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OUT OF THE WEST.

The West can give you nought if only bread;
The rain is wasted on the soil that bears
Only the springing wheat whose golden head
is bowed in wind-pid worship of the sun.

The West is poor, indeed, if only gold
Is hidden in the riven rock and man.
A shadow on the mountain side and old—
A fool who tosses tringets in a pan.

Five centuries have ringed the cedar tree
Five hundred wasted ears if it must fall
To make a woodman's fire, such destiny
More fits the turf that dries beside the wall.

The West shall give you strength of men; the soil
Broken beneath the share shall three-fold yield.
Of character, and through the pain of toil
Man's power shall learn its sinews in the field.
St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

BENEFICIAL EDUCATION.

In the schools of the world rests the home for human advancement. In an interview given just after his triumphal entry into the City of Mexico, Madero, the successful revolutionary leader, declared he would work for the betterment of the common schools of Mexico. His statement shows that he knows the source of Mexico's trouble and if he is true to his purpose of improving the schools he will solve the problem. The trouble with the Diaz government was that it did not promote the education and advancement of the common people of Mexico. The people had few civic powers and they were not properly educated for even such duties as they had to perform. So it is no wonder that the Mexicans have made a poor spectacle of themselves before the world.

In America the problem is not so much to fit the people for citizenship for our schools are not deficient in that line. Every American boy learns at the start that he is to be a free American citizen and as such will have the same civic rights and responsibilities as the rest of his countrymen. The presidency is as open to him as anyone else.

But in the matter of preparing young people for the party they must play in the industrial world our schools in the past have been lacking. However, educators everywhere are realizing the weakness of the old system and they are getting away from it. Useful as well as cultural education for young women as well as young men is now being provided.

"In an elementary school of Manhattan the aim is preparation, not for penitentiary, but for serviceable and happy living," says an editorial in the Spokesman-Review. "Not specific vocational training, but industrial and vocational intelligence describes the purpose. In a kitchen and dining room the little girl learns the mysteries of doughs and soups. In a shop constructive work is carried on. In a sewing room clothing is fashioned. Social culture is provided by a clubroom and a garden is tilled on the roof.

"Barren schooling is replaced by living through each subject. The girl is put from the beginning to solving the problems that life sets.

"There also are high schools where the girl of tomorrow is fitting herself for the woman's work of the day after.

"Beyond the high schools of Brooklyn, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Rochester stand special institutes where the girl of tomorrow can complete her liberal education in the high schools can obtain scientific training for practical service and useful work."

When the new Pendleton high

school is finished a course in domestic science is to be established here and the girls of this city will be given the instruction that is heralded as so valuable in New York. Some people of course will think the schools are taking up with small work. On the contrary it is great work. Such work as this looks to the true betterment of social conditions and nothing that is useful is small or petty. There is majesty in ordinary duties and beauty in simplicity—if people only know it.

A BLUNDER.

That the referendum on the Malarkey public service bill was a blunder is now apparent, says the Oregon Journal. Without intending to do so, those who signed the petitions to referend it, played directly into the hands of the public service corporations.

The measure for a local public service commission failed to pass. The state-wide bill is held up by the referendum, and for two years the public service utilities will go unregulated. Not only do such corporations in Portland escape regulation, but the same is true in the other cities of the state.

There ought to be regulation. Regulation has proven efficacious in the case of railroads. It is even more necessary with reference to municipal utilities. The nation and the state are in the business of regulating, and it is equally important that the cities should be.

Sane regulation is better for the utilities themselves. It is so admitted to be by some of the largest figures in the railroad world. In railroads, it substitutes honest management for management by frenzied financiers. It places transportation on a legitimate basis and is to eventually cut out over capitalization.

It is possible that the referendum on the Malarkey bill may have defects that will prevent its application. The question ought to be tried out in the courts. The blunder of invoking it ought to be repaired if possible, and a state-wide commission be put to work on the problems of securing fair and equitable rates from public service monopolies throughout the state.

Meantime, forewarned by the present situation, it will be wisdom in the future to always be sure we are right before we go ahead in invoking the referendum or resorting to the initiative. The friends of regulation reforended the Malarkey bill, expecting that the local public service bill would pass.

But the local measure didn't pass, and there we are.

AFTER THE FLY.

In taking up a crusade against the fly the ladies of the civic club are engaging in very practical work and they deserve the fullest encouragement. Medical authorities unite in the assertion that the fly is an enemy as well as a summer nuisance. He carries the germs of typhoid fever and other diseases and is held responsible for a vast amount of summer illness.

The remedy for the fly is very simple. It is nothing more nor less than cleanliness. Where there is not dirt or filth there will be no flies. To guard against flies garbage piles should be cared for, manure piles within the city should be thinned.

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." Mrs. Inez Lewis Baring, Maine.

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refuse or slop barrels should be securely covered and foodstuff of a nature to attract flies should be kept under screen.

The adjudication of the water rights on the Umatilla is a matter of far greater importance than people now realize. In later years there will be people who will regret they did not get into the game and protect their rights. Water is destined to increase in value as closer development comes about in this section.

The steel trust seems to understand industrial conditions very well, but admits the need of regulation. So do others aside from Mr. Gary.

The Astoria Centennial will be next.

JUNE 10 IN HISTORY.

1719—Battle of Glenshields, Scotland, ending Spanish invasion.
1811—Lord Wellington raised the siege of Balafoz.
1855—Charles J. Culberson, who became United States senator from Texas, born.
1861—Neutrality announced by the French emperor.
1892—President Harrison nominated for re-election by the republican convention at Minneapolis, Mr. White-law Reid, vice president.
1893—Battleship Massachusetts launched.
1898—Six hundred American marines landed near Guantanamo harbor.
1902—Woodrow Wilson succeeded Dr. Patton as president of Princeton University.
1909—The house of commons passed the budget on second reading. President Taft presented the Wright brothers with gold medals.
1910—Federal grand jury indicted Western Union Telegraph company, forty-two violations of a bucket shop law being alleged.

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"Toots, dear," his mother asked, "do you want some crackers and milk?"
"No."
"Say no, thanks."
When daddy came home mother wanted to give him an illustration of Toots' improvement in deportment so she said:
"Toots, dear, will you have some prunes?"
"No."
"No what!"
"No prunes."—Chicago Examiner.

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