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WHERE SKIES SHINE CLEAR
 We'll think, when comes the cheerless scene, and loud the blizzard blows,
 That summer'll make the melon green—give color to the rose.
 Then joy to all the weathers, Whatever robes they wear;
 We're going to the country, Where the skies shine clear.
 We'll smile at gray old winter—with all his stormy words;
 In dreams we hear the music of Spring's first mock-ingsbirds.
 Then, joy to all the weathers A wreath of Light they wear,
 We're going to the country, Where the skies shine clear.
 —Frank L. Stanton.

TARDY ASSISTANCE.

Portland papers and Portland people are just now manifesting great interest in the Umatilla project and its hoped for extension. They are sunk in woe because the government is not going to make the extension at this time. Various ways of protesting against the slight shown Oregon are being considered, though most that is said and done is influenced by politics. One element seeks to fasten blame upon the Oregon senators. Another element says the congressmen are to blame because section nine of the reclamation law was stricken out in the house.

It is flattering that Portland takes so much interest in the Umatilla project all at once. A few months ago when local men were working earnestly to bring about the extension of the project the people of the metropolis took no such concern in our welfare. At that time Portland's aid would have been effective and it should have been given because our fight was Portland's fight also—if they had only realized it. Yet when our committeemen went to Portland to enlist the support of those people they found the Portlanders very wary. They said in effect they hoped our extension would be ordered yet they did not feel like endorsing it for fear they might by that act offend the people of Malheur or Klamath. So the fight for the extension of the Umatilla project was waged single handed by the people of Umatilla county and we lost.

In getting busy now the Portland people are showing tardy zeal. To the East Oregonian it looks like they are offering suggestions after the horse is dead. Yet possibly there are things about this matter we do not understand. Perhaps the extension is not hopelessly lost after all and the Portlanders know how to revive the enterprise. If so then "Let's buck."

IT IS ON TRIAL.

Pendleton is again under a licensed saloon system and if the laws are properly enforced by the city administration moral conditions will be improved over what they have been during the past two years. This will seem strange to many, yet it is a fact.

Sunday, the first day of the new year and of the operation of the home rule law, is said to have been the dullest Sabbath Pendleton has experienced in years. Why? Because the saloonmen were afraid to break

Years of Suffering

Cataract and Blood Disease—Doctors Failed to Cure.
 Miss Mabel F. Dawkins, 1214 Lafayette St., Fort Wayne, Ind., writes: "For three years I was troubled with cataract and blood disease. I tried several doctors and a dozen different remedies, but none of them did me any good. A friend told me of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I took two bottles of this medicine and was as well and strong as ever. I feel like a different person and recommend Hood's to any one suffering from cataract."
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the rules. Each man has paid \$1200 for a license and has provided a surety bond in the sum of \$2000 that he will not violate the law. It is worth while for him to be good and to take no chances.

For the same reason saloonmen will not keep their places open after 11 o'clock at night, they will refuse to sell liquor to Indians, minors, blacklisted men and to intoxicated persons. On the other hand the blind pigs knew no Sunday closing, and no laws against selling liquor to incompetents. The blind pigs were beyond the law.

However, it is too early yet to pronounce our new saloon system a success. The success of the system is contingent upon the enforcement of the ordinance. If the saloonmen are forced to obey the law in spirit and in letter all will be well. If the new ordinance is allowed to become a "dead letter" people will become disgusted indeed and they will take steps to make their feelings known.

In drafting the ordinance the officials were moved by a genuine desire to serve the public interest—not the saloonmen nor people interested indirectly in the saloon business. All will be well if this same spirit prevails when it comes to enforcing the law.

TOO MANY MARTYRS.

Is it necessary for the progress of aviation that so many bold men should be killed? Is it not a fact that aviation is becoming a sport for the entertainment of people who want to see stirring sights rather than a demonstration of the power of science over nature? That there should be some victims must be granted for the air cannot be conquered if people remain upon the ground. But it is not necessary for men to make dare devils of themselves merely to please an audience. When men do that and die they do not advance the cause of science. They may retard it. People like to regard such men as Hoxsey and Molissant as martyrs to the cause of progress. But it may be timely to question whether or not this view is correct.

COME TO PENDLETON.

While Denver and the middle west suffered from a blizzard and a temperature of 29 below zero on New Year's day, the thermometer at Pendleton did not go lower than 19 above on that occasion. At Portland on Christmas day a swimming contest in the Willamette river was held and many thousands stood in the open air and watched the event. Those who don't like the rigorous climate of the middle states or of the east should come to the Pacific coast. Before selecting a location they should read what Acting Governor Bowerman says about the merits of Pendleton.

