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**SUNSET.**

I saw the royal robes of twilight's train  
 Sweep through the crimson portals of the West;  
 And in the gleaming wake I glimpsed again  
 The ship of Asteroid, in splendor dressed,  
 Drift up the deeps of evening calm, untriven,  
 As 't bore the radiant soul of Him to heaven.

Perchance the Potter of the twirling sky,  
 The Moulder of the molten lava seas,  
 The Builder of the Argosies on high,  
 The Painter of the flowers and the trees,  
 Took cloud and fire, pearl and purple then,  
 And in your heart, beloved, blended them.  
 —By Henry Walker Noyes in Pacific Monthly.

**HASTENING THE DAY.**

A miserable local sheet known among other things for the avidity with which it licks the toes of the Pacific Power & Light company, or of any other corporation that may throw it a bone, tries to charge the East Oregonian with "purloining" credit for the proposed reduction in light rates.

It is imbecilic rot. The subject of lower light rates for Pendleton was brought before the Commercial club managers by Dr. C. J. Smith, who acted upon his own initiative and without consulting a soul, as far as this paper knows. Since that time the matter has been handled by the city interests committee of which T. G. Montgomery is chairman. The committee has confined its efforts so far to ordering that a thorough investigation of the subject of electricity and gas charges be made by Secretary Jack Keefe.

News stories telling of these facts have been published by the East Oregonian and this paper has endorsed the movement editorially. It does so still, but this paper has never by a single word claimed credit for the move. The investigation should be completed no matter what the electrical company has done or may do. The electrical company and its manager are on one side of the game, the people of Pendleton on the other. The people are foolish if they do not look out for themselves.

The asinine feature of this whole affair is that anyone should resent the fact that the Commercial club is to investigate the prices paid for electricity and gas in this city as compared with the prices paid elsewhere. The people pay the bills, if they haven't the right to investigate the subject then for God's sake who has. On what merit has the Pacific Power & Light company fed that it should swell up and become so arrogant? Why should its journalistic pup be set a-yelping just because the people of Pendleton, through their commercial organization, are going to find out, in a businesslike way, whether or not they pay too much for electricity and gas? Plainly this is no way for a public service corporation to act in this day and age. Every time a corporation acts in such a manner it but hastens the day of governmental regulation of corporations—a day that is already at the dawn in Oregon.

**AN EARNEST GOVERNOR.**

It was characteristic of Governor West to lead a posse after Convict Hall and to personally retake that desperado. The governor is modest and unassuming but he is a man of action and nerve. When he starts upon a line of work in which he feels he is right he becomes intensely interested and he usually carries it through—as some legislators discovered last winter.

It is the belief of Governor West that the old time method of managing prisoners often does infinite

harm and no good. It is a belief shared by almost all others who have investigated the subject. The governor is seeking to segregate the prisoners and to treat worthy convicts as men, not as beasts. It is a noble plan and one that deserves to succeed. It is going to succeed because the governor will make it succeed.

However, it is inevitable that some prisoners will abuse the confidence placed in them. They have been chained down so long that naturally some will break away or try to do so. Hall did this but he was recaptured by the very man who had granted him his parole. It was fitting that it occurred this way and the effect on the prisoners should be good. It will show that while the governor is going to give prisoners a chance to aid themselves he will deal sternly with those who abuse their privileges.

Only an earnest and courageous man would go out after a desperate character like Hall and risk his life in taking him as Governor West did. The governor is entitled to congratulations upon his good work.

**IN WORKING TRIM.**

That the Pendleton commercial club is now in working trim and is busy has been frequently shown of late and it was demonstrated by the enthusiastic gathering for the monthly luncheon last evening. Secretary Keefe is making good in his position and he has only started. As he becomes more and more familiar with the situation his value to the community will be increased. All that is needed is the loyal co-operation of the business people of the town. Everybody should belong to the Commercial club and every member should get in and work. If there are differences of opinion let them be expressed frankly and if there must be scraps then let them come but keep such things within proper limits. Members should never lose their sense of proportion. The object of the Commercial club is to advance the interests of Pendleton and there is no one too small or too big to join in such work.

Assuredly the O. W. R. & N. company will provide some way for accommodating the mountain travel during the summer without making people remain up all night to catch trains. A local train between Pendleton and Huntington seems the best solution.

The East Oregonian is not worrying over who gets credit for reduced light charges. But this paper is doing what it can and will continue to do what it can to assist local people in getting lower prices. It will do this because it is the business of a legitimate newspaper to do this way. If others care to uphold the interests of the electrical company rather than the public it is their privilege to do so.

With the Round-up drawing nigh it would be hard to interest local people in such an affair as an aviation meet. Such sport may be pleasing to Walla Wallans but it would seem quiet here.

How many more coronation parades? That seems to be an extended affair they are having across the water.

Once more Governor West has lived up to the role of "The Man Who Believes The Goods."

