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MODERN ALTRUISM.
The poet sings of the joys of life
At the side of the dusty road,
Where one can be a friend to
man—
And faith, 'tis a noble ode:
And fain would I follow the poet's
words,
But first let me set this down;
The road that is picked must
not be far
From the edge of the
busy town.
And the house must be quite up
to date,
Of a bungalow design,
With plumbing new and porch
ornate,
And a pergola and vine;
In some suburban haunt like
that,
On some such modern plan,
Who would not live beside the
road
And be a friend to man?
And if perchance it happened so
I'd motored into town
To see the latest problem play,
No one should call me down,
For I would leave a servant
there
All smiling, spick and span,
By proxy thus I still would be
A friend to fellow man.
—Denver Republican.

A SCHEME THAT WILL FAIL.
If he could do so Jay Bowerman would like to heckle Governor West and the other members of the present "progressive" state board. In his retiring message as acting governor he urged the creation of a state board of control. Opposing this scheme the Journal offers the following pertinent comments upon the same:
"What does he propose for the governor to do? What the secretary of state? What the state treasurer? These three with, in some cases, the state superintendent of public instruction, now have charge of the state institutions. The conduct of these institutions is a chief part of what they have to do. It is one of the main things they are elected to do. They are at the capital, they are the trusted agents of the people chosen for the purpose, and are best fitted to conduct the state institutions. In taking the care of the institutions away from them, does the acting governor, retired, propose for them merely to play golf and draw salaries?
"In arguing for his board of control, Mr. Bowerman says, 'There is neither reason nor justification for the present method of managing state affairs.' Is there reason or justification for Mr. Bowerman's plan? Why create another board to manage affairs for the management of which there is already an excellent board? In what way would a new board be superior to the existing board? Why have more officials and more salaries? Why have two boards when one will do?
"The public has the right to expect and demand that public money be expended with the same judicious care exercised by an ordinarily prudent business man," says Senator Bowerman, as a clinching argument for his proposed double-headed government at Salem. Exactly so, and that is why the public objects to a scheme of having two boards do what can better be done by one. It is also why the public objects to the appointment by Mr. Bowerman of a superintendent for an eastern Oregon asylum two years before the asylum was completed, and to the payment of a salary in an office in which there are no duties.
It is evident that Bowerman would like to "get even" with Governor West by taking power from him and investing it in a new board of control. But it will be surprising if the legislature takes up with the Bowerman plan. It is not a businesslike plan as the Journal points out. Besides the legislature is controlled by the progressives, not by the Bowerman contingent.

EVEN NEW HAMPSHIRE.
Most people know something of railroad participation in politics in New Hampshire through having read Winston Churchill's novels. Though he wrote fiction the noted author evidently ran close to the fact in this line for New Hampshire has been noted as a railroad dominated state. In this respect New Hampshire has been the California of New England.
But New Hampshire, like California, is throwing off the yoke. A railroad commission bill is one of the measures before the legislature this winter and the mere fact that such a move is considered is arousing much comment. It is the second sensation along this line that has been sprung recently. The first was an announcement by President Mellin of the Boston & Maine railroad that his road would go out of politics and attend to its own business strictly. He doubtless had good reasons for making that announcement.
All over the country people are opposing corporation control of politics. They are fast learning that to get the best results the states must control the corporations; the corporations must not be allowed to control the states.

LA GRANDE'S JUST KICK.
According to the announcement of the census bureau La Grande has a population of 4,843. This announcement is taken as a joke by the La Grande papers. The Observer declares the figures are far below what they should be and makes some caustic comments regarding the work of the enumerators. In support of the claim that the figures are too low it is shown that they are 500 below the figures of the state census taken five years ago.
However, La Grande people should not complain too much. They are getting off light. If reports now in circulation are true Mr. Durand will make Pendleton's population at least 1000 less than under the showing of the state census. It is quite evident that the government enumerators did not make a full count.
Had Governor West and party arrived one day sooner they would have found Pendleton without snow and enjoying mild spring weather. This despite the fact that the weather observer had been vainly forecasting "snow and colder" for three or four days. Pendleton has a winter resort climate.

Governor Johnson of California, went into the gubernatorial campaign upon one great issue—the Southern Pacific must be kicked out of political control of California. He won out in the election and he is now striving to carry out his promises. But it will not be an easy task.
Some Englishmen are very confident they will discover the south pole about December 22, 1911. Sounds just a little bit like they are going to try to Dr. Cook the world again.

