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WAIT A BIT.

If you find the present wearing—
 Wait a bit,
 Ere you give up to despairing;
 Do your share of burden-bearing—
 And you'll learn there's gain in darning.
 Fate a bit,
 In the darkness of your sorrow
 "Take a brace,"
 Look for joy to dawn tomorrow;
 He who borrows care shall borrow
 Care's disgrace.

In the daily onward-faring
 Voice a song—
 Give the heart-of-mirth an airing;
 There is virtue in not caring,
 There is vice in plaint-declaring.
 All day long,
 If your plans persist in going
 all awry,
 There is comfort, still, in know-
 ing
 That you're like to make a
 showing
 By and by.
 —Ray Clark Rose in The Nauti-
 lus.

A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.
 It is a welcome announcement that the Pacific Power & Light company will grant an immediate reduction in light rates, says the president of the Commercial club and he voices the sentiment of local people in general.

But even with the reduction announced the investigation started by the club will proceed just the same. The secretary will continue to gather data relative to charges on electricity and gas in different northwest cities and when the time comes the facts will be given to the public—no matter what they may be.

Certainly this is a fair and businesslike way to do. The Pacific Power & Light company can have no just objection to this course. They say Pendleton will get the same treatment as other towns. If so then the investigation will show such to be the case and all will be lovely. On the other hand if the investigation should reveal conditions that look unjust from a Pendleton standpoint then attention can be called to the same so that further corrections in the schedules may be made.

It is possible the investigation will reveal some interesting facts regarding the gas business. It is common knowledge that at present Pendleton people pay more for gas than do the Walla Wallans and also that here householders are required to pay for piping their houses while in Walla Walla the company does this work free of charge to gas users.

Thus far no announcement has been made regarding any change in gas rates. Why should not these rates be equalized too? Why should gas cost more in Pendleton than in Walla Walla and why should the company pay for the piping in Walla Walla and make the householders do so in Pendleton?

This is a straight business proposition and the subject arises in the natural course of affairs. There is no attempt being made to haze the Pacific Power & Light company merely for the sake of doing so. There is no desire to muck rake any of the company's officials and there is no grandstanding on the part of anyone. The move that is on is intended simply to obtain for the people of Pendleton what is justly theirs—nothing more, nothing less. It is a move that should be carried out fairly but fearlessly straight through to completion, regardless of whether the Pacific Power & Light company likes it or not.

The people pay the bills and they have a right to inquire as to whether or not the prices charged are right and just.

A RARE CELEBRATION.
 For the coming fourth of July celebration in Pendleton the committee

on arrangements is providing enjoyment such as has never before been in store for people who have celebrated here.

There will be good entertainment at the Round-up park and the sporting events will be pulled off under such circumstances that all will be able to see the events and witness them in comfort. There will be seats for 10,000 people and the entire thing will be free, there being no admission charged either to the grounds or to the grandstand. Even the dancing up town in the evening will be free of cost.

Pendleton is celebrating this year with the intention of showing its friends a good time. It will be interesting to note how successfully the plan works.

SEGREGATING PRISONERS.
 In connection with his work for prison reform Governor West proposes at a later date to segregate the prisoners into three classes. The thoroughly bad men and dangerous will be required to eat in silence at a table where the fare will be in keeping with their bad standing. There will then be an intermediate table for those who show a desire to do right and better their conditions. The third table will be for men who are classed as good men. They will be allowed to talk and eat after the fashion of civilized men.

It is well known that all the convicts in a penitentiary are not of equal depravity. There are all classes there, some good, some bad and some indifferent. Proper management of a prison calls for a segregation of the men and Governor West's plan for dividing the convicts in classes at the table should bring satisfactory results.

A SPECIOUS PLEA.
 The Lorimer plea that he is being persecuted by the McCormicks would be more plausible were it not for the fact there is one big hole in the argument.

If McCormick was fighting the Blonde Boss why did the Lorimer boodle manager go to the International Harvester company, McCormick's corporation, and seek to get that company to contribute to the \$100,000 slush fund needed to bring about Lorimer's election?

Assuredly it is not the general practice of men who do bribing to go to sworn enemies and ask them to participate in the wrong doing. The fact that Hynes, the Lorimer boodle manager, did go to the International harvester company seeking funds seems to indicate there was no open quarrel between Lorimer and the McCormicks.

