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 give it thought  
 Less than the shadow of a  
 soul, and we—  
 Each one for each—re-make  
 the mystery  
 That was not till ourselves  
 the phantom sought.  
 All life, until within our own  
 'twas brought  
 Was death, was nothing. Aye,  
 and when the sea,  
 The mountains and the stars  
 appear to me,  
 I know these also, even these, I  
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 The Gospel of Ideals to the  
 race:  
 Each for himself the universe  
 has planned  
 And rules it with his own  
 imperial rod.—  
 But, oh, what terror in my soul's  
 blanched face!  
 Since nothing is save what I  
 am, I stand  
 Alone in chaos, face to face  
 with God!  
 —Reginald Wright Kauffman.

**A MERITORIOUS AMENDMENT.**

Under the city charter as it now stands the city must pay for the improvement of the intersections when street work is done. When Main and Court streets were paved the part of the expense falling upon the municipality amounted to \$10,000. It was a considerable portion of the expense and the payment of that amount took all the surplus coin the city had.

Since the first paving work was done other streets have asked for paving and several streets have petitioned for macadam. That work has not been done and the failure of the improvement was due more than anything else to the inability of the city to meet its part of the expense.

In other words the present charter tends to delay rather than to promote street improvements. This will always be the case so long as the charter remains as it is.

Another unsatisfactory provision of the present charter is that outside the intersections each property owner must pay for all work done in front of his property—no matter what that work may be. This often causes grave injustice. For instance when Main street was paved a street sewer had to be constructed and it extends down the center of the street to the river. At the south end of Main street the sewer is small and as it nears the river it necessarily becomes enlarged. So it cost far more to lay the sewer through the last block and the property owners in that block were heavily assessed to meet the expense. Yet they received no more benefits from the street sewer than do the property owners at the upper end of the street.

When this work was done the injustice of the system was plainly seen yet the council had no alternative. It was necessary to make each property owner pay for such work as was done in front of his property. To have done otherwise would have been a violation of the charter.

Under the charter amendment that has been drafted with reference to street work the city council is given wide latitude. The city may pay for work when the council considers it just that the city should do so and the property owners in the improvement district are to be assessed in accordance with the benefits to be derived from the work that is done. Under this system if the council acts with proper judgment exact justice will be meted out to all property owners. Under the charter change proposed and which will be voted on along with other amendments May 9 the city will have power to do what it considers right. At the present time the powers of the council are arbitrarily defined and the city is often forced to be unjust even when it does not wish to be.

What do you think, Mr. Voter, is not the street improvement amendment a good thing and should it not be adopted?

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**AID THE FORESTER.**

Organizing his forces with a view to keeping down forest fires to the minimum and preventing the terrible destruction of past years State Forester F. A. Elliott is now in eastern Oregon. He is a practical man and is going about in a practical way to handle the task before him.

But Mr. Elliott nor any other state forester can succeed without the intelligent co-operation of the people of the state. Those who go into the forests for work or for sport must learn their duties and their responsibilities. The way to effectively handle forest fires is to prevent them from ever being started.

If campers and other people will but use a proper amount of discretion in handling camp fires and in rigidly refraining from leaving a burning fire a long step will be taken towards saving the forests and towards saving the little homes that become jeopardized whenever a big forest fire gets underway.

Last year Oregon paid a heavy toll to the forest fire fiend and this in spite of many precautions that were taken and in spite of the patrol work carried on by the national government and by various corporations. This year the state has taken upon its shoulders the duty of saving its forests and if the work that has been started under the direction of Mr. Elliott can be carried out successfully the state will be reimbursed many times over for the appropriation made for this purpose.

**WHY ARE THEY AFRAID?**

Dr. Anna Shaw, a noted lecturer, says that men are afraid of women and have always been. She says that this fear was born in the heart of Adam when he was beguiled into the Garden of Eden. But Dr. Shaw's version of the apple eating episode is slightly different from the accepted view of that affair.

"The story is this, and the men won't remember it rightly," she says. "Eve discovered the tree of knowledge. She tasted of it and went to Adam and invited him to share in it. She wanted him to get something in his noggin. He was afraid. If it had not been for Eve, why Adam would have remained sitting on the trunk of a fallen tree tiddling a twig to this very day. Women have always led the men. Eve guided Adam, and women will always show the way for the men."

But how it never occurred to Mrs. Shaw that perhaps Adam became fearful of his fair beguiler after they were kicked out of Eden?

The Commercial club is entirely consistent in favoring the street improvement charter amendment. That amendment looks to providing more street work for Pendleton and if there is anything under the sun that is now needed here it is some improved streets.

Rightminded people will not go away and leave camp fires that may spread and destroy whole forests. Other people should be reminded of the fact that the law has heavy penalties for those who are negligent in this regard.

Seldom is China entirely free from a serious situation of some sort.

**FAIR PROPOSITION.**

"Well," said Farmer Hayseed to the artist, "how much will 'ee paint my farm with me standin' in ' door for?"

"Oh, 5 guineas," said the artist.

"Done," replied the farmer; "coom tomorrow."

In due course the painting was finished. But alas! the careless artist had forgot to paint the worthy farmer on the picture of his farm.

"Yes, I like it," said the farmer, "but where's me, lad—where's me?"

The error he had made flashed across the artist's mind, but he tried to pass it off with a joke. "Oh," he said, "you've gone inside to get me my five guineas."

"Oh, have I?" retorted the nettled old chap, "perhaps I'll be comin' out soon, and if I dew I'll pay you! In the meantime we'll hand it up and wait."

**KNOW WHAT HE WANTED.**

A roughly dressed man went into a drug store and presented a doctor's prescription to the clerk. This paper called for ten grains of quinine, but when the druggist proceeded to do up the prescribed amount his customer objected.

"Here, I want you to put that quinine on this prescription," he said; "and I want a lot more'n what you've got weighed out, too!"

"But your prescription calls for only 10 grains," exclaimed the clerk.

"Never you mind; you dump all the quinine you can get on the paper that the doc gave me. I know what he said. I told him I wanted some quinine for a cold, and he says, says he, 'You take this paper right over to the druggist and get it filled!'"

Judge.

**DIDN'T LOOK THAT WAY.**

"Is the gov'nor in?" asked the visitor.

The office boy, with his chair tilted back and his legs stretched out upon the rock, made no reply.

"I asked if the gov'nor was in?" said the visitor.

The office boy threw him a disdainful glance; blew a cloud of cigarette smoke down his nostrils, and resumed his reading.

"Didn't you hear me?" snapped the visitor.

"O' course I 'ear you," answered the office boy, scornfully.

"Then why the dickens don't you tell me if the gov'nor's in?"

"Now, I ask 'er," retorted the office boy, as he recrossed his legs upon the desk, and prepared to resume his reading, "does it look like it?"

Answers.

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1487—Lambert Simnel, an impostor, crowned at Dublin, by the title of Edward VI.

1747—Naval battle between the English fleet under Anson and Warren, and the French fleet under M. de Jonquieres, which was conveying six East Indianmen and a number of transports and merchantmen to Canada.

1818—Capt. Ross sailed from Shetland on his first voyage of discovery of the Northwest passage.

1829—The Portuguese consul at New York and Philadelphia dismissed by order of Don Miguel.

1863—Suffolk, Va., abandoned by the Confederates and fortifications destroyed.

1892—Chinese Exclusion act requiring every Chinaman to register his place of residence in the United States, went into effect.

1909—Capt. Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., was found guilty of the murder of Wm. E. Annis.

The Shah of Persia again granted a constitution.

1910—Commander Perry is London received the gold medal of the Royal Geographical society.

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