January 13 in History.
857—Ethelwulf, son of Egbert, sometimes styled the first King of England died. In his reign the tax called Peter's pence was levied.
1399—The Tartars, under Tamerlane, pillaged the imperial city of Delhi, and two days after, wantonly massacred the entire Indian population.
1400—Richard II, King of England murdered. He came to the throne at the age of eleven, and after a turbulent reign of twenty-two years, was deposed and imprisoned.
1404—It was enacted at this short Parliament of Henry's that no chemist shall use his craft to multiply gold or silver.
1610—Galileo discovered the fourth satellite of Jupiter.
1691—George Fox, founder of the sect of Quakers, died, aged sixty-seven.
1759—Execution of the conspirators against the life of the King of Portugal. The whole family of the Marquis of Tavora was executed and the name suppressed forever.
1814—General thanksgiving throughout Great Britain for the success gained over Bonaparte.
1825—Slavery abolished in Mexico.
1840—Steamboat Lexington burned on her passage from New York to Stonington. Of 415 persons on board, only four escaped with their lives.
1902—Marconi Wireless Telegraph company organized in Montreal, with a capital of \$5,000,000.
1908—Henro Farman made successful flight in a heavier-than-air machine in Paris and won a prize of \$10,000.
The New York Clearing House voted to admit trust companies to membership.
1909—Dr. A. R. Lowell, chosen to succeed Dr. Charles Elliot as president of Harvard University.

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

STOMACHITIS.
"After all, it is pleasant to reflect that we are not made upon the one pattern—inside or outside; and that what is one person's meat is another person's poison. We who love beef-steak, and whom beefsteak loves, need no be influenced to drop it (as long as we can get it) just because somebody, out of his own experience, insists that the best diet for the human race is nuts or fruit or vegetables.
Strides into print Tom Jones, relating how he lives upon a handful of nuts daily for lunch at noon, and an apricot salad for dinner at night. This course saved him from death by indigestion or mal-digestion, has made a new man of him, and he would spread his gospel of how to get well and keep well. Yet from where I write, I can see at work a man weighing close to two hundred, who also was once a "dyspeptic," and who saved his life by a strict diet of warm blood and raw meat.
To the vegetarian and the fruitarian, the meat-eater may point to the fact that in far-hunting days of the west the daily ration of employees of the American Fur company was six pounds of buffalo meat; and that from year to year, the sole food of the trapper was meat—raw, cooked and jerked. The Sioux and the Comanche alike lived upon the buffalo, and the wild cherries occasionally mixed with the pemmican were the only fruit or "vegetable" that ever went down their gullets. Yet who could or can surpass in endurance the mountain-man of beaver times, or his contemporary, the Indian?
The Eskimo subsists mainly upon blubber; Bahaman upon fish; the tropic dweller upon bananas and breadfruit; as said, the menu of trapper and Indian was meat exclusively—meat as strong and as red as beef. To some persons, strawberries are a poison; to some, milk; to some, peaches—I would much rather put away a porterhouse steak than a spoonful or forkful of Tom Jones' apricot or peach salad.
There is the no-breakfast cult. But to some of us breakfast is the most pleasant meal of the day. If I have no breakfast, I have a headache instead; and a moderately hearty breakfast carries me gallantly through the day until dinner at night. And I notice that many of the no-breakfast eaters and one-mealers in their two meals or their one meal make up for previous omissions.
This volatile world is running to stomachitis, and it behooves a squad of us independents to stand firm for our rights. When breakfast agrees with us and we with it we will retain it, and not be driven into experiments. And when we so relish a thick steak, or pork chops, or macaroni, or mince pie, or tea and coffee, and they cannot be arraigned by us for cause, we will stick to our old friends.
For our stomachs are our own; they are individual stomachs; and by a little care we learn to know their appetites better than does somebody a thousand miles away, who would submit his stomach as a universal estimate.—Edwin L. Sabin in January Lippincott's.

THE NEW YEAR.
The late Julia Ward Howe was no believer in New Year's resolutions. "We should make and keep good resolutions all the year round," the celebrated author once said in Boston. "I am no great believer in New Year's vows, for, although they are splendid things, they really don't amount to much more than Oliver Wendell Holmes' tobacco resolution. "Mr. Holmes, with affected gravity, said to a friend on the first day of the year:
"I really must not smoke so persistently; I must turn over a new leaf—a tobacco leaf—and have a cigar only after each— Here he paused as if to say 'meal,' but he continued—'after each cigar.'"
Regarding Chickens.
Senator Money of Missouri asked an old colored man what breed of chickens he considered best and he replied:
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UNJUSTLY ACCUSED.
Andrew Carnegie, at a dinner in New York, talked about the Scotch dialect.
"It's a hard lingo to understand," he said. "It often causes awkward mistakes."
"Once an American divine spent Christmas in a Highland inn. On Christmas morning he gave the maid a tip of a sovereign and she said, looking earnestly at her—for she was a pretty maid:
"Do you know, Kathleen, you are a very good looking lassie?"
"Of course Kathleen was pleased, but, being modest, she blushed like a rose and answered:
"Ah, na; ah, na! But my kisser, sir, is beautiful!"
The divine frowned.
"Leave the room, you wicked young baggage!" he said sternly.
"He didn't know, you see, that modest Kathleen had been simply praising in her Highland dialect the superior charms of her cousin Janet of Peebles."
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