them going.

A QUESTION OF IDENTITY.

A question in a recent examination on "The Merchant of Venice," in the Evansville High school, was: "Give three reasons why Shylock hated Antonio." One little girl wrote as one of her reasons: "Shylock hated Antonio because he was a republican." The teacher was puzzled. Where could the child have gotten that idea? Then she remembered that Shylock once said of Antonio, "How like a fawning publican he looks!" A friend of mine had just returned from an extended southern trip. "How did they treat you in New Orleans?" I inquired. "All the time," he replied, smacking his lips reminisciently. A witness in a railroad case, asked to tell in his own way how the accident happened, said: "Well, Ole and I was walking down the track and the train went by, and I got back on the track, and I didn't see Ole; but I walked along and pretty soon I seen Ole's hat, and I walked on, and seen one of Ole's legs, and then one side of Ole's head, and I says, 'Good heavens! Something must-er happened to Ole!'"

S. S. S. DRIVES OUT BLOOD HUMORS

When we see persons with soft, smooth skins we know at once that their blood is pure and healthy, that the cuticle is being sufficiently and properly nourished by the circulation. But when the blood becomes infected with any unhealthy humor the effect is shown by eruptions, boils, pimples, or some more definitely marked skin disease such as Eczema, Acne, Tetter, etc. Humors get into the blood usually, because of a sluggish condition of those members whose duty it is to collect and carry off the waste and refuse matter of the system. This unhealthy matter, left in the system, sours and ferments and is soon absorbed into the circulation, filling the blood with an irritating humor. Remove these humors and the skin disease can not exist, because its very cause is then destroyed. S. S. S. cures all humors of the blood because it is the greatest of all blood purifiers. It cleanses the blood of every particle of unhealthy matter, enriches the circulation and causes it to supply healthful nourishment to all skin tissues. Then the skin becomes soft and clear. Local applications can not cure, they can only soothe by temporarily reducing the inflammation, but the cause remains in the circulation and the eruption will be no nearer well when the external treatment is left off. The humors must be removed and nothing equals S. S. S. for this purpose. Pure blood makes healthy skins and S. S. S. makes pure blood. Book on Skin Diseases free to all who write and request it. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

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BALLOON RACE AT THE 1909 FAIR.

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