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**SLAPPED AGAIN BY THE STATE.**

(Weston Leader.)

If it be blessed to be meek and lowly the community of Weston is indebted to the state of Oregon for teaching it humility. This town once had a state normal, and while we are all trying to forget the fact, and to close our eyes to the vacant buildings, circumstances are sure to arise which recall unpleasant recollections of the manner in which the state has sat down upon us and squelched us.

Passing over the long history of the school's trials and vicissitudes—it was closed a time or two through legislative whims and never knew from one biennial term to another whether it would survive or perish—let us relate that during its final death struggle in the sad springtime of 1909 the people of Weston were called upon to save its teachers from starvation and its graduating class from the threatened loss of their diplomas. They came nobly to the rescue with a fund of \$5000. They had done so frequently before and had the habit. And here let it be interposed that although the people of Weston were often held up to scorn and obloquy by the esteemed Oregon-

**Years of Suffering**  
**Catarrh and Blood Disease—Doctors Failed to Cure.**

Miss Mabel E. Dawkins, 1214 Lafayette St., Fort Wayne, Ind., writes: "For three years I was troubled with catarrh and blood disease. I tried several doctors and a dozen different remedies, but none of them did me any good. A friend told me of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I took two bottles of this medicine and was as well and strong as ever. I feel like a different person and recommend Hood's to any one suffering from catarrh."  
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ian and other cheating friends as a set of "local grafters," the state really being grafted from Weston rather than Weston from the state. But to proceed.

The last legislature made an appropriation to liquidate the "unpaid claims" of the three normal schools, two of which are now defunct. Weston's share, we believe, was between six and seven thousand dollars. The teachers were paid the balance due them, but this balance could not have "been up" the Weston appropriation. A local emissary set off gladly to Salem, armed with indisputable receipts and vouchers for the \$6000 due this town. He was met at the office of the secretary of state with a clammy stare and a cold refusal. He came home chilled to the marrow. Later an official letter was received from J. H. Ackerman, president of the state board of normal regents, expressing his sorrow that "Weston's claim was not allowed by the senate."

Mr. Ackerman is undoubtedly sorry. Even at this distance we can feel the depressing influence of his crocodile tears. But he is sorry for Weston—not for himself. He is even now drawing his salary, we understand, as president of the only normal school in the state—which salary is double the amount ever before given to a normal school president in Oregon. Ackerman will get his bit. He always has during his many years of comfortable office holding. And that he contrived to save the state from two of the "grafting normals" in order to be president of the third and sole remaining school, is now the firm belief of this community. How he did it would take too long to explain. The creation of the single state board was, however, the entering wedge.

By Ackerman's orders, in 1909, the normal school plant at Weston was gutted of nearly everything it contained of value. Its expensive and handsome equipment was sold for a song to junk dealers. He has now caused an inventory to be made of the few goods remaining with a view, doubtless, to their similar disposition. But right here let it be said that Weston has grown tired of the saving grace of humility. He will not get these goods except by armed force, with a detachment of the state militia. Weston is holding them as security for its unpaid claim.

**JUNE 24 IN HISTORY.**

1724—Great tumult in Glasgow, occasioned by a tax on malt.  
 1736—English act of parliament against witchcraft, passed in the reign of James I. repealed.  
 1741—A daily mail first installed in London.  
 1804—Governor of New Hampshire refuses to sign the bill the legislature had passed agreeing to the amendment of the constitution, adopted by

two-thirds of the states.  
 1812—Napoleon's army began the Russian campaign by the passage of the Nieman.  
 1821—Battle of Carabobo in the South American war of independence.  
 1862—Investment of Vicksburg, Miss. by a fleet of 13 federal gunboats under Admiral Farragut. After an ineffectual bombardment on the defenses Farragut withdrew on July 24.  
 1894—Marie Francois Sadi-Carnot, President of France, assassinated by Cesare Giovanni Sante, an Italian.  
 1898—In advancing from Balaguer, Gen. Young's brigade of cavalry, and the "rough riders" encountered a superior force of Spaniards at Las Gausinas, near Sevilla. A heavy fire was opened on the Americans. Hamilton Fish, Jr., one of the rough riders was killed and Capt. A. J. Capron mortally wounded. Enemy finally driven from positions after Americans had sustained loss of fifteen killed and fifty wounded.  
 1904—Pedicaric released by the bandit Rals Uli, with his stepson.

**DEPEW'S BEST COMPLIMENT.**

Senator Depew, at a dinner in his honor in New York, said of his notable oratorical gift:  
 "I have received many compliments on my skill at after dinner speaking, but the naivest compliment of all came from an up-state farmer.  
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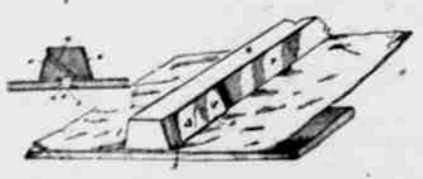
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