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Let no man pray that he knows not sorrow;
 Let no soul ask to be free from pain.
 For the gall of today is the sweet of tomorrow,
 And the moment's loss is the lifetime gain.

Through want of a thing does its worth redouble;
 Through hunger's pangs does the feast content,
 And only the heart that has harbored trouble
 Can fully rejoice when joy is sent.

Let no man shrink from the bitter tonic
 Of grief, and yearning, and need, and strife;
 For the rarest chords in the soul's harmonics
 Are found in the minor strains of life.
 —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

WHY DID THEY DO IT?

Through the persistent opposition of the grange the good roads measures have been so emasculated that the legislation enacted amounts to but little in the view of this paper. As it looks now we will have a bonding law and a law providing for a highway commission and a commissioner. But the state aid bills fall so there will be no state appropriation for good roads.

Just what the highway commission can accomplish without the state aid law is difficult to understand. On the face of things the commission as provided for looks about as useful as a silk tassel on an umbrella. Yet it is possible of course that the commission may do much good. The good roads leaders seem jubilant over the creation of the commission even though the other measures went by the board. Let us hope the exultation is not due merely to the fact that they have won a moral victory. It takes something more than moral victories to build good roads.

Why the farmers' organizations of this state have striven so hard to block good roads legislation this year is hard to understand. Usually the farmer is the most earnest advocate of good roads. He should be such because he has the most to gain from good highways.

The East Oregonian is frank to charge the opposition of the grange and of the farmers' union to mistaken zeal on the part of the leaders and not to genuine opposition on the part of the rank and file of farmers themselves. The average farmer is a sensible, practical man and he knows that the only way to do a thing is to do it. He knows that good roads cannot be constructed out of talk. He knows that if permanent highways are to be had money must be voted for their construction and that someone must be entrusted with the job. He also realizes the hopelessness of trying to get a good roads plan that will be absolutely equitable and satisfactory to everyone. Only the Indians could do that.

Had the majority of the farmers fully understood the measures proposed by the good roads association and the motives back of those measures they would have risen in their might and demanded the passage of those bills. Many Umatilla county farmers did favor the bills, prominent among the number being H. J. Taylor and S. R. Thompson, officers of the good roads association.

But the grange leaders at Salem have worked with the apparent idea of blocking any legislation that promised results. They have persistently fought the state aid bill and they have tried to so amend the other measures as to make them worthless. To a large extent they have succeeded in their desires.

What do the farmers think of the ways of their organization leaders?

ALONG THE RIGHT LINE.

From the big "Get Together" convention to be held here February 22.

much benefit should result. Plainly there is much misunderstanding at this time as to the aims and objects of the various organizations that will participate in the gathering. Realizing this fact the members of the farmers union have suggested the coming meeting and for their action they are entitled to commendation and encouragement.

Between the farmer and the townsman there are many common interests, if the fact is but realized. As a general rule the prosperity of one means the prosperity of the other. Then why cannot both work side by side for their common advancement? Prepare to attend the "Get Together" convention.

THE NATURAL DIVISION.

The congressional reapportionment bill drafted by Senator Oliver is plainly the plan that should be adopted. It provides for placing all the counties of eastern Oregon in one district; Multnomah county in another and the remainder of the Willamette valley counties in a third.

The merit of this plan is that it divides the state along natural geographical lines. The present congressional arrangement is unsatisfactory because eastern Oregon, though constituting two-thirds the area of the state, is helpless through being grouped with Multnomah and several other western Oregon counties. With the reapportionment in effect eastern Oregon will be enabled to select a congressman of its own and he will be free to devote his energies to the needs of this section of the state.

The legislature has but a few days in which to conclude its labors and some of the most important measures are yet to be passed upon. It will be absolutely impossible for the legislators to give all measures full consideration. However there is this consolation that two-thirds the bills proposed merit no consideration whatever.