There was irony in the decision of the supreme court regarding the famous detective case. Given on the last day of the old year and just as the prohibition law went by the board the decision will have little effect, as far as Umatilla county is concerned at least.

Many New Year's resolutions are made and some people keep them.

Have you learned to write 1911?

Judge Maloney is now at the helm.

THE TRUE EQUALITY.

"The late Senator Dolliver," said a Washington editor, according to the Post of that city, "owed a great part of his success to his thorough understanding of the American character. He understood the American people and he admired and sympathized with them. I'll never forget an after-dinner speech of his on 'Equality.'"

"He said that in America we understood by equality not that we were all equals in learning, in intellect and so forth, but that we were all equals in the power to be good and honorable and generous."
 "And he told, by way of illustration, how a Fort Dodge church once gave a charity concert where the vest talent volunteered—the city's leading singers, elocutionists and actors."
 "At the end of the concert the chairman went up to the organ loft and said to the little boy in patched clothes who had blown the organ:
 "Well, Freddie, what do we owe you for your work this evening?"
 "The little boy looked at the chairman in genuine astonishment.
 "Why, sir," he said, "didn't the rest of the talent give their services?"

AS IT LOOKED TO HER.

It isn't always easy to know just how children will take a story. A devoted mother tells of her discomfiture when, after explaining to her little son a picture of Christian martyrs being devoured by lions, the child burst into tears.
 "Never mind, dear; it's only a picture," she cried, touched by this evidence of extreme sensibility. "Mother didn't mean to make you feel bad."
 But the sympathizer was not to be comforted.
 "Mamma, mamma," he sobbed bitterly, pointing to the picture, "There's a poor little lion down there in the corner that ain't getting any at all!"
 There is no such thing as "The Queen's English." The property has gone into the hands of a joint stock company and we own the bulk of the shares.

SPEAK KINDLY.

Let us shower sunshine round us; for a gentle word of cheer May be like delightful music to a melancholy ear.
 Let us never breathe a whisper that suggests unfriendliness. For we never can be certain whom we happen to address.

Bill Brown spoke rudely to a man Who stepped upon his feet. And smashed him when he made reply.
 With pardonable heat. Hard words were passed, hard, bitter words.
 Like "Mutt" and "Yay" and "Slob." The person was Bill Brown's new boss, And Bill has lost his job.

Let us keep our hasty tempers till they get a chance to cool; Let us make extreme politeness our invariable rule.
 For the man we think has wronged us may have done so by mistake. And it's wiser to remember how much trouble he can make.

It was the tender of the bridge Whom Jones addressed in anger. Because he drew the bridge with slow, Premeditated languor.
 But when Jones in his car returned Full speed ahead—he found Too late the man had drawn the bridge. And Jones—alas—was drowned.

Let us scatter seeds of kindness as we journey on our way. Let us think of others' feelings, ere a stinging word we say.
 For the erring human brother, whom we wantonly attack May be wounded by our harshness; and besides, he might get back.

John Smith rebuked a barber one. For clipping off his ear. The barber's pride was deeply stung; He shed a scalding tear.
 And when he shaved John Smith again His rancor grew and grew, Until quite overcome with rage— He cut John's head off too.
 —Kenneth Harris.

THERE WERE ONLY TWO.

"How do you suppose Noah spent the time in the ark during the flood?" was the question put to some lively urchins.
 "Prayin'," suggested Willie.
 "Fishin'," ventured Dick.
 "Humph!" came the contemptuous grunt of a third member of the group. "He'd have a fine time fishin' with only two worms!"

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear. Except a creature be part coward, it is not a compliment to say it is brave; it is merely a loose misapplication of the word. Consider the flea—incomparably the bravest of all the creatures of God if ignorance of fear were courage. Whether you are asleep or awake, he will attack you, caring nothing for the fact that in bulk and strength you are to him as are the massed armies of the earth to a sucking child; he lives both day and night and all days and nights in the very lap of peril and the immediate presence of death, and yet is no more afraid than is the man who walks the streets of a city that was threatened by an earthquake ten centuries before. When we speak of Clive, Nelson and Purnam as men who didn't know what fear was" we ought always to add the flea—and put him at the head of the procession.

Rotten Luck.
 Mother—What is the matter with you, Billy?
 Billy—Little Johnny has moved—he has left the street. Booh, booh!
 "Well, don't cry; there are many other little boys to play with in the neighborhood."
 "Yes, but he is the only one that I could lick."

Mark Twain at a Hotel.
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