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GARDEN OF THE SEA.
Beneath the ocean's sapphire lid
We gaze far down, and who had dreamed,
Till pure and cold its treasures gleamed,
What luscious jewels there lay hid?
Red sparks that give the dolphin pause,
Lamps of the ocean-elf, and gems
Long lost from crystal diadems,
And veiled in shrouds of glowing gauze.
Splendid and chill those gardens shone,
Where sound is not, and tides are winds—
Where, fugitive, the naiad finds
Eternal autumn, hushed and lone;
Till one had said that in her bow're
Were mixed the naeres of the dawn,
That thence the sunset's dyes were drawn,
And there the rainbow sank its tow'rs.
—Sunset.

THE FACTS OF THE CASE.
The meat in the cocoon of the fight against a mountain water system for Pendleton is the fact the Byers milling company does not want the city to take water from the Umatilla river or from any spring that flows into the river above the headgate of the Byers mill race.
It is feared by the milling company that the installation of such a water system would lessen the mill's power supply. It may be their fears are well grounded. But if so the company will have a chance to get redress. A damage suit may be brought and the city forced to pay for any losses that can be proven.
But the milling company is not content to work along such open and legitimate lines. The company is not only playing its own game but it is trying to tell the city how to wage its end of the fight. It is striving to divide the forces that favor mountain water in hopes nothing will be accomplished.
It is entirely possible there is not enough water in the Thorn Hollow springs to supply the needs of the city. If so the water commission and its engineers will ascertain the fact when the springs are developed and the water measured. There is no need for alarm. Chairman Brown of the water commission has expressly stated time and again that no effort will be made to sell the \$200,000 bond issue until a thorough test has been made at the Thorn Hollow supply. All the present palaver about running a special train to the springs is needless and is intended for what may be termed political effect.
It does not matter a tinkers dam to the opponents of a mountain water system whether there is enough water at Thorn Hollow or not. The milling company would oppose the proposition just the same. In the past the idea has been suggested of going to the north fork of the Umatilla river for a water supply. There is an abundance of pure, cold water there. Yet when the plan was suggested the very men who are now active against Thorn Hollow were the loudest in shouting against going to the north fork. At that time they said the scheme was impossible, impracticable, unbusinesslike, socialistic and a half dozen other things. Those men would be fighting the North Fork project now if it were up for consideration.
No doubt there are some people who honestly oppose a mountain water system for Pendleton and do so from what they consider good reasons. For such as they this criticism is not intended. They are entitled to their views and their views are worthy of respect.

But the Byers milling company constitutes the backbone of the opposition to the new water system. Most of those taking part in the organized fight against Thorn Hollow are acting in behalf of the milling company and for purely selfish reasons. They are not fighting the Thorn Hollow project so much as they are fighting a mountain water system. The mill company wants no water system under which the supply will be secured from a point above its mill race.
The members of this knocking brigade are in improper business and they should be given scant consideration. One and all they should be told to "go chase themselves around the block" and that the people of Pendleton, through their officials, will establish a mountain water system to suit themselves and without any advice from the Byers milling company or any of its agents.

THE TRUTH WILL OUT.
The cat has been partly let out of the bag. It is a bad thing for Pendleton, the knockers say, to take on a \$200,000 mortgage in order to get a mountain water supply. Such words of wisdom coming from the source they do are almost enough to strangle a horse and the solicitude displayed is sufficient to bring tears to the eyes of a brass alligator.
Then all the opposition does not come from the alleged fact that there is no water in the Thorn Hollow springs. Well! Well!
Now come through with a further confession. Admit openly and frankly that the real reason why no mountain water system should be installed is that such a system might interfere with the Byers mill.

A SENSIBLE COURSE.
Most assuredly the government should mine the Alaska coal and sell it at cost to the public. Under such a course the government would not lose a cent and the people would gain immensely. The Morgans and the Cugenhelms would be the only losers. But they have no right to ask the government to turn valuable coal fields over to them for their own enrichment. It would be asinine for the government to do so. The time is ripe for a great change in our economic system and here is a good place to begin.

A PECULIAR GET.
What strange things happen in politics. We have a standpatter appointed as United States marshal for Oregon. He was recommended by Congressman Lafferty, an avowed insurgent. He was named by the president after he had ignored the recommendation of Senator Bourne, a progressive and Roosevelt republican. If there was ever a freak combination this is it. Meanwhile Leslie Scott should be proud of his congressional champion—the gentleman who writes flirtatious notes to school girls.

Disclosures that are being made in Portland indicate that some one down there is crooked.
Our civilization is still crude when it permits fights between labor and capital such as are now on in England.
The revision of the wool schedule will wait for the report of the tariff board.
Meanwhile the overhead wires remain. Are they to stay up until ordered down under an initiative ordinance?

