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IN COMMON THINGS.

- Seek not afar for beauty. Lo! it glows In dew-wet grasses all about thy feet; In birds, in sunshine, childish faces sweet; In star and mountain summits topped with snows. Go not abroad for happiness. For, see! It is a flower that blossoms by thy door; Bring love and justice home, and then no more Thout't wonder in what dwelling joy may be. Dream not of noble service elsewhere wrought; The simple duty that awaits thy hand Is God's voice uttering a divine command; Life's common deeds built all that saints have taught. In wonder workings or some bush aflame Men look for God, and fancy Him concealed; But in earth's common things he stands revealed, While grass and flowers spell out His name. —Minot J. Savage.

A PEOPLE'S MEASURE.

It is reported that some senators would like to repeal the law passed providing for the eastern Oregon branch asylum. One of the leaders in this scheme seems to be Joseph of Multnomah county, who sets forth the wonderful argument that the branch asylum had a majority of only 8000 at the election. Therefore, the people do not want it. Such logic as that would kill a cat.

There will be trouble and lots of it if a move is actually made to repeal the branch asylum bill. That law was enacted by the people and it must stand. It is not the proper function of the legislature to repeal an act passed by the people. It is inconceivable that the present legislature would do such a thing. Both houses are under the control of the "progressives" and one of the main tenets in the progressive creed in Oregon is that popular measures shall not be tampered with by the legislature. For this legislature to repeal any act enacted by the people, such as the branch asylum bill, would be a rank breach of faith.

As matters stand regarding the branch asylum, the only proposition now under consideration is that of a suitable building site. The geographical location of the asylum has been determined in favor of Pendleton. But the governor and treasurer declare the land purchased by Mr. Bowlerman does not offer good building room for the asylum. So they want to purchase some additional ground adjoining the Oliver-Carpenter tract. The East Oregonian has faith in the honesty and ability of the governor

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and treasurer. This paper believes they were entirely sincere in what they said and were not "playing politics." They have a big task upon their hands in constructing the branch asylum and they want to be sure they have a proper building site before they go ahead. With the assistance of the committees that have been called for they should be able to work the problem out to their satisfaction.

But whoever tries to repeal the law providing for the eastern Oregon asylum will be tampering with a buzz saw.

IT MERITS SUPPORT.

Senator Hawley has introduced the bill for the appropriation for the Oregon agricultural college. He asks for an appropriation of \$340,000. Those who are familiar with the wonderful growth made by the agricultural college during the past few years will easily appreciate the fact that this money is needed. The school now has more than double the attendance of a few years ago. Under the administration of President Kerr this school has become one of the foremost schools of its sort in the country. With this large attendance and with the wide scope of work covered it is not surprising that new buildings and new equipment are demanded. Nor can the legislature go astray in providing this institution with all the money needed. Money invested at O. A. C. brings forth good returns for the school is doing work that deals directly with the material prosperity of the state.

THE INCOME TAX.

Both houses of the legislature have ratified the income tax amendment to the constitution of the United States. If a sufficient number of other states do the same the amendment will become effective and it will then be possible to tax people in proportion to their ability to pay. Yet not necessarily so. A man with moderate wealth may, by superior energy and ability, have a greater annual income than will a man with more wealth but with less personal force. Yet in the main the income tax is right and it is gratifying to know that the Oregon legislature has voted for it. Some legislatures refused to ratify the amendment—not because it was not right but because those legislatures were controlled by forces that objected to the income tax for selfish reasons.

It is up to local people to assist in every way possible in finding a suitable site for the branch asylum. While here the committees should be provided with all conveniences and shown due courtesy. The branch asylum will mean much to this city and Pendleton people should see that it does not get away.

That Portland weather man is a poor forecaster as far as Pendleton is concerned. He says it will snow but it does not.

Have you had the grip yet?

SOUNDS LIKE A WARNING.

Mrs. Jones' favorite warning to her young progeny when they were in mischief was that she would tend to them in a minute. Tending was accomplished by applying her open hand where it would do the most good. When Harry was four years old he was sent for the first time round to the corner grocery. In a few minutes he came trotting soberly back with the nickel still in his hand, but no bag of onions.

"What's the matter?" asked his mother. "I'm afraid of the man," he said solemnly. "Oh, he won't hurt you," reassured Mrs. Jones. "Run along and bring the onions. I'm in a hurry for them."

A second time Harry disappeared round the corner, and a second time returned without his purchase. "I'm afraid of the grocer man" he explained, as before. "Well, what makes you afraid of him?" demanded his mother, impatiently. "Why," answered the little fellow, "bofe times when I goed in he looked at me, and said, 'I'll tend to you in a minute.'"—Youth's Companion.

The following are the rates recently fixed by the conference from Antwerp to China and Japan: (a) For shipment up till December 31, 1910—iron and steel not over 30 feet long, rails, bars, sheets, angles, girders, nails, wire, steel in cases, etc. Penang and Singapore, \$3.65; Hongkong and Japan, \$4.25; Shanghai, \$4.85; (b) For shipment January 1 to March 31, 1911, an advance of 61 cents per ton on above rates.

