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TO SNOWY HEIGHTS.

Summon all your aeroplanes—
 let 'em come in crowds;
 Land me on a snowy height—
 drown me in the clouds!

For we're parched and dry,
 And we'll melt, I know,
 And Satan's in the weather
 When the wind won't blow!

O take us on a snowy ship
 where arctic billows roll,
 And the polar bear is doing acrobatics on the pole!

For we roast and fry,
 And we'll melt, I know,
 Since Satan's in the weather
 When the wind won't blow!

—Frank L. Stanton.

WHERE DOES HE STAND NOW?

In the move to have the overhead wires placed underground in the business section the progressives have a right to expect sincere and active support from Mayor E. J. Murphy.

When Mayor Murphy was elected to his present office a year and a half ago he was distinctly the progressive candidate. He was the man who stood openly and strongly for the advancement of Pendleton and the betterment of civic conditions. There were grave doubts as to the other man's position.

Mayor Murphy's strongest asset in his campaign was the fact he stood out as the candidate who was free from entanglements with the electric company and the Byers milling company. There were particular reasons at that time why the people did not want to elect a mayor who was in any way under the thumb of those corporations.

Mayor Murphy stood forth as the people's candidate and his campaign was based chiefly upon this fact. He had the earnest support of the East Oregonian for this reason more than for anything else. Scores of people voted for him because they believed him truly independent of corporation influence and he was chosen to office by an overwhelming vote.

Now it so happens that the controversy regarding the overhead wires is a straight up contest between the forces of progress in Pendleton and corporation selfishness on the other side.

The removal of the wires is a civic improvement that has long been needed and demanded. The wires and poles should go because they are a blotch on the face of the city and for the still greater reason that the wires are a menace to the lives of people in times of fire. The expense of placing the wires underground will fall upon the two corporations affected and those corporations are well able to stand the expense in view of the revenues they derive from the people of this city. Some expense, it is true, will fall upon patrons but as the East Oregonian understands the matter this will be so light as to be scarcely worth considering.

The move for the removal of the wires and poles is now on in full blast and within a week or two the matter will be presented to the mayor and city council for decisive action. When that time comes people are going to have their eyes upon their officials and they will note with interest the attitude of each individual.

There is especial interest in the probable attitude of Mayor Murphy because people still recall the hot and bitter campaign of December, 1909, which resulted in his election as the progressive candidate. Will he stand now as he stood when a candidate for office? Will he be with the progressives and for the interests of the people, or will he be found training with the reactionaries and the corporations?

RESERVATION PATENTS.

Were it not for the fact the competency plan is in operation the extending of the trust period for the Umatilla reservation would have a serious side locally. People have long been looking forward with hope to the time when the reservation may be more closely peopled and settled. It is the finest portion of the county and is virtually without population and development at present.

The extension of the trust period to the year 1924 will have the effect of delaying the time when all the allotments will mature. However, with the competency plan in operation the Indians who show themselves capable of looking out for their affairs may get the patents at once. So under this plan the granting of patents will proceed gradually and guardedly as is right and proper. Some Indians are well able to care for themselves now and there are many others who are as capable now as they will be in 1924 or at any other time in the future.

DON'T BLOCK IT.

Should the paving of West Court and East Alta streets be held up the proceedings will come as a blow to the city. Those streets need improving and need it badly.

The blocking of the paving of these streets will also make it look bad for the recently enacted street improvement amendment. The amendment was adopted at the instance of the city administration and the argument was put forth that the amendment would foster improvements.

Should the paving of Court and Alta streets be blocked through the remonstrance of people living on the side streets it will look like the amendment is working oppositely from what was intended.

But perhaps the size of the remonstrance has been over estimated. For the sake of a more progressive Pendleton let it be hoped it has.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY SKETCH.

Mrs. Matilda Cox Stevenson, who has achieved fame in the government service as an expert on Indian lore, is "considerably over forty" today. During the greater part of the year she lives on a ranch about 25 miles from Santa Fe. Here she studies the Indian and then systematizes results in her reports to the bureau of ethnology.

Mrs. Stevenson is a daughter of the late Alexander Hamilton Evans, a brilliant lawyer of Washington in antebellum days, and a first cousin of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans. She became interested in scientific investigation almost from her babyhood, because her father was interested in scientific subjects, and when she married James Stevenson, of Kentucky, a scientist then connected with the Smithsonian Institution, her vocation in that honorable career became assured. Mrs. Stevenson was educated at a school in Philadelphia quite famous in its day, but now almost forgotten, Miss Anabel's Academy for young ladies.