HAVE KNOT TIED IN STORE.
Mount Holly, N. J.—The novelty of being married in the department store in which they bought their trousseau and some of their household furnishings had been purchased was experienced by William C. Small of Indian Mills and Miss Lulu M. Yeager of Whiting. In a store here during the rush of an August clearance sale. The knot was tied by the Rev. George C. Reynolds of Lumberton.
The couple entered the store in the morning and made many purchases of clothing, both getting entire new outfits, and the saleslady attending to the bride soon became suspicious, but asked no questions, as I did not take the whole thing long to leak out.
After the new garments had been purchased and they had taken the pieces of the old ones something was said about a minister and then the secret was out.

BEAR CUBS AS GIRL'S PETS.
Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Ruth Gruver, 14 years old, daughter of H. B. Gruver of this city, has two bear cubs for pets. The cubs, which she has christened Bruno and Teddy, were caught in Washington, sixty miles north of Seattle, by lumbermen.
Miss Gruver has had a kennel built for her pets and has begun to train them. She feeds them on soup and milk, which they drink from a bottle. They are so lively that it is difficult to take their pictures. Miss Gruver says they are as playful as kittens. They are so strong that Miss Gruver cannot hold them. They delight to jump her about and in turn to be pummeled and slapped.
They are cinnamon bears and their fur is a rich dark brown. They eat a great deal and are growing so rapidly that Miss Gruver will not be able to keep them much longer. Her father has already made arrangements to present them to the city to

be placed in one of the parks. The cubs are now the center of attraction for all the children in the neighborhood, and every day Miss Gruver entertains crowds of youngsters, who watch the bears do the several little tricks that she has taught them.

SPANKED IN SLEEP, SHE SUES.
St. Louis, Mo.—According to the divorce petition filed by Emilie Hofer she was awakened on several occasions in the middle of the night, dragged from her bed and thrown into the back yard by her husband, Rudolph Hofer.
Mrs. Hofer alleges her husband is of an ungovernable temper which she stood until he began to beat her while she was asleep. Then she left him and decided to get a divorce.
Mrs. Hofer says she was married in Germany, June 6, 1910, and she says she left her husband in April 1911. Hofer lives in Germany.

GIRL SHIPPED AS STOKER.
New York—At Singapore, it was discovered on board the Indravelli that one of the stokers, who had been with the ship several months, was a woman. The girl, who was 16 years old, told the officers she was engaged to marry a stoker and shipped in order to be near him.
As the chief engineer was leading the girl to the captain's quarters she climbed his hold and climbed the deck followed by her sweetheart. The pair hurled themselves together over the rail, landing in a rack of sampans. Neither were seen again. Whether both were drowned or one or both rescued by the sampans, the ship's officers did not know.

STOWAWAY WED AT SEA.
Nome—When the schooner Redfield of San Francisco, from Seattle for Nome, arrived off Cape Flattery, the captain found a seafaring girl stowaway, sixteen years old. She confessed that she had stowed away to be near her sweetheart, the engineer of the schooner. The captain, under the authority of maritime law, made the engineer and the stowaway man and wife the girl dried her tears and the couple arrived home on Sunday after a happy voyage.

HATPIN FIGHT IS FATAL.
New York—A quarrel between members of a party of young women returning from a Long Island short resort ended in a fight with hatpins as their car was pulling into the city over the Queensborough bridge. Nineteen year old Alveda Carpenter was stabbed in the heart and dropped dead in the street as she alighted from the car. The police arrested one of her companions and charged her with murder.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY SKETCH.
Congressman James Hay, of Virginia, chairman of the committee on military affairs, is fifty-seven. He was born in Millwood, Clarke county, Virginia, and educated at private schools in Maryland and Virginia, at the University of Pennsylvania and Washington and Lee University, Virginia, from the latter of which institution he graduated in law in 1877. He was elected to the fifty-fifth congress and has served in every succeeding house. He was chairman of the democratic caucus of the house in the fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth congresses.

If you want to fool people, fool them by being sensible when they don't expect it of you.
AUGUST 18 IN HISTORY.
1798—General Humbert landed at Killala, Ireland, with 700 French, a few days afterward they were all captured.
1804—Ten thousand Russian troops arrived at Copenhagen, Denmark, to begin hostilities.
1807—The Danish gunboats renewed their attacks upon the British army before Copenhagen, but were finally driven back to the harbor.
1813—Battle of San Antonio, the Spanish royalists under Arendondo defeated the Mexican patriots.
1834—A tremendous eruption of Vesuvius continuing several days and destroying about 1500 houses.

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1870—Franco-Prussian war; battle of Bavelotte, loss on both sides enormous.
1884—So universay was the draught in Mexico that great herds of cattle were dying of starvation.
1894—The new trunk line of northern Sweden opened for traffic.
1904—Russo-Japanese war; the Japanese capture several Pigeon Bay positions.
1910—A bronze statue of Washington, presented by Virginia to France, was unveiled at Paris.

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