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WHAT IS BEST.

It's wiser being good than bad;
It's safer being meek than fierce;
It's fitter being sane than mad.
My own hope is a sun will pierce
The thickest cloud earth ever stretched;
That after last returns the first,
Though a wide compass round be fetched;
That what began best can't end worst,
Not what God blessed once prove accurst.
—Robert Browning.

A DAMNABLE PRACTICE.

Every person who is a friend of the University of Oregon and higher education, every person who is a supporter of the referendum and the Oregon system and every person who believes in honor and justice will condemn, unequivocally and emphatically, the methods employed to invade the referendum at the appropriations granted by the legislature for the extension of the state university at Eugene. It has been found that a large number of the names to the petition, filed with the secretary of state are bogus and it is necessary to use a percentage of these ex-supreme judges. Sister that twenty men were employed for the purpose of securing fictitious signatures. On some of the petitions he declares, indications are that fraudulent names and addresses were affixed thereto.

Such a crime, for crime it is and a damnable one too, should be followed by drastic punishment. The law provides a heavy fine or a term in the penitentiary as penalty and both should be inflicted upon the manufacturers responsible. No practice can so easily be directed to the Oregon system. It is a telling blow to popular government, such criminal abuse of the right of the referendum. Just now the eyes of the nation are directed to Oregon, pioneer in the field of progressive legislation, and the success or failure which attends her venture will be a great factor in determining whether or not her sisters shall follow the trail she has blazed. The man, therefore, who deliberately undertakes to beset her path with traps and pitfalls, to encompass her in her uncertain steps with lurking dangers is a foe that should be dealt with severely in the beginning.

The guilt of the perpetrators of this outrage is only the more reprehensible because it was calculated to deprive one of the worthiest institutions in the state of needed financial aid. There were men, undoubtedly, who signed those petitions in good faith, who were conscientious in their endeavors to hold up the needed appropriations, and, however much they may be criticised for their judgment, honesty was at least their portion. But the men who stooped to practice fraud in their efforts to hamper an institution of higher learning are robbed of this redeeming cloth and brand themselves not only as habitual crooks and insidious foes of popular government but as dastardly enemies of education as well. And, what ever the motive that impelled them to their underhand practices, whether they did so to discredit the progressive laws of the state or to impede the University of Oregon or for any other purpose, they should be made to know that the people of the state will not tolerate such criminal conduct and can and will protect their laws and their institutions.

FIGHT FOR THE RIGHTS.

Now that the time is near at hand when a large number of the water rights in Umatilla county are to be adjudicated it behooves the owners of such rights to see that their cases are fully and completely presented so that they are not wrongfully deprived of any part of an asset which will prove increasingly valuable as the years roll on. These rights have laid dormant

for long but the time is fast approaching when they will develop into possessions of inestimable wealth. Irrigation is now past its experimental stage and the wonders it can perform are just beginning to be appreciated. There is a great deal of water in the county allowed to go to waste at present but much of it belongs to the settlers and they should not allow themselves to be deprived of their rights to it through carelessness in their defense.

Carrie Nation is no more, and liquor men over the country will have a sigh of relief. But if, by the virtue of providence, the famous hatchet wielder should be dispatched to the realm which is popularly supposed to be the ultimate destination of all scoundrels, she may yet prove a terror to these men, for it is hard to believe that the Evil One would not enlist her services in punishing these dispensers of "debauching water."

None will deny that it has been tropical in Pendleton for the past few days, but, after reading the accounts of the great suffering from the heat in the eastern states, local people can still call this city "the blessed."

With the convention of the state veterinarians in this city during the round-up there should be plenty of "first aid" to injured equines.

It certainly looks as if the Fourth of July committee will fulfill all promises.

The Huskies won a great triumph yesterday and they did it in one of the fastest games of the season too, the Walla Walla Union to the contrary notwithstanding.

Pendleton would welcome the addition of a riding and driving club to its many organizations.

JUNE 21 IN HISTORY.

1572—Ferdinand and Isabella crossed the Rhine. The Prince de Conde was wounded for the first, and only time during his campaigns.

1833—The first Edison plot, supposed to have been to suppress the publication of the Daily of York, disappeared. All implicated suffered death, George Mummitt, who was in a short time, recalled to the king.

1780—Settlement made at Signy Island by blacks from England. The French were driven for the approaching day.

1794—Danton reported and the French convention decreed the organization of the revolutionary tribunal, consisting of a president, three vice-presidents, a public accuser, four deputies, 12 judges and 24 jurors.

1788—French troops took possession of the fortifications of Mainz.

1800—rebel domestic with great slaughter at Bandyung by General Vigne, crushing the insurrection in the north.

1802—The court of St. Petersburg refused to recognize Napoleon as emperor of France.

1829—A large body of British cavalry and infantry defeated near Kanouff and killed.

1846—Treaty fixing the northern boundary of the United States at the 49th parallel of latitude and giving the British possession of Vancouver Island the free navigation of the Columbia river, etc., signed.

1848—More than 6000 persons driven from their homes by fire at St. John, N. E.

1848—Insurrection at Prague, Bohemia, the Princess of Windischgratz shot by the insurgents.

1864—General Grant commenced to take his forces across the James River, so as to attack Richmond from the south.

1865—Beverly Johnson confirmed as minister to England.

The house agreed to the senate's amendments to the southern restoration bill by 111 votes to 28.

1880—Steamer carrying the obelisk known as "Cleopatra's Needle" destined for the United States, sails from Alexandria, Egypt; it arrived at New York harbor July 15th following.

1910—Prince Fushimi of Japan visited Boston.

A DISAPPOINTED CADDIE.

When Professor Charles Zueblin of Harvard was lost in Kansas City he immediately sought out L. H. Fiery, assistant manager of the Coates house who was his boyhood friend. They had played on the same college baseball team and were chums at school. One afternoon Mr. Fiery and Professor Zueblin went to Evanston to play golf. The professor is almost an expert at the game. He was constantly addressed as "professor." Finally Mr. Fiery's caddie whispered to him: "Is he a professor of golf?" "Oh, no, my boy," Mr. Fiery answered, "he's a professor in a university."

The caddie studied a moment and then said, with a decided show of disappointment: "Shucks, is that all?"—Kansas City Star.

JOHN BURNS.

A change began to come over John Burns when he was elected to the London common council. The agitator turned by degrees into the administrator. He was the only labor representative on the council, and his experience, sanity, and good humor quickly made themselves felt. He proved himself an indefatigable, councillor, inspecting and inquiring into everything on his own account, and securing reform after reform in the treatment and wages of the council's employes, the conditions of its contracts, the provision of parks, drainage works, asylums, public control of the London street car system, the growth of artisan's dwellings and so on.

When he entered parliament in 1882, he found the same sort of work waiting to be done on a far larger scale. He gained the ear of the House at once, not because he spoke well without having something to say, or because the House was voting on questions at the moment of his entrance and his own mad indifference impossible; and, thirdly, because he was ready to be unpopular. He knew that if he had been all the rest of the House put together, he would have been the only one to have carried out the work of the House. He was elected at all points a great deal of the work and his own reputation as a man of his intelligence and you would have

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