The timber trust, according to Herbert Knox Smith, is about the greatest trust ever. It has the Standard oil company looking like a mole hill beside a mountain. This news is not surprising for at various times there has been evidence of the existence of the timber and lumber trust.

Portland people wanted to give \$200,000 for the construction of good roads throughout the state but the grangers objected. Portland is now in a position to say "Very well, we'll keep the money then."

Is it possible that some of the legislators who voted to pass the bill repealing the anti-wife beating law over the governor's veto expect trouble upon their return home?

THE ROUND-UP.

(Irrigon Irrigator.)
 "Dirt will soon be flying on the new Round-up stadium. The grounds will unquestionably be in good shape for the big show next fall and there will be rousing entertainment. Now let big preparations be made for housing and feeding the visitors who will be here."

We take the above from the Oregonian, of Pendleton, and are glad to know that the enthusiastic people of that fine little city are still hustling to make the Round-up a success, a bigger success than ever.

And there is no doubt it will be. Last year they went at the job almost blind, without money, almost without concert of action—but what a success they made! Never had such crowds been seen east of the mountains in Oregon. Why everybody went away feeling that they would not miss a repetition of the event for a week's wage. And they and their relatives will all be there this year to make up one of the largest crowds ever assembled in the state, except in Portland. Not even the State Fair will excel them in numbers.

We are glad that up to date no town has had the gall to steal Pendleton's great show, either in name or act. And that is right! It belongs to Pendleton just as much as the State Fair belongs to Salem or the Rose Festival to Portland.

And in time it will be an event of the greatest importance to the entire Northwest, and of untold advantage to the whole state of Oregon.

As for housing and feeding the visitors, we know the Pendleton people will look out for that. Every hearth and every home in Pendleton will be opened to the strangers, and there will be no lack of bed or board.

Mayor Gaynor of New York, is being flooded with invitations to address public gatherings in various sections of the country, including the legislatures of several states. The mayor regards it as a joke that several newspapers have laid out for him tours that lead in different sections. These stories really brought about the invitations. One report was that the mayor was to take a trip through Mexico and as a result the Texas legislature was misled into adopting resolutions requesting Judge Gaynor to address both branches "on his way through to Mexico." The legislature has made all preparations to accord the mayor the privileges of the floor in both houses. In the meantime Mayor Gaynor says if he leaves New York, it will be for a rest and not to accept any invitations of any kind, because his throat needs a complete rest.

THE PESSIMIST.

When the sun isn't bright and the sky isn't blue,
 And no one is friendly or jolly or true,
 And the easiest lenders refuse to come through,
 And life seems a bust and a flit;
 When you haven't an appetite—even for pie—
 And you dismally mean that you wish you would die,
 Don't fancy that nature has gone all awry,
 It's something gone wrong with your liver.

When the girl that you love prefers somebody else,
 When Fate picks you out for his whilops and welts,
 When your luck seems as bad as one T. Roosevelt's,
 And you think you will jump in the river;
 Don't do it—although you may think you're accused,
 And you find that the best you can see is the worst,
 Go hunt up a good, able doctor man first,
 It isn't your luck; it's your liver.

When the books that you read seem uncommonly bad,
 And the musical plays are pathetic and sad,
 And the jokes of your friends drive you perfectly mad,
 And Caruso seems merely to chatter;
 Don't turn on the gas in your flat—
 Not to-night—
 Just chirk up a bit for a while and sit tight,
 Day after tomorrow you'll find you're all right—
 Your liver—that's all that's the matter.

—J. J. Montague.

MASCULINE FASHIONS.

(Kansas City Journal.)
 One of the distinct compensations of advancing years, from the masculine point of view, is the increasing emancipation from the dictation of styles in wearing apparel. With maturity and prosperity the man of affairs shakes off the dizzy sartorial straitjackets of adolescence and "gets comfortable." This does not mean that he necessarily saves money in dressing himself. It only means that when a man of years and responsibilities visits his tailor he instructs him to fashion his garments according to safe and sane architectural designs.

