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They are not dead; they never lived.
To whom there was no joy in strife.
Not cloistered walls nor dungeons on bars
Can dull the ecstasy of life.
To strive and gain,
Or strive and fail,
Is life! Let nothing else suffice.
—Augustus Wittfeld.

THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

Under the leadership of its new president, Dan P. Smythe, the Commercial association of this city should, within the next year, develop into a factor of power for the upbuilding of the community, into an organization whose efficiency and usefulness is testified to by results. Mr. Smythe is a man of action, an indefatigable worker, a capable organizer, and surcharged with such an infectious life, energy and enthusiasm that the most sluggish and lethargic individual responds to his influence, and because he possesses these qualities there will be none but that will commend his selection as the head of the city's boosting body.

In his opening speech last night, Mr. Smythe made it plain that he would lend his best efforts towards raising the standard of the association and making it something more than a social organization. He pointed out that there was much work to be accomplished which would be of inestimable value to the city, the promoting of various irrigation projects in the territory tributary to Pendleton, the securing of this city for a railroad division point, the making of Pendleton a travelling men's headquarters and many other things which will be directly beneficial to the city and county.

By the selection of men of un-undoubted business sagacity and stability to the other offices and to the board of managers, the association supplemented their wise choice of a president, and the united efforts of these men will be felt in the community before any distant date.

BOURNE'S FISH BILL.

Senator Jonathan Bourne has succeeded in getting through the senate and favorably reported in the house, an act which provides that the secretary of commerce and labor be authorized and directed to establish two or more fish-cultural stations on the Columbia river or its tributaries in the state of Oregon for the propagation of salmon and other food fishes, and to make the necessary surveys and purchase sites, construct ponds and buildings, construct, purchase, and hire boats and equipments, and employ such assistance as may be required for the construction and operation of such fish-cultural stations at suitable points to be selected by the secretary of commerce and labor, and the number of such stations to be determined by him, and for said purpose the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby authorized to be appropriated; Provided, that before any final steps shall have been taken for the construction of fish-cultural stations in accordance with this bill, the states of Oregon and Washington, through appropriate legislative action, shall accord to the United States commissioner of fisheries and his duly authorized agents the right to conduct fish hatching and all operations connected therewith in any manner and at any time that may by them be considered necessary and proper; And provided further, that the operations of such hatcheries may be suspended by the secretary of commerce and labor whenever in his judgment the laws and regulations affecting the fishes cultivated are allowed to remain so inadequate as to impair the efficiency of said hatcheries.

Since the state is not asked to contribute anything toward the establishment or support of these cultural stations and since it will benefit im-

measurably by their establishment, the legislature will no doubt hasten to accord to the United States Commissioner the necessary rights, notwithstanding the fact that Bourne may have had a hand in securing this \$50,000 appropriation for Oregon.

Senator M. A. Miller has been prominently mentioned as the candidate of Oregon democrats for the seat in the United States senate now occupied by Jonathan Bourne Jr. "Milt" as he is familiarly known to nearly every man, woman and child in Linn county has represented that commonwealth in the upper branch of the Oregon law-making body for so long that "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." The very fact that the voters of Old Linn have sent him back to Salem regularly year after year, despite the fact that he is a democrat, would indicate that his record as a senator has been unimpeachable and that he has proven true to his trust. In the race for the democratic nomination he would certainly run well "at home" for in every session in which he has sat as a member, Senator Miller has been found lined up on the side of the people.

There are times when politics pushes itself forward so prominently in the settlement of public questions that the average person is ready to cry out, "Are there, then, no honest legislators, men who will suppress their personal feelings and subordinate their party interest to the welfare of the whole people?" The rallying of the Bowerman faction in the legislature to the support of J. W. Bailey, the condemned food and dairy commissioner, in order that Governor West may not secure any credit for the ousting of an official who has been notoriously incompetent, dishonest and negligent even in this age of professional grafters is the most recent instance of the game as it is played.

There are something like 1,500 voters in Umatilla county who contribute more than \$2,000 annually to the fish and game fund through the hunting and angling license route, who are heartily sick and tired of the manner in which this fund has been expended and not expended in the past. They are disgusted with the continual controversy between the fish and game departments which has made law-enforcement impossible. They are therefore advocating the fish commission bill.

Secretary Ballinger has given assurances that he will hasten the surveys on the west unit of the Umatilla project to determine as soon as possible what amount will be needed to complete that unit. The engineers and surveyors are on the ground and everything points to a speedy undertaking of the actual work of construction. Speed the day.