But even if there was and even if McCormick should be proven an unprincipled man that would be no reason why Lorimer, elected through bribery, should be allowed to retain his seat in the senate.

It is Lorimer the country is interested in just now.

President Taft wants congress to withhold tariff legislation until after the tariff board has reported. From all indications there will be no legislation until the board reports and probably not for a long time after that event.

Arizona and New Mexico must vote upon their constitutions again but they will be admitted as states no matter how they vote. Sounds like peculiar statesmanship.

All three members of the state board seem to be qualifying as watchdogs of the treasury.

JUNE 26 IN HISTORY.
 1782—Slavery entirely abolished in Austrian Poland.
 1799—Naples surrendered to Lord Nelson.
 1807—British order in council, blocking the Ems and rivers on the Baltic.
 1830—Board of Aldermen of Boston refused to allow the Tremont theatre to be opened on the Fourth of July, that day being Saturday.
 1831—Cholera made its appearance in St. Petersburg.
 1853—Czar of Russia issued a manifesto respecting the Turkish question to his own subjects, pretending to act as the champion of Christianity.
 1862—Seven Days' Battle begun at Beaver Dam creek.
 1884—British house of commons passed the bill extending the franchise, but it was rejected by the Lords, July 17th.
 1898—Advance guard of the American army reached San Juan, four miles distant from Santiago.
 1902—Mr. Spooner's Panama canal bill passed by congress, signed June 29th.
 1910—Russia and Japan threatened with a controversy over railway matters in the Far East.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY SKETCH.
 Sereno Elisha Payne, co-author of the Aldrich-Payne tariff measure, which has been the bone of contention in the senate for the past two years, is 68 years old today. He was born at Hamilton, N. Y., June 29, 1843 and graduated from the University of Rochester at the age of 21. Two years later he was admitted to the bar and since has practiced law at Auburn, being a member of the firm of Payne, Payne & Clark.
 Mr. Payne has been actively engaged in politics since he was twenty-five

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years of age, his first position being city clerk of Auburn, at which he served from 1868-7871. For the next year he was supervisor of Auburn, then he was made district attorney for Cayuga county, after which he was elected president of the board of education at Auburn. He has received honorary degrees from Universities of Rochester and Colgate and twice been chairman of the republican state convention of New York. He was a delegate to the republican national conventions of 1892, 1896, 1900 and 1904, serving as chairman of the committee on credentials at the convention in 1900. Mr. Payne was appointed a member of the American British joining high commission. He has served in every congress from the forty-eighth to the sixty-second with the exception of the fiftieth.

BEGGING THE QUESTION.
 Samuel Gompers told me this one lately while we were waiting for our Baltimore and Washington train at Harrisburg.

Once at a Bobby Burns dinner in Washington the man—Dr. Miller—who was to deliver the speech on "The president of the United States," was called away on professional business and I was asked to speak in his stead. Knowing Mr. McKinley—then president—and liking him very well personally, I was glad to accede to their request. Some time afterward I was talking with the president and told him how glad I had been to get the job of saying things

about him. I said: "I shan't tell you all the bad things I said of you." McKinley laughed and said: "It was certainly a good chance for you. It reminds me of the time when the worst man in a mining camp not notorious for its piety died. The fellow had been terrible bad. If he lacked anything of total depravity, none could recall any evidence of it. He had corrupted the camp in every way possible, had been brutal and debauched and debased in every way known to mankind. When he died there was a quandary as to what to do at his funeral. He had been shot down in his boots, in defense of the very decency of the camp. A non-resident minister was sent for and told the awful truth about the deceased.

"Didn't he have any good point?" asked the minister.
 "Not one."
 "Wasn't he even kind to a child some time?"
 "Never."
 "The minister was lost in thought a while, then he asked:
 "When is the funeral to be?"
 "Tomorrow at 3. Will you preach it?"
 "Oh, yes!"
 "I shall talk," said the minister, "on the glorious age in which this fellow lived."—Human Life.

Why is it that a man can sit all day fishing without getting a nibble when he gets fidgets if he has to sit fifteen minutes in church?

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