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HOME AGAIN.

• We are glad vacation's ended;
 • Are we not? We are not,
 • And our grief is all pretended,
 • Is it not? It is not.
 • Joy in every heart is lurking,
 • At the thought we'll soon be
 • working.
 • And we'll labor without shirk-
 • ing.
 • Will we not? We will not.
 • We are weary of enjoyment,
 • Are we not? We are not,
 • And we welcome re-employ-
 • ment.
 • Do we not? We do not.
 • For no matter where we went,
 • All have surely had a plenty
 • Of this "dolce far niente."
 • Have we not? We have not.
 • We were tired of ocean's roaring
 • Were we not? We were not,
 • And the country life was boring.
 • Was it not? It was not,
 • Mountain air drove us to mad-
 • ness,
 • Real fresh eggs caused only
 • sadness,
 • And we started home with glad-
 • ness,
 • Did we not? We did not.
 • Now for hard work we're as-
 • piring,
 • Are we not? We are not,
 • We feel happy when perspiring,
 • Do we not? We do not,
 • We are filled with exaltation,
 • And next summer, our vacation
 • We'll refuse with excoitation,
 • Will we not? We will NOT.
 • —By Frank Prescott in San
 • Francisco Examiner.

QUICK ACTION NECESSARY.
 Pendleton will suffer and suffer long if the city administration proceeds with the paving of Alta, Cottonwood and Webb streets without first getting the overhead wires off the streets in the business section.
 It is conceded by everyone that the overhead wires and the big poles are unsightly and dangerous. The poles mar the appearance of the business streets and completely spoil the effect of the cluster lights. The overhead electric wires are a menace in times of fire and in time of storm.
 Full attention has been called to all these points and ample time has been given the two companies in which to show cause why the wires should not be ordered down. Thus far they have not presented a single valid reason why the improvement should not be made. They have had nothing to offer but unreasonable objections coupled with satire and insinuations regarding how much the change would cost property owners. Yet they have never been able to show where the enormous expense is to come from.
 In the view of the East Oregonian the electric and telephone wires may be placed underground on the principal business streets with but slight expense to property owners. How- ever the cables would have to be laid with a view to getting the best results at the least expense, but with a view to punishing property owners by making them pay for all sorts of needless wiring.
 It is true that placing the wires underground would involve considerable expense to the electric trust and the telephone trust. But there are reasons for believing that both concerns can well afford to go to the expense in view of the revenues collected from the people of Pendleton. This is especially true of the electric trust for the reason the company will secure a larger revenue from the cluster lights if the big poles are removed. The money the company now collects from cluster lights is not earned.
 Is this problem of the overhead wires to be worked out with a view to bettering the appearance of our streets and of protecting the firemen or is the whole thing to be allowed to go by the board? Do the present officials want to allow the poles and wires to stand for years as a memorial to their inefficiency and to their disregard for the interests of their

people?
 The time for action is growing short.

CHANGE IN HIGH SCHOOLS.
 A majority of the 19,213 high schools of the country with their 215,000 pupils are in states where there is no organic relation of the secondary schools to the college and universities, says an Eastern paper. Until a comparatively recent date this not only has been the fact in opposition to conditions as they exist in commonwealths like Wisconsin and Michigan; but there also has been a form of vassalage of the secondary school educators to ancient and honorable but privately endorsed and supported collegiate institutions. What the latter have decreed as to courses of study suitable for high schools has been accepted without a murmur. The high schools have been administered as if they existed for the minority of their graduates who would go to college and must pass tests imposed by it. Power has resided above; and the high schools have danced to the tune set by the scholastic pipers.
 But a new era has dawned. Public high schools are venturing to adapt their courses of study to the fact that for most of their pupils educational careers will cease with their high school graduation, and also to the fact that were the courses more practical more children in the grammar grades would enter the high schools. Hereafter the ground to be covered will be less ill. area, but the process of cultivation more thorough. Major studies will be planned with a view more to the serviceability of the information acquired and its applicability to mature experience, and less to the use of such learning in later academic study. Colleges and universities hereafter must concede more freely the evidential value of school records as to work done by an applicant, and place less stress upon formal written or oral examinations. States with an uncoordinated and only partially democratized system of education must awake to the competition of states that are organized in a modern and consistent way, and must get closer to the people with their culture and specialized knowledge.
 Many signs point to understanding of this trend by university educators, the recent concessions by Harvard, Yale and the University of Chicago would not have been made. Another straw showing how the current is running is the report just made to the National Education association by a special committee appointed last year to consider "Articulation of High School and College." Reports by similar committees to this largest of gatherings of educators have materially affected the course of national educational history. Briefly summarized, what is recommended? A curriculum better suited to equip pupils who will not go to college, and simpler and less formal tests for those who do go. The secondary school will be more assertive of its right to determine its own curriculum, and less subservient to the college and the university.
 In short, revolt is on, and the victory seems to lie ultimately with the revolutionists, for the simple reason that the high schools can flourish without the colleges and universities, but the latter are increasingly dependent upon the former, both for a larger percentage of their pupils and their high-rank scholars.

If Lafayette keeps on with his public utterances it will soon be time for some one to get the hook.
 The Wiley affair is not yet finished so it seems from the press reports.
 Those Portlanders who are coming by special train to see the Round-Up will like the show.
 The Hyers company should put its spare money into covering its mill race as no more children will be drowned therein.
 Summer still holds the stage.