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**OPEN THE DOOR.**

Open the door, let in the air;  
The winds are sweet, and the flowers are fair,  
Joy is abroad in the world today;  
If our door is wide it may come this way.  
Open the door!

Open the door, let in the sun;  
He hath a smile for every one;  
He hath made of the raindrops gold and gems;  
He may change our tears and diadems.  
Open the door!

Open the door of the soul; let in  
Strong, pure thoughts which shall banish sin;  
They shall grow and bloom with a grace divine  
And their fruit shall be sweeter than that of the vine.  
Open the door!

Open the door of the heart; let in  
Sympathy sweet for stranger and kin,  
It will make the halls of the heart so fair  
That angels may enter unaware.  
Open the door!  
—British Weekly.

**DON'T OVERRATE IT.**

Trying to calm the ruffled spirits of the Baker people and to console them for their failure to land the branch asylum the Oregonian says Bakerites need not sit in sack cloth and ashes. The branch asylum will not be as great a boon as people suppose. The getting of the asylum would not have made Baker nor will their failure to land the institution cause that town to go into bankruptcy.

There is truth in this and it is truth that has even a better application to Pendleton than at Baker. If there are local people who imagine Pendleton's future is now secure, simply because a state institution will be located here, they should get over that impression at once. If too many people get such an idea as that into their heads then the branch asylum will prove a curse and not a blessing.

The branch asylum will be a good thing for Pendleton, it is true. But it will not make a vast difference in local business for the simple reason that practically all the supplies for the institution will be purchased wholesale, not locally. In the view of the East Oregonian the chief benefits that we will derive from the branch asylum will be in the nature of indirect benefits.

For instance the asylum will make certain the early improvement of our water system. We are now in line for a gravity water supply and that will be a good thing whether the branch asylum is a good thing or not. Obtain for Pendleton an abundant supply of good mountain water and the benefits that will result from that improvement will be marvelous.

Other improvements too will follow in the wake of the building of the branch asylum. Necessarily there will have to be good streets and roads leading to that institution. Jackson and Raley streets will have to be paved or macadamized and a good macadamized highway constructed from the end of Raley street down past the new institution. Betterments in that section will then call for betterments in other portions of the city and we will soon have better streets than at present.

A business uplift is due in Pendleton not merely because of the branch asylum but because of numerous other things as well. This uplift is already making itself felt. During the coming summer we will get our new federal building, we will probably erect a new high school building, because one is sorely needed, and there will be much doing in the way of street improvement.

But the branch asylum itself is not going to work any great transformation in Pendleton. We must have many other things along with the

new institution if we are going to make a real city out of this prosperous and bustling town.

**NOT FROM GRATITUDE.**

There are many who think that in locating the branch asylum in Pendleton Acting Governor Bowerman acted out of gratitude for having carried this county in the recent election. This idea is unjust to Mr. Bowerman. The facts show that while he carried this county by a margin of 117 votes over Governor-elect West, Mr. Bowerman did not run as well here as in either Baker or Union counties when his party's strength is taken into consideration.

In Umatilla county there is an enormous republican majority. As expressed by the registration it is something like 1500. In the November election the republican candidate for state school superintendent, though an assembly nominee, carried this county by 1183 votes. He carried Baker county by only 430 votes and Union county by 463 votes. In Baker county West had a lead of 265 over Bowerman and therefore the acting governor fell 695 votes behind his ticket. In Union county West led over Bowerman by 98 votes and therefore Mr. Bowerman was 561 votes behind his fellow candidates. In this county Bowerman led West by 117 votes yet he was still 1966 votes behind the ticket. So it may be seen that Mr. Bowerman owed nothing to Umatilla county upon the score of gratitude.

The proper explanation of Bowerman's action in favoring Pendleton as a site for the branch asylum is found in the fact that he honestly considered this the superior location for the institution. Pendleton was the natural and logical place for the branch asylum and Mr. Bowerman is entitled to credit for having acted with a view to the public welfare when he located it here. If politics figure in the selection of the asylum site such considerations were not allowed to interfere with the best interests of the state.