The Hamburg correspondent states: The recent reduction of the price of refined camphor by 40 to 32.5 marks (\$9.52 to \$6.74) per 100 kilos was followed by a very active business. The sale of Japanese camphor is slow, and importers are, by the present position of the market, suffering severe losses. The quotations of Japanese camphor are now higher than the prices for German refined camphor and are consequently receiving no attention here.

The famous Hoosac tunnel is to be changed from steam to electric operation. Both passenger and freight trains will be hauled through the tunnel by electric locomotives.

THE JUNKMAN POET.

He wrote for years, and years, and years— Poor wight! His harvest was but tears.

For every line he wrote, alas, Came homing, like a pigeon, back. Until his dwelling was packed full Of manuscripts unsalable, And all his wall in endless strips We papered with rejection slips.

His cellar held no hundred score Of tales of love, and maybe more; And every bookshelf in the place Ran o'er with stories of the chase. In bureau drawer, in trunk and chest, In highboy, lowboy, jacked and pressed, Lay sketches, novelettes and rhymes Which he had penned at sundry times.

He caught the measles, and at last From out this vale of tears he passed. But where he went to none can say; We only know he passed away. His widow wed again, a wight Who called the junkman in one night, And as waste paper sold that store Of manuscripts he'd struggled o'er.

'Twas then there dawned upon the land A miracle of genius grand— A man who'd never gone to school. Yet reeled off tales as from a spoon— An endless spool, at that—and who, Though rough, the muses fair could woo.

As did the bards of Queen Bet's age— The junkman poet was the rage. The junkman's novels had a sale That turned the six best sellers pale, And publishers in frenzied race Outbid each other in the chase. For storied stuff he had to sell, And those who got it did right well. For everywhere folks raved the while About the junkman's "splendid style."

The moral? Well, I've sometimes thunk He waxeth fat who deals in junk. —Selected.

NEGRO FIELD HAND DOOMED.

During the century which embraces the most important period of the cotton industry in America many inventors have sought to perfect a cotton harvester. More than four hundred inventors have felt themselves so near to the solution of the problem that they have secured patents from the United States patent office.

Many of these machines have been taken to the cotton fields for practical tests. Usually the machines wobbled over a few rows of cotton, picked a few locks, tore off the flowers and unopened bolls and left a trail of lint on the ground. The trails have been so many and the failures so unanimous that cotton planters long ago lost faith in the machines and refuse to allow them in the field.

Recently one of these cotton harvesters visited the farm of John M. Rhoads near Vernon, Texas, with a request to try his cotton picker on Mr. Rhoads' crop. Mr. Rhoads had previous knowledge of cotton pickers and believed, like most other planters, that a negro is the only successful cotton picker extant.

The success of this machine is best told by Mr. Rhoads himself. In a letter Mr. Rhoads says: "The last two weeks the machine was here I operated it myself so I will refer briefly to that period of operation. I have already stated that the rows in this field were 1100 yards long, and during this two weeks I averaged one round every thirty-seven minutes. I found the machine to be very easy to handle, experiencing only such troubles that are common with a gasoline engine, which I overcame very readily. I also experienced some trouble with the machine such as the trained operators had during their period of operation, as locking of fingers, clogging of the belts, and other minor troubles, that will occur in the operation of any machinery, and I wish to state just here that I did not only repair the troubled parts, but adjusted them so they did not occur again. During the two weeks of cotton picking with the machine I picked 19,200 pounds of seed cotton, my best day's run being 4100 pounds. During this time we had one rain, which delayed us twenty-four hours, and also some very cold mornings that made it too disagreeable to start early. I also noted that the machine would handle the rank cotton with just as much ease and pick it just as clean as it would the smaller cotton, and the operator did not have to make any adjustments in passing from low to tall cotton."—From Machine Picks Cotton at Last, in February Technical World Magazine.

Price Collier's arteries, now appearing in Scribner's Magazine, are remarkable for their trenchant observation. They clear up much of the nonsense that has been written about English rule in India. In the February Scribner he gives an account of his visiting for several weeks the governor of Bombay. He outlines the broad plan by which England governs India, and pays a high tribute to its efficiency.

It is generally stated in jobbing circles in the East that the supply of hemp in the Philippines is getting to a point where it will soon overtake the demand. Prices at present are so low that the margin of profit is very small, but it is believed that the low prices will stimulate increased use.

Terrible Suffering

Eczema All Over Baby's Body. "When my baby was four months old his face broke out with eczema, and at sixteen months of age, his face, hands and arms were in a dreadful state. The eczema spread all over his body. We had to put a mask or cloth over his face and tie up his hands. Finally we gave him Hood's Sarsaparilla and in a few months he was entirely cured. Today he is a healthy boy."—Ines Lewis, Barling, Maine. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures all skin diseases and builds up the system. Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs.

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they have, so to speak, decreased in violence, if I may use that word?" "The patient smiled feebly. "Doc," said he, "on fever days my head's so hot I can't think, and on ague days I shake so I can't hold an opinion."—January Lippincott's.

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