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JULY.

When the scarlet cardinal tells
 Her dream to the dragon-fly,
 And the bay breeze makes a
 nest in the trees,
 And murmurs a lullaby,
 It is July.

When the tangled cobweb pulls
 The corn-flower's cup away,
 And the lilacs lean over the
 wall
 To bow to the butterfly,
 It is July.

When the heat like a mist veil
 floats,
 And popples flame in the eye,
 And the silver note in the
 streamlet's throat
 Has softened almost to a sigh,
 It is July.

When the hours are so still that
 time
 Forgets them, and lets them
 lie
 'Neath petals pink till the night
 stars wink,
 At the sunset in the sky,
 It is July.

—Susan Hartley Swett.

A SHOWDOWN COMING.
 Councilman Strain is a good man to take charge of the move for an ordinance to compel the electric company and the telephone company to place their wires underground in the business section. Mr. Strain has dealt with corporations in a big way while serving as assessor and he seems to know how to get results. As a consequence of his efforts the O. W. R. & N. company now pays several times as much in taxes as it formerly did and there are other corporations too that are meeting their part of the public burden more fully than they did in the olden days.

However, the task of passing an ordinance for the removal of the poles and overhead wires in the business section should be an easy one. The demand for the improvement is so general, the move is so timely and it is so clearly in the interest of the public welfare, that it will be surprising if any formidable opposition develops.

To many it seems strange that even the corporations affected do not want to place their wires underground. At this time Greenwood, Golden, Alta and Wells streets are unpeopled and cables may be laid on those streets with but little expense. If the corporations will until these streets are improved before doing the work it will be a big gain upon mere. It is a certainty the overhead wires will have to go someday.

Then the task of maintaining underground wires should be less than the cost of keeping up the overhead wires. With the underground wires there will be no poles to rot. There will be less danger of accidents and accordingly less likelihood of damage suits. Considering the subject from a broad standpoint it should be a good thing

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for the electric and telephone companies to get their wires underground. How this proposition will fare in the city council is an open question. In the view of the East Oregonian the majority of the local councilmen are men of good purposes and will favor the ordinance to remove the overhead wires. Plainly they should do so. The councilmen were chosen to represent the people of the city. The electric and telephone companies have paid managers and attorneys to look out for their interests and they are thoroughly capable of doing so without any help from the representatives of the people.

However, it is rumored the corporations have a foothold in the city's official family and just how strong that hold may be is a matter that remains to be seen. There will be a showing of colors when the subject is brought before the council by Mr. Strain and it will be interesting to see what we shall see.

A HEAVY SPENDER.
 It is reported that Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador to England, has spent so much money entertaining in that country that other men are afraid to follow him in his position. He is said to pay \$50,000 a year for tents alone. So President Taft, who would like to get rid of Reid, is having difficulty securing a successor. Four men who have been approached upon the subject have declined with thanks. They cannot afford the job.

What a change from the days when Ben Franklin represented this country abroad and got results through the force of his character and ability rather than through money spending. It is also likely to ask if it is at all complimentary to England for this country to keep a man like Reid at St. James. Would not a man with less money and more brains than he be more appreciated by the English? Such a man would certainly make a more capable representative of Uncle Sam.

Such men as Ambassador Reid furnish a good argument for the owning of embassy buildings by the United States government. With the embassies owned by the government the ambassadors would be freed from paying enormous rents and it might be possible to secure representatives outside the multimillionaire class.

A DEADLY TRAFFIC.
 Quite a crusade is being made in Portland against parties that have been engaged in the illicit selling of cocaine and other drugs. The searchers are looking in particular for men who sell the stuff to boys.

No better work than this could be undertaken anywhere. The drug habit is an awful thing. A confirmed victim of cocaine or of any other drug is entitled to pity more than blame. He is in the clutches of a hideous monster whose hold he is powerless to break by his own unaided efforts.

The best remedy lies in prevention and vast good may be accomplished by stopping the illicit sale of the stuff. Legitimate druggists do not engage in the traffic and bootleggers should be sought out and punished.

A man who will sell a drug to whomsoever will buy it from him is dealing in what is worse than death. When the stuff is sold to young people not addicted to the drug habit the seller must indeed have the soul of a murderer and his punishment should be made to fit his offense.

MOVING SLOWLY.
 The Main street bridge is being installed and construction work on the extended sewer line has been started. However, the other improvements are coming slowly though it is to be hoped, surely. The state architect is still at work on the branch system plans. The water board has not yet secured its right to the springs it desires. The Federal building is still coming. The high school building is not yet started and preliminary steps toward street paving are consuming much time. From appearances at present much of that million dollars worth of work will have to be done next year.

If there are other parts of the country where patented Indian lands are not subject to taxation then such counties are not abreast with Umatilla county. Some of the very best land of this county belongs to Indians who hold patents and have full rights of citizenship. They pay taxes and most assuredly they are entitled to do so. It is good training for them as to the ways of the white man.