**THE SPOKANE ELECTION.**

In Spokane the advocates of the commission form of government have won out and it was a fine victory. The commission plan was bitterly opposed by most of the present city officials, for reasons that are apparent. It was also fought by the liquor interests because the commission plan fixes authority and responsibility for the enforcement of the laws controlling saloons. Other vested interests also fought the improvement. Yet there was such an overwhelming sentiment for the new charter that it won out despite the fight that was made against it. Much of the credit for the victory belongs to the Spokesman-Review which journal usually upholds the best interests of Spokane and in this case did so by fighting earnestly for the commission plan. Considerable credit for the adoption of the commission plan may also be given the women of Spokane for they generally favored the reform. However many women did not go to the polls.

The branch asylum site has been chosen and the question of the hour now is "Where is the Round-up to be held?" If you are a stockholder in the Round-up be out tonight and help settle this question. Settle it right and then get in and boost. After a site has been selected that site will then be the choice of all.

If some of our statesmen and editors who oppose the betterment of the navy were now in the Philippines they might reverse their views.

Mrs. Warner seems to have won out at last.

Only one more day.

**MOTHER LOVE.**

The late William James, Harvard's famous psychologist, would often illuminate a misty subject with an appropriate anecdote, says the Washington Star.

Discussing motherhood in a lecture on psychology, Professor James once said:

"A teacher asked a boy this question in fractions:

"Suppose that your mother baked an apple pie and there were seven of you—the parents and five children. What part of the pie would you get for your portion?"

"A sixth, ma'am," the boy answered.

"But there are seven of you," said the teacher. "Don't you know anything about fractions?"

"Yes, ma'am," said the boy, "I know all about fractions, but I know all about mother, too. Mother'd say she didn't want no pie."

The Canadian Pacific Railway promises to establish next spring a monthly line of steamers between Montreal and South America and another weekly line to the West Indies, Halifax and St. John, New Brunswick, will be the winter ports for the service. Ordinary steamers will be required for the South American service, but owing to peculiar conditions specially constructed steamers will be necessary on the West India line.

**PHRASES THAT MEAN MUCH.**

The phrase, "Mad as a hatter," really means as venomous as a viper. "Mad as a hatter" is simply a corruption of an ancient form, "Mad as a hatter, or adder." Mad in this case is generally synonymous with poisonous.

Until the day of aquariums it was a somewhat difficult matter to observe a live herring. It is a fish that dies instantly on being taken from its native element. Among fishermen first arose the expression, "Dead as a herring."

When we say a person is "Not worth his salt," we are using one of the oldest phrases in the English language. The expression has come down through the centuries from Roman days, says Scrap Book.

The origin of the phrase is the same as that of our word salary, both having come from the Latin salarium, or salt money.

The phrase, "He's a brick," originated from an eastern ruler, who, while visiting a neighboring principality, asked his host to show him his fortifications.

Waving his hand toward his troops which were drawn up in soldierly array, the prince said to his guest: "These are my fortifications; every man is a brick."

The word "scot-free" is a survival from ancient Anglo-Saxon. Scot in this sense comes from the old English word "scot," meaning a portion of tribute or taxation, and it is still in use in the Scandinavian languages to signify treasure. In modern English, however, it occurs in only two expressions, the legal phrase, "To pay scot and lot," and the ordinary word, "scot-free."

An official of the Smithsonian institution was speaking of the origin of some well-known phrases, and pointed to a small mounted bird. This bird was a French gray on the back, drab breast, black wings, and with a small but conspicuous white spot at the base of the tail.

"That is a wheatear," the official said. "It is very common in Scotland where it is known as the 'clacharan.' It is from this bird that we get the expression, 'showing the white feather.' You will notice the location of the only white feather on its body—they can be seen only when the bird is flying away from you."

The phrase, "When you are in Rome, do as the Romans do," is traced to a saying of St. Ambrose. He was once consulted by a woman who asked him whether or not it was right to feast on Saturday in Milan, since in Rome the day was held as a fast day, and as such, strictly observed.

The saint could do no better than to give her the advice which he followed himself: "for," he said, "when I go to Rome, I fast on Saturday as they do in Rome, but when I am here I do not fast." The good saint might have justified himself with St. Paul's decision on a similar point.—Brooklyn Eagle.

**DINKY REASONS.**

(Ohio State Journal.)

It is well, when a man makes up his mind on any matter, to inquire a second time, to see if some of his reasons are not dinky reasons; that is, little, trifling, temperamental reasons that are quite apart from the deep and lasting truth involved in the subject.

We often judge events and propositions from the standpoint of convenience, prejudice, mere taste or personal association. That practice is fatal to the truth. A man will make up his mind on the most trivial circumstance and direct his whole life by it. No wonder there is so much disappointment and complaining; no wonder so much gloom and pessimism.

Every man, if he looks out, will find great headlands of truth to steer his craft by. There he should discover that he may be directed aright. They are always there if he looks. They are at the compass and the North Star, which if one does not find, he will be apt to stray into the jungle and desert and be lost.

The point is a practical one—whatever opinion a man may have on any subject, let him feel that he is in honor bound to see that the foundations of that belief are deep laid and firm. A man's faith is regarded of too little consequence, and that is the reason why much of it is so poor.

**A GOOD ALLIGATOR.**

"I came down to see the baptizing," said the stranger, "but there seems to be some sort of secular celebration—some folks fishing and others paddling around in boats. I don't quite understand it."

"It's easy explained," said the man who was preparing to enter the boat. "A baptism was intended for today, but while the parson was giving the millpond a try-out yesterday—to locate a good, hard bottom, a most irreligious, hungry alligator swallowed him whole, and the folks who see fishin' an' paddlin' round air a-tryin' to find him."

"Who, the parson?"

"No; the alligator with the parson in him. For that alligator is now worth good money. To have swallowed six foot of preacher he must be a whopper, and the circus men have offered \$40 for him!"

Galman, in Territory of Chubut, has just been declared a municipality the southernmost in Argentina. As such, many public improvements will be installed.

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**DIDN'T SEE SNAKES.**

In the older days of the medical profession, when trained nurses were not, as they are today, equal to any emergency which arises in the sick room, a man too much addicted to liquor was taken to a hospital suffering from an aggravating case of delirium tremens. He was placed in charge of a physician who prescribed the usual remedies.

"Now, nurse," said the physician as he left her in charge, "if the patient sees snakes again give him a dose of this medicine. I shall be in again at 6 o'clock."

The hour for his return arrived. The physician once more visited the sick patient and found him raving. He had been so, said the nurse, for hours.

"And did you give him the medicine?" inquired the puzzled doctor.

The nurse shook her head.

"But didn't I tell you to give it to him if he saw snakes again?" demanded the physician.

"But he didn't say he saw snakes this time, doctor," replied the nurse confidently. "He said he saw red, white and blue turkeys, with straw hats on!"

A person who is always prying into your business is a bore.

**HORRORS OF WARFARE.**

In a certain camp a battalion was being instructed on "How to take a convoy through an open country." One company was told off to represent a convoy, the men being instructed that they were to represent horses, cows and wagons.

After being halted a short time the advance signal was given and the convoy moved on, but the major noticed that one man continued to lie down, and, galloping up to him in a rage, said: "Man, why don't you advance?"

The soldier replied: "I can't, sir."

Major—You can't? What do you mean?"

"I'm a wagon," said the soldier, "and I've got a wheel off."—Tit-Bits

"Daughter, has the duke told you, the old, old story as yet?"

"Yes; he says he owes about two hundred thousand plunks?"

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