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And in the wassail that suspends
 All matters burthensome,
 We'll drink a health to good old friends,
 And good friends yet to come.
 But first, before our mentor chimes
 The hour of jubilee,
 Let's drink a health to good old times,
 And good times yet to be!

And you, oh, friends, from West and East,
 And other foreign parts,
 Come share the rapture of our feast,
 The love of loyal hearts.
 —Anonymous.

A VERY FOOLISH MAIL.

It is amusing and yet distressing to listen to the howls of disappointment issuing forth from Baker City over the selection of Pendleton as a location for the branch asylum. The Bakerites are fearful soreheads and they are making a wretched spectacle of themselves by their attacks on Acting Governor Bowerman.

The branch asylum was located upon its merits. As between Baker and Pendleton as prospective locations for this institution there is simply no comparison. Because of its geographical location this place was clearly entitled to the asylum. Pendleton is centrally located; Baker is not. The latter city is in one corner of the state and is more allied with Idaho than with eastern Oregon.

By locating the asylum here instead of at Baker the state board saves the taxpayers of Oregon thousands and thousands of dollars. Had the institution been located at Baker all the patients taken there from Salem and by far the greater portion of the new inmates would have to be taken through this city. Now the railroad fare from Pendleton to Baker, exclusive of Pullman or diner charges, is \$3.75. So it would cost the state just that much more every time an inmate was taken to Baker. Figuring upon this basis the cost of transporting the initial 500 patients from Salem to Baker would alone amount to \$2250 more than it will cost the state to bring those people here. As it is the intention to transfer patients from one hospital to the other, when conditions justify, it may easily be seen why the new institution was located here rather than at Baker.

Figuring upon a cold financial basis this is clearly the logical place for the branch asylum. Pendleton gets the branch asylum for the same reason it secured the headquarters for the eastern Oregon federal court and for the same reason that the state supreme court holds its eastern Oregon sessions here. This is the central, the convenient and the economical place.

But aside from this Pendleton had other attractions as a location for the branch insane hospital. As Governor Bowerman has pointed out this place has a superior climate and a more satisfactory altitude. We also had a splendid site. The Oliver place is one of the finest ranches in eastern Oregon and it is located close in. It is admirably adapted for the purpose for which it has been purchased. Incidentally it was offered the state at a lower price than were the Baker or Union locations.

Under the circumstances Baker has no just complaint to register. The plea that it was located here for political reasons is cheap and silly. The longer and the louder they wail the worse it will be for the Bakerites.

NO DISCORD WANTED.

At the Commercial association rooms tomorrow night the stockholders of the Roundup will meet for the important purpose of selecting a site for a permanent grounds for the big frontier show. Contrary to impressions that prevail the permanent site for the Round-up has not yet been chosen. Some recommendations have

been made, but that is all. The stockholders must vote upon the proposition in order to settle it finally. At this time the East Oregonian wishes to repeat a suggestion that it made some time ago. When the stockholders meet tomorrow night complete data relative to the cost and the advantages of each site offered should be at hand. In order for the stockholders to judge in a business-like manner as to what should be done they should first be furnished with complete and reliable information. They will then know what to do and they can vote intelligently.

It is of great importance that out of the selection of a site there shall grow no serious discord within the ranks of the Round-up workers and boosters. It is important that the fine spirit of local patriotism that has prevailed thus far shall be continued. While engaged in selecting a site for the Round-up we must not lose our sense of proportion. The success of the Round-up and the welfare of this city are the things we are after. The selection of a site for the show is a mere detail. Stockholders should go into the meeting tomorrow with a determination to back the Round-up, heart and soul, no matter which site wins out. After the will of the majority has been expressed the site will then become the choice of all and everybody should shout "Let'er buck."

WATCH OUR NEW SYSTEM.

Yesterday the East Oregonian published a personal communication from George R. Roberts bearing upon the liquor question. Mr. Roberts has just returned from Iowa and he gives us the benefit of some of his experience there.

However, there are some things Mr. Roberts did not explain. He does not show why Iowa, after a period of prohibition, returned to a licensed saloon system under the present policy of close regulation that obtains there.

From numerous other sources however we have it that the people of Iowa grew tired of prohibition for the same reason they tired of it in Umatilla county. Prohibition did not prohibit, but instead led to illicit business and to the promotion of a "mail order" liquor trade.