After her marriage to the late Mr. Stevenson she began a systematic study of all branches that would prepare her to aid her husband in every branch of his work. Mrs. Stevenson has devoted nearly 25 years to the scientific investigation of the Indians, making the Zunis her especial study.

THE WILEY CASE.

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strategy on the part of the head of the department of justice was a move to oust Dr. Wiley, chemist in the department of agriculture.

Because Dr. Wiley paid out a few hundred dollars in fees to an expert who assisted him in fighting the users of benzoate of soda and other injurious preservatives his enemies are after him and Wickersham has tried to assist them.

Apparently it matters not that Wickersham himself has paid out fabulous sums to attorneys who have been assisting in trust prosecutions or in bluffs along that line.

It is now announced that the president will not remove Dr. Wiley but will reprimand him. It will be typical of the president to take such action. He seems strong on removing or reprimanding those who take the side of the public welfare as opposed to private greed.

Once upon a time the president fired a man named Pinchot and a man named Glavis because they held the Cunningham claims were illegal and an attempt to steal the public domain. Not long ago the courts decided Pinchot and Glavis were right about the matter. But we have heard nothing yet of any apologies being extended by the president to Messrs Pinchot and Glavis.

NOT CRAZY TO KEEP COOL.

Judge Frees Woman Who Shed Raiment on Hit Night.

Springfield, Mass.—Flatfooted refusal to wear clothes during a heat wave is not evidence of insanity, according to Judge H. W. Bosworth of the police court. The pauper department asked the court to commit to an insane asylum a woman inmate of the almshouse who last night walked about the women's ward destitute of even the traditional fig leaf.

"Well, you don't think she is insane just because she takes off her clothes in this weather, do you?" demanded Judge Bosworth.

The insanity proceedings were not pressed further.

SHOVEL USED AS LIFE SAVER.

Would-Be Dead Man Whacked Hard to Overcome Poison Lethargy.

Mt. Holly, N. J.—Discovery of his condition after he had swallowed laudanum with suicidal intent saved the life of John A. Haussman, a local blacksmith. Haussman had been drinking lately and it is thought that the effects of a celebration burdened him with sorrow. The strenuous means adopted to keep him awake made Haussman feel that life was probably not worth living after all. Besides being subjected to the stomach pump, he was given a series of stout blows with a heavy shovel that jarred his whole system and made him realize that there was much life present where the whacks were applied.

SONGS OF NIGHT.

The moon swings low in the sky above and the twinkling stars shine bright.

And a mother sings to her baby those wonderful songs of night,
 Those wonderful songs of sugar plum trees and fields where the fairies play;
 Of cockle shell boats on golden seas that never are seen by day.

It is by-low time and she sweetly hums those wonderful songs of night;
 Of the blare of trumpets and sound of drums when the little tin soldiers fight.
 She sings of the comical candy dog and the gingerbread man who stands
 By the side of a blinking cooky frog, without any arms or hands.

And the moonbeams dance on the parlor floor, and a ship sets out to sea
 And a baby sails for the golden shore in search of the sugar plum tree,
 She's off to the cave of Teddy Bear, and the haunts of the fairies kind,
 Where never an ache or a pain or care shall trouble her baby mind.

Oh, sweet is the smile on the baby's face as she softly sings to rest,
 For where in the world is so fine a place to sleep as a mother's breast?
 And if ever a song can reach the skies the angels must find delight
 In hearing a mother's lullabies—those
 —Detroit Free Press.

Earliest patent for sewing contrivance was granted in England on June 24, 1755. First complete sewing machine designed for general purposes was patented in the United States on September 19, 1846.

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JULY 19 IN HISTORY.

1804—England sent a convoy of ships to Spain to repudiate a rumor of rupture between the two nations.

1810—The King of Prussia issued a decree forbidding American vessels to enter his ports.

1829—Mr. Maury resigned as American consul at Liverpool.

1853—Dutch parliament prorogued and a fundamental law issued by which the government became an absolute one.

1854—The insurrection at Madrid triumphed and the Rivas ministry resigned.

1857—Fire broke out in Talefa, Portugal, which spread over an immense district of agricultural country, consuming a vast quantity of standing grain, country houses, barns, etc.

1864—General Sherman's army left intrenchments on the Chattahoochee and advanced upon Atlanta, and Johnston was said to be retreating.

1874—All Spain was declared to be in a state of siege and property of all Carlists was sequestered and held subject to claim in favor of republicans.

1884—Society composed wholly of noblemen in Germany commenced sending indigent members to Chile.

1894—Headed by Chairman Wilson of the ways and means committee, the house refused to recede on the Wilson tariff bill, and instructed conference committee to yield nothing.

1910—Ten thousand employees of Northeastern Railways, England, struck as a protest against official methods.

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