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THE SWEET, WIDE WORLD. Never askin' time or tide to wait for you a minute.

Still we journey High an' low Glad of blossoms And of snow.

Little time have we to wait in the vales of sighin'.

Singin' happy High an' low Glad of blossoms And of snow.

IT WOULD BE UNJUST.

Umatilla county should object and object strongly if the constitutional amendment being fathered by the senate committee on taxation looks to taking the taxation of public service corporations away from the counties and giving it to the state.

As pointed out in a news story in the East Oregonian yesterday such a change would work a heavy annual loss upon this county and upon all other counties, which like Umatilla, have considerable railroad mileage, it would inure to the benefit of Multnomah county and of interior counties that have no mileage.

Evidently it is the intention of those behind the move to raise all money needed for state purposes from the taxation of public corporations if possible to do so. But it is an unfair plan for this reason. Money needed for state purposes should be raised from the various counties in proportion to the wealth of those counties.

But see here. Multnomah's assessment of public service corporations amounts to less than twice as much as does that of Umatilla. The corporation assessment in Multnomah totals 24 millions while in Umatilla the corporations are assessed at over 12 millions.

In the view of the East Oregonian there is no just reason for taking the taxation of corporations away from the counties and giving the same to the state. There may be sound argument in support of the plan for having the assessments of corporations made by the state tax commission, rather than by the various county assessors.

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ed. The purchase of the machine was endorsed by the very men who are now "muckraking" the superintendent. He boldly charges that the hold over committee make no actual investigation of the asylum and that their attack upon him was prompted by petty politics and not by meritorious reasons.

If Dr. Steiner's statements are correct and they certainly have the ring of sincerity he has been badly maligned and a great injustice has been attempted against the inmates of the asylum. In order to fight the present state board and Dr. Steiner a legislative clique has tried to greatly reduce the asylum appropriation. They have taken this stand upon the assumption that citizens of Oregon are penurious people and will endorse any move that looks like economy.

Out with such politics as this. It has no place in a civilized state.

SAN FRANCISCO WINS.

After a hard and furious fight San Francisco has won out in its efforts to land the Panama exposition. The issue was practically decided yesterday when the house of representatives at Washington voted for the Pacific coast city. Under the circumstances it was a notable victory and San Francisco deserved to win. The people of the city by the Golden Gate will arrange a good exposition and they will see that the enormous crowds are properly handled. They do things that way in San Francisco.

IMPROVE JACKSON STREET.

Preliminary steps towards securing a new Main street bridge are being taken and there are few who will deny but that the move is a proper one. The present bridge is old and it is but a question of a short time until it must be replaced. But what is being done towards street improvements this summer? Worse even than the Main street bridge is the condition of the streets in many portions of the city. Jackson street is one of the very worst. It is a disgrace to the city and now that the branch asylum is to be located below town the improvement of that street and also of Raley street will be imperative.

Local people will care but little whether the branch asylum is to be located upon the Daniels place or upon the Oliver-Carpenter tract.

Whatever the facts in the case, this latter theory is naturally a soothing one to the spinster's vanity. It is also agreeable to dwell among those who regard it as no reflection upon a woman's charms for her not to be able to exhibit some man's scalp as the result of the prowess of her bow and spear, but who on the contrary, are disposed to think that the woman with a good profession or an ample income, and her own latchkey and individual pocketbook, and nobody with a legal right to tell her of her faults, has, as St. Paul says, chosen the better part—Selected.

HER UNREASONABLE JEALOUSY.

A certain main line resident returned home early the other morning. He inserted his key in the keyhole of his door with difficulty, but managed to crawl upstairs without awakening his wife, he thought. At the breakfast table next morning one look at her reproachful face told him he was wrong.

CLOTHING MADE OF WOOD.

Cloths made literally from wood are the latest sartorial venture. A beginning is being made with the making of waistcoats. The discovery of this new process is largely due to the fact that bleached cotton is known to be composed of very nearly pure cellulose.

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TRIED REMEDY FOR THE GRIP.



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A SPINSTER'S PARADISE.

A wag once declared that all good Americans went to Paris when they died. In like manner it may be said that all good old maids come to New York when they die.

No other city in the world shelters so many unattached women, and the number grows every year by leaps and bounds. For world has been passed along the line of spinsters that New York is the really and truly Mecca for the unmarried woman; the only place where a woman without a husband is frankly regarded more as an object of envy than a subject for pity.

Not by accident does that eternal old maid, the Goddess of Liberty, stand guard at the gateway of New York. She is a symbol of the freedom that the greatest city in America offers to the spinster.

The hegirl of unmarried women to New York has been accomplished so quietly that few people realize how great it has been or how large is the colony of husbandless ladies, but they are counted by the tens of thousands, and still their number grows.

To begin with there is an army of professional women, writers, artists, actresses, designers, stenographers, buyers and so on who naturally find New York the best market for their talents. Besides these, however, there is a legion of women who do not have to do who have simply come to New York to live because this city is the one place in which a lone, torn woman suffers no inconvenience from not having a man tied to her apron string or "Miss" on her visiting card.

The reason for this is easy to find. In New York the unmarried woman occupies an entirely different status from that which she holds in any other place. Elsewhere, and especially in the provinces, there is a tacit belief that when a woman is a spinster she is one by force of circumstances—in a word, that she didn't marry because she couldn't. New York assumes that the old maid is an old maid by choice, and that she didn't marry because she didn't want to.

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A Souring Experience.

"Don't you feel that it is pleasant to be kind and generous? Don't you experience happiness in giving?" "No," replied Senator Sorghum, "not since I got into a mix-up by trying to be kind and generous to our state legislature.—Washington Star.

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