Two hundred people near Eltopia recently joined in a rabbit hunt and killed 200 rabbits. They may be interested to know that a man in Kentucky has recently invented rabbit sausage.—Spokesman-Review.

Senator Bourne of Oregon declares that about 80,000,000 people want the direct election of senators. But what can 80,000,000 people do against 80 senators?—Spokesman-Review.

There is something unspeakably disgusting and vulgar in the union of a child of 17 summers with a man of 44 snows, even though that child be an heiress and that man be a "big blood" of England.

It is said that the Lord Decies-Vivien Gould union was the result of a love match. It was—love of gold on one side and love of a title on the other.

The recall of Mayor Gill yesterday by the voters of Seattle was undoubtedly a notable triumph for decency.

UNNECESSARY SERVICE.

"The express service," says one of the Interstate commerce commissioners, "is unlike any other service performed by railroads in general unless it may be the handling of the mails." According to the "intervening" Santa Fe's statistician, we must conclude that the transportation of the mails on passenger trains is more profitable than the hauling of express matter. Yet both the railroads and the express companies make rates that enable the private citizen to ship mailable matter by express for less than the government is charged for haulage. The result is that freight and express get the short haul, and the long haul is left for the postoffice and piles up its annual postal deficit, says Robert Sloss in "Success Magazine."

In twenty years the express business has more than doubled, and yet there are not over 80,000 express employees in the country today. If we took the total annual sum paid by all express companies in salaries and wages and divided it up evenly among all employees, each would receive \$500 for his year's work. They would get less than that if we did not include the fat salaries of presidents and other general officers.

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lives if necessary, is \$100 a month. The recent strike was started by the helpers, who demanded a raise of \$5 a month and an eleven-hour day with an hour for dinner. Helpers are getting from \$40 to \$60 a month. Time out of mind their day has run from 6 o'clock in the morning till they get through with the last load at night, often eleven or twelve o'clock. They snatch a bit to eat whenever they get the chance, but the deliveries have to be made.

On a ridiculously small equipment and cost of operation, the income of the express companies is immense. With the increase of the business the cost of haulage increases and the cost of labor decreases. If, as the express companies say, the terminal service were the root of the business, increased business would bring an increasing cost of labor and a decreasing cost of haulage.

A foolish thing, this express business! Its promoters have lifted one function from the railroads and one from the postal service.

If you, in your home, have a butler and a waitress to serve you at table, do you want a third servant, who is neither butler nor waitress, to take from the waitress' hands the lighter dishes and from the butler's hands the heavier dishes and place them before you? Do you want the express companies illegitimately to continue to perform the legitimate functions of the railroad and the government? In so-called benighted monarchies of Europe the work is better done.

Unnecessary service means unnecessary cost to those served.

"THE BLUE BIRD."

A distinguished Belgian writer, named Maurice Maeterlinck, is the author of a play which, to all who can see clearly, is a most beautiful pantomime. To some it is full of wisdom, but there are none who fail to understand how wonderful a fairy tale it is! Maeterlinck has imagined happiness to be a blue bird winging its way through this vast world of ours; men and women and children seek it, and though they wander far afield, they soon learn, on returning home that this elusive blue bird, as variable as the sunshine, is close at hand and within the reach of all.

What would you do if you were asked suddenly to go forth and find this happiness which is on the wing? Where would you turn, how would you proceed, who would accompany you? Maeterlinck has strange ways of telling a story; his eyes not only see things as they are, but picture what things are within themselves. This is not more wonderful in the fairy world than the Invisible Cap or the Seven-League Boots which we never question but believe in as a fairy fact. Nor is it more marvelous that bread or water or fire or sugar or milk should have a soul than that a princess should be transformed into a witch, or that a prince should be depended the flickering life of Tinker of a wild animal. We people who dwell on earth are blind sometimes, because we do not use our imaginations.

You remember, probably, that Peter Pan asked a question: "Do you believe in fairies?" Upon your answer depended the flickering life of Tinker Bell. Maeterlinck also asks a question through his little boy hero: "If any of you should find the blue bird, would you be so very kind as to give him back to us?" We need him for our happiness later on." It is every one's duty, therefore, to answer these questions of Peter Pan and Tyltyl, each in his own way, and herein you shall find hof Maeterlinck, with a child's heart as well as in a philosopher's manner, tells of Mytyl's and Tyltyl's search for this blue bird of happiness.—"The Blue Bird" for "Happiness" in the February St. Nicholas.

Here is the pithiest sermon ever preached: "Our ingress into life is naked and bare; our progress through life is trouble and care; our egress out of it we know not where; but, doing well here, we shall do well there. I could not tell more by preaching a year."

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