USE THE WATER HERE.

If the United States government does not wish to proceed with the extension of the Umatilla project then people owning land in this vicinity should get busy and use the water that now flows to the sea.

In the vicinity of Pendleton there are easily 100,000 acres of dry farming land needing irrigation. Much of this may be irrigated through use of the flood waters of the Umatilla and tributary streams.

If the government does not use the water upon which it has a blanket filing it cannot expect to hold its rights. What we lose through the failure of the government to order the extension of the project we may gain in another direction.

Pendleton gets some fine advertising out of Acting Governor Bowerman's explanation as to why this place was selected for the branch asylum site. Doubtless the Bakerites now wish they had kept still.

Now let us do about 15 miles of paving during the coming summer. Pendleton needs it.

From the way they talk the Bakerites must have had some scheme that "went a'gley." Too bad.

Union county still has Hot Lake. That should be enough for those fellows, anyway.

The saloon transformation is on.

All good things come to Pendleton.

CHINAMAN'S SENSE OF HUMOR

The reporter asked Frederick S. Isham the popular novelist, who is such an indefatigable globetrotter, whether the oriental has a sense of humor. "Well, I should smile," said the writer of tales. Then he told one. "It happened at Honolulu, where we were allowed 24 hours ashore, the last time I crossed the Pacific. "Better lockee stateroom door when leavee boat?" suggested my Chinese servant.

"Lock the door!" said I. "You mean my belongings aren't safe on this ship unless the door is fastened? Non-sense!" "Better lockee," he replied. "But why?" "Maybe missionary ladies come aboard. Plenty missionaryes here!" —New York Tribune.

MARK TWAIN AND THE SLIPPERS

In 1889 Mark Twain wrote to Elsie Leslie Lyde, who was playing Little Lord Fauntleroy, the following:

"Dear Elsie:—The way of it was this: Away last spring, G. H. H. and I pooled intellects on this proposition: to get up a pleasant surprise of some kind for you against your next visit —the surprise to take the form of a tasteful and beautiful testimonial of some sort or other, which should express somewhat of the love we felt for you. Together we hit upon just the right thing—a pair of slippers. Either one of us could have thought of a single slipper, but it took both of us to think of two slippers. In fact one of us did think of one slipper, and then, quick as a flash, the other thought of the other slipper. It shows how wonderful the human mind is. It is really paleontological; you give one mind a bone, and the other one instantly divines the rest of the mind.

"Gillette embroidered his slipper with astonishing facility and splendor, but I have been a long time pulling through with mine. You see, it was my very first attempt in art, and I couldn't rightly get the hang of it along at first. And then I was so busy that I couldn't get a chance to work at it at home, and they wouldn't let me embroider on the cars; they said it made the other passengers afraid. They didn't like the light that flared into my eyes when I had an inspiration. And even the most fair-minded people doubted me when I explained what it was I was making—especially brakemen. Brakemen always swore at it, and carried on, the way ignorant people do, about art. They wouldn't take my word that it was a slipper; they said they believed it was a snowshoe that had some kind of a disease.

"But I have pulled through, and within twenty-four hours of the time I told you I would—day before yesterday. There ought to be a key to the designs, but I haven't had time to get one up.

"Take the slippers and wear them next your heart, Elsie dear, for every stitch in them is a testimony of the affection which two of your loyalest friends bear you. Every single stitch cost us blood. I've got twice as many pores in me now as I used to have; and you never would believe how many places you can stick a needle into yourself until you go into the embroidery line and devote yourself to art.

"Do not wear these slippers in public, dear; it would only excite envy; and, as like as not, somebody would try to shoot you."

A RETURN IN KIND.

Mark Twain once asked a neighbor if he might borrow a set of his books. The neighbor replied, ungraciously, that he was welcome to read them in his library, but he had a rule never to let his books leave his house. Some weeks later the same neighbor sent over to ask for the loan of Mark Twain's lawn-mower.

"Certainly," said Mark, "but since I make it a rule never to let it leave my lawn you will be obliged to use it there."

December 29 in History.

- 1674—The French gained a victory over the Germans at the battle of Mulhausen.
- 1794—The town of Grave, considered a masterpiece of fortification, surrendered to the French, under Pichegru, after a blockade of two months.
- 1804—English ships captured a Spanish vessel with \$200,000 and a valuable cargo of indigo.
- 1854—Prussia decided to open its coasting trade to England.
- 1860—John B. Floyd, secretary of war, resigned.
- 1862—The Confederates at Vicksburg attacked General Sherman with their whole force and drove him back to the first lines of defense.
- 1864—Hood's army crossed the Tennessee river, thus ending the Tennessee campaign.
- 1864—The Paurex government of Mexico offered a large bounty to volunteers from other countries who would enter its service.
- 1868—Mosby Clark, an old revolutionary soldier, died at Richmond, Va., at the age of 121 years.
- 1874—Alfonso XII proclaimed King of Spain.
- 1877—The President and Mrs. Hayes celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in the White House.
- 1884—Earthquake shocks experienced in Austria, Spain and other portions of Europe.
- 1904—Lord Roberts shocked England by declaring British army unfit to engage in war with any modern power; points out deficiencies and tells what army needs.
- 1907—Flood of messages from the powers offering sympathy to Italy's victims of Messina disaster.

Consul Julian H. Arnold reports that wealthy Chinese at Amoy are getting interested in Philippine hard woods for interior work in large new residences. One of this class, about to erect a \$100,000 residence, seems decided on using Philippine woods.

The journey from Buenos Aires to Topiza, Bolivia, can now be made in about four days, sixty-eight hours from Buenos Aires to La Quiaca, on the Bolivian frontier, by rail, and from one to one and a half days from La Quiaca to Topiza by carriage.

Utterly Wretched

Nervous Prostration Long Endured Before Remedy was Found. Miss Minerva Reminger, Upper Bern, Pa., writes: "For several years I had nervous prostration, and was utterly wretched. I lived on bread and beef tea because my stomach would not retain anything else. I took many remedies, but obtained no relief until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, when I began to gain at once. Am now cured."

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MARK TWAIN'S MARRIAGE.

Mark Twain had an especial reason for going to Elmira. On the Quaker City he had met a young man by the name of Charles Langdon, and one day in the bay of Smyrna had seen a miniature of the boy's sister, Olivia Langdon, then a girl of about twenty-two. He fell in love with that picture and still more deeply in love with the original when he met her in New York on his return. The Langdon home was in Elmira, and it was for this reason that he frequently sojourned there. When the proofs of The Innocents Abroad were sent to him he took them along, and he and gentle, sweet "Livy" Langdon read them together. What he lacked in those days in literary delicacy she detected, and together they pruned it away. She became his editor that winter—a position which she held until her death.

A check from his publishers for more than four thousand dollars, royalty accumulated during the three months preceding. The sales soon amounted to more than fifty thousand copies and had increased to very nearly one hundred thousand at the end of the first three years. That was forty years ago. It was a book of travel; its lowest price \$3.50. Even with our increased reading population no such sale is found for a book of that description today. And The Innocents Abroad holds its place—still outsells every other book in its particular field.

Consul Fleming reports from Yarmouth that a Norwegian schooner loaded 1000 tons of iron ore at Port Wade, Nova Scotia, early in December for the United States. This is about the first large shipment from this newly developed mine.

There is an old-time toast which is golden for its beauty. "When you ascend the hill of prosperity may you not meet a friend."

Do You Feel This Way?

Do you feel all tired out? Do you sometimes think you just can't work away at your profession or trade any longer? Do you have a poor appetite, and lay awake at nights unable to sleep? Are your nerves all gone, and your stomach too? Has ambition to forge ahead in the world left you? If so, you might as well put a stop to your misery. You can do it if you will. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will make you a different individual. It will set your lazy liver to work. It will set things right in your stomach, and your appetite will come back. It will purify your blood. If there is any tendency in your family toward consumption, it will keep that dread destroyer away. Even after consumption has almost gained a foothold in the form of a lingering cough, bronchitis, or bleeding at the lungs, it will bring about a cure in 98 per cent. of all cases. It is a remedy prepared by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., whose advice is given free to all who wish to write him. His great success has come from his wide experience and varied practice. Don't be wheedled by a penny-grabbing dealer into taking inferior substitutes for Dr. Pierce's medicines, recommended to be "just as good." Dr. Pierce's medicines are of known composition. Their every ingredient printed on their wrappers. Made from roots without alcohol. Contain no habit-forming drugs. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

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