From Iradations Revealer See will have ample time to plan a "new heaven" while serving out his time in the Illinois penitentiary.

Paving seems to be cheap in Seattle for some reason, and it might pay Pendleton officials to investigate conditions over there.

What He Paid For.
 Conductor—Move forward there, please.
 Casey (who has moved along twice)—Divil a bit fudder! Oi paid me nickel t' ride, not t' kape on walkin'.
 —Boston Transcript.

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 "One fine, sunny afternoon a man mounted a soap box on a street corner and began a socialistic 'speech,' said Uncle Joe Cannon.

"You know the kind of speech—all about the poor man working himself to death, while the loafing, champagne-drinking rich man profits.

"Hold up your hands," he suddenly cried, "you who are in favor of socialism."

"A couple of hundred hands went up."

"Ah, our time is coming," cried the speaker, exultantly. "Look at that brave show of hands. Where are your anti-socialists now?"

"They're workin'! They're holdin' down their jobs. That's where they are!" shouted the small boy.—Philadelphia Record.

HE ROCKED THE BOAT.
 In the stream by the Asphodel Meadows
 That is known as the River Styx,
 In the care of a chap named Charon,
 There's a Fool in a nasty fix.
 He is chained for shrinking ankle,
 For the sins of Fools he's the goat.
 And he groans all day
 In his feeble way:
 "I'm the fellow who rocked the boat."

When the storm is high and the billows
 Wash the craft that the Fool is in,
 There's a grin on the face of Charon—
 A most diabolical grin!
 And he leaps, with his fiendish leer-
 ing,
 In the cruelest tub affloat—
 And he hurts his blinde
 At the cringing shade
 Of the fellow who rocked the boat.

And the lops in the stream of darkness
 Tear the rocks with a shriek of glee,
 And the trembling shade on the keel-board—
 Oh, my pitiful sight is he!
 And from now till the break of doomsday,
 He shall scream from his parching throat:
 Run, I'll never get through
 With the punishment due
 To the fellow who rocked the boat!

THE CRY OF TOL.
 We have fed you all for a thousand years,
 And you hell us still unfed.
 Though there's never a dollar of all your wealth
 But makes the worker's dead,
 We have plucked our best to give you rest,
 And you lie on a crimson wool,
 For it blood is the price of all your wealth.
 Good God, we ha' paid it in full,
 There's never a mine blown skyward now
 But we're buried alive for you,
 There's never a wreck drifts shoreward now
 But we are its ghastly prey,
 Go reckon our dead by the forged rod
 And the factories where we spin,
 If blood be the price of your accursed wealth,
 Good God, we ha' paid it in full,
 We have fed you all for a thousand years,
 For that was our doom, you know,
 From the days when you chained us
 In your fields
 To the strike of a week ago,
 You ha' eaten our lives and our babes and wives,
 And we're told it's your legal share,
 But if blood be the price of your lawful wealth,
 Good God, we ha' bought it fair.
 —Rudyard Kipling.

JULY 11 IN HISTORY.
 1450—Jack Cade, an Irishman who headed a rebellion in England, was slain near Lewes and his head placed on London bridge.
 1714—Battle of Aland. Russo-Swedish wars, between the Russian fleet of thirty ships of the line and 180 galleys, and a Swedish fleet of about one-third that size.
 1812—Blackrock taken by the British who burned the barracks, blockhouse and other buildings.
 1853—Teheren, the capitol of Persia, destroyed by an earthquake.
 1854—A new planet discovered by

the astronomer Hind, from the observatory at Regent's Park, London.
 1864—Confederate forces took possession of telegraph lines at Magnolia, Md., intercepted dispatches from Secretary Stanton to General Caldwell, and temporarily shut off communication with Washington.
 1882—Battle of Alexandria, during Arhur's rebellion.
 1884—Grover Cleveland and Thomas A. Hendricks nominated for the presidency and vice presidency at the Democratic national convention at Chicago.
 1904—Porfirio Diaz, elected president of Mexico; Ramon Corral, vice president.
 1910—Fire at Campbellton, N. B., rendered 4900 people homeless.

THE THINGS I MISS.
 An easy thing, O Power Divine,
 To thank Thee for these gifts of Thine!
 For summer's sunshine, winter's snow,
 For hearth that kindle thoughts that glow,
 But when shall I attain to this—
 To thank Thee for the things I miss!

For all young Fancy's early gleams,
 The dreamed-of joys, that still are dreams,
 Hopes unfulfilled, and pleasures known
 Through others' fortunes, not my own
 And blessings seen that are not given,
 And never will be, this side of heaven,
 Had I, too, shared the joys I see,
 Would there have been a heaven for me?
 Could I have felt Thy presence near
 Had I possessed what I held dear?
 My deepest fortune, highest bliss,
 Have grown, perchance, from things I miss.

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