The edict has gone forth from an organization bearing the name of the International Custom Cutters, that there are to be radical changes in men's fashions this spring and summer. It is said that the "foolish, exaggerated man" is to give place to the "unexaggerated man," which means according to the tailors' blue prints that "shoulders will be narrow, the chest full and the waist narrow, giving the effect of a corset." The trousers will be skin tight, reminding one of the good old days, and will only reach to the shoe top. This is called by the tailors the "unexaggerated man." Heaven help the masculine being who has a hankering for a bit of exaggeration along the same lines.

The custom cutters are bewailing the fact that American men do not pay sufficient attention to the dictates of fashion. We are indicted as being "grossly independent" of form and fashion. Only our college boys appear to pay any attention to the mode in clothing, while the men go their way happy and comfortable and not caring a continental whether the custom cutters like it or not. Debonaire young gentlemen who are supported by generous fathers will do nothing to encase their legs in snake skins and pad their chests instead of their shoulders. But the great producing mass of men will keep right on wearing loose and becoming clothing and the International Custom Cutters can go hang.

Treatment of U. S. Fishing Vessels.
 The bureau of manufactures is in receipt of a memorandum of the Canadian department of customs, dated December 31, 1910, containing instructions regarding the treatment of United States fishing vessels in Canadian waters, in accordance with the decisions of The Hague tribunal of September 7, 1910. The memorandum is on file in this bureau, where it may be consulted by those interested.

Ever since his nomination as governor of New Jersey, Dr. Woodrow Wilson has been talking. His friends point to his record so far to show that from the start he showed he had one of the qualities least common among men who are obliged to talk often. He never opens his mouth unless he has something to say. Here's how he describes the progressive spirit: "That quality in man which insists upon recognizing new facts which tries to adjust legislative policy to new facts and conditions as they arise."

Consul Alcezo B. Garrett reports that the exports from the United States to Mexico through the port of Nuevo Laredo for the month of December were valued at \$1,938,259, an increase of \$85,879 over the exports in December, 1909.

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OREGON'S SCHOOL ASSETS.

The school fund of Oregon is now more than \$6,000,000. Last October it was \$5,038,454.35. The university fund was \$103,635. The agricultural college fund was \$198,783. The school fund January 1, 1895, was \$2,530,616.

There is a possibility that the school fund will ultimately reach \$8,000,000. The assets for its further increase are about 500,000 acres of school lands, an unknown amount of swamp lands, and possibly a portion of the indemnity lands, the latter aggregating about 50,000 acres. Of the school lands 350,000 acres are in Malheur, Harney and Lake counties. The remainder is in various counties of eastern Oregon. Baker has 14,000 acres, Crook 34,960, Union 3960, Grant 8880, Jackson 240, Lincoln 360, and Klamath 6920. Among the counties that have none are Clatsop, Marion, Linn, Multnomah, Clackamas, Lane, Washington, Yamhill and Polk. Benton has 40 acres. The sale and the value of the eastern Oregon lands will be aided by railroads building into that territory.

The character and amount of the swamp lands are problematical. It is believed they may aggregate 40,000 to 50,000 acres and be of large value. In his message Governor West pointed out the urgent importance of taking up with the federal government the final selection of these lands, and he is now in correspondence with Washington authorities on the subject. A fact that has to be established is that the lands in question were swamp lands on March 12, 1850. But few men are still living who can give testimony on this point, and on them depends the state's claim to much of the land.

Governor West is also urging upon the federal government that the state be permitted to select in one group indemnity lands now scattered through wide areas in the forest reserves. As now located they are of much less value than if grouped into one big tract of 50,000 acres, and at the same time, there should be no objection by the Washington authorities to the arrangement.

In any event public efforts now being made in behalf of the educational funds are to be applauded, and it is to be hoped they may be as fruitful as they are meritorious.—Oregon Journal.

There is said to be only the remotest possibility that Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, would consent to enter the field against Senator La Follette.

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