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WANDERLUST.

Have you ever felt the wanderlust, the call of open places?
 For the grim and ice-packed coast lines topped by everlasting snow,
 When the rushing of the north wind where the white-capped comber races,
 Drives the heaving, groaning timbers o'er the racing seas below?
 Have you ever felt the tropics calling, calling 'neath the moonlight?
 When nectar-scented, drowsy-sweet, the vagrant land breeze blows,
 And the stars seem flashing jewels in the sable dome above you
 As the rising sun at dawn tints the eastern sky with rose?
 From the Northland where the were wolf howls across the frozen silence,
 From the Southland, where the jungle breathes beneath a molten sky,
 Comes the call of open places on the four strong winds of heaven,
 Comes the song of the free rovers as the reeling ships go by.
 —Henry Stuart Dudley in Outlook.

THEY ARE LOCAL QUESTIONS.

The folly of trying to settle questions pertaining to county division by submitting them to vote of the people of the state is strikingly shown in connection with the move to annex portions of Clackamas and Washington counties to Multnomah.

Some people living in Clackamas and Washington counties have drafted bills for annexation to Multnomah, and those initiative bills will be voted on at the general election. Yet Multnomah county does not want that territory and for very good reasons.

In Tuesday's issue of the Oregonian the proposition to add portions of Clackamas and Washington counties to Multnomah was classed as a "Menace to Portland."

"Rather than made larger, Multnomah county should be made smaller. One government for both county and city should suffice, instead of one for each," says the Oregonian. "It would be much cheaper for taxpayers. This has not been done hitherto because the county is too large."

"Yet schemes have been started for nearly tripling the area of Multnomah by annexing to it big slices of Clackamas and Washington. The purpose behind these schemes is taxation of Portland for roadbuilding in country districts. This county, however, is unable to provide all the road improvements needed in its present area. Then how much more impossible the problem after annexation?"

"If these Washington and Clackamas county slices expect to tax Portland for their roads, why should they alone enjoy this privilege? Just as logical to make the whole state one road district, grabbing road taxes from this city."

"These annexations, if carried, will make impossible the future consolidation of city and county governments—a union which would be obviously cheaper for taxpayers and would reduce the number of political jobs."

chard county scheme calls for the creation of a new county of much territory that wants to stay in Umatilla. The towns of Weston and Athena oppose division. In fact the greater portion of the proposed new county is against division.

There is but one way to deal with the county division bills now on the ballot. They should be voted down—everyone of them.

ENTERTAIN THESE VISITORS.

People are now gathering here for one of the most important conventions held in Pendleton during the year. It is the annual meeting of the Oregon synod of the Presbyterian church and something like 100 ministers and laymen are to be in attendance. They are men of personal intelligence and high character and by reason of the work they do are of much influence throughout the state.

For these reasons and because of the excellent purpose that brings them together at this time they are entitled to treatment as distinguished visitors.

Under the auspices of the Commercial club a committee is now at work organizing an auto trip to the Presbyterian mission Sunday. A special service is to be held at the mission for their benefit and upon the trip the visitors will be jointly the guests of the Commercial club and of the churchmen at the mission.

In striving to make the meeting of the synod pleasant for those who are here local people are merely following a general policy Pendleton adopted many months ago.

Pendleton is the convention city of eastern Oregon and we want it to maintain its reputation as such. Pendleton has made many friends and boosters through the manner in which it entertained such conventions as the state woolgrowers, the Knights of Pythias, the state bankers, inland empire teachers' association and other meetings. Those gatherings were accommodated and entertained after the manner which local people considered would be most pleasing to the visitors.

In this same spirit and with the same end in view let us see that the Presbyterians enjoy their visit in the city.

There are stories out to the effect that if the republican party becomes insurgent the financial interests will back a conservative democrat like Harmon or Woodrow Wilson for president. Very likely. Plutocracy does not care for party names—excepting when it resorts to the plea of partisanship to serve its own purpose.

Pendleton is in the limelight for sure these days. Aside from the Round-up we have had a riot at the depot, a fatal auto accident, a "very successful daylight" robbery and other events of current interest.

If Manuel cannot find anything else to do he might go upon the vaudeville stage.

Apparently there are some war correspondents covering the Minnesota fire.

West and Bowerman are now out upon their big cross state relay race.

State elections only occur biennially—but that is often enough.

Battling Nelson seems to have come back—upon a small scale.

Have you read all of the voters pamphlet?

CALL OF THE HILLS.

The hills are callin' 'way off—all green, and gold and blue,
 And you want to take a day off, for ye hear 'em callin' you!

Heaven listens—listens,
 And hears the world's heart beat;
 Rest after toiling—
 Rest time is sweet!

Far, faint, tender voices of valleys and of streams;
 By the hills of Autumn gather gold of dreams.

Heaven listens—listens—
 Hear's the world's heart beat;
 Rest after toiling—
 Rest time is sweet!

—Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution.

HERE AND NOW.

Here, in the heart of the world,
 Here, in the noise and the din,
 Here, where our spirits were hurled
 To battle with sorrow and sin.
 This is the place and the spot
 For knowledge of infinite things;
 This is the kingdom where Thought
 Can conquer the prowess of kings.

Wait for no heavenly life,
 Seek for no temple alone;
 Here, in the midst of the strife,
 Know what the sages have known.
 See what the Perfect One saw—
 God in the depth of each soul,
 God as the light and the law,
 God as beginning and goal.

Earth is one chamber of Heaven,
 Death is no grander than birth,
 Joy in the lift that was given,
 Strive for perfection on earth.
 Here, in the turmoil and roar,
 Show what it is to be calm;
 Show how the spirit can soar
 And 'brink back its healing and balm.

Stand not aloof nor apart,
 Plunge in the thick of the fight,
 There in the street and the mart,
 There is the place to do right.
 Not in some cloister or cave,
 Not in some kingdom above,
 Here, on this side of the grave,
 Here, should we labor and love.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

A SAD SOLILOQUY.

I am the dove of peace, I am,
 I am the dove of peace;
 But if they think so much of me,
 Why don't these discords cease?
 I coo my sweet, pacific song,
 I beg men's harmony,
 And yet in turmoil of their hates
 They will not list to me.

They hold conventions in my cause,
 And bid the world to come;
 And while to nations all my good
 And then each with the other vies
 To biggest warships build,
 And would secure the latest arms
 In warlike science skilled.

I am the dove of peace, I am,
 I am the dove of peace;
 But much I fear me in the count,
 My boasted swans are geese;
 Indeed, I fear the poet wise
 Was very nearly right
 Who said eternal in man's breast
 Sprang hope to see a fight.
 —Baltimore American.

THE MARCH.

I, who was very weary, turn again
 To face the journey of the winding day,
 To take my place amid the march of men
 And be brave as they.

To soil—to dare—to battle—to rejoice
 Until night again yields us resting place;
 And yet I have not heard my Captain's voice
 Nor even seen his face.

Nor do I know wherefore we strive
 Or when
 The strife shall end. I only know
 Each day
 I take my place amid the march of men
 And listen—and obey.—Theodosia Garrison.

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 And goin' left and right;
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The valleys—lookin' lively at Prosperity's commands,
 And the mountains—as in old days—are "a-clappin'" of their hands."

Oh, we're up with the light,
 And goin' left and right;
 We're in the world to gather
 All the glory that's in sight!
 —Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

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A MERCENARY NOVELIST.
 A New York editor, at the Century club, told a story about Robert W. Chambers, the novelist.

"Chambers was one summer," he said, "to Sunapee with his brother. At the Ban Mere inn the aristocratic old ladies in rocking chairs, seated on the cool piazza that overlooked the lake, were very much stirred up by Mr. Chambers' arrival. Whenever he approached they gathered about him and talked books.

"Chambers was always ready for them. He had always on his lips some witty saying to double them up. "Oh, Mr. Chambers," cried an old lady one day, "I admire 'Lorraine' so much! I've read it eight times!" "Madame," answered Chambers with a bow, "I would rather hear you say you'd bought eight copies."—Washington Star.

ON CHICAGO.

Dr. Heinrich C. D. Hirsch, the Viennese conductor, said the other day that New York's musical taste was much better cultivated than Chicago's. "A New York and a Chicago girl," he went on, "met at the seashore. In the twilight, while the sky flamed pink in the sunset on the terrace, the New York girl said to the Chicago girl:

"Do you like fugues?"
 "The Chicago girl sighed and answered wistfully:
 "'No, but I adore clams.'"
 Watch Bob Glenn Smith's smoke when he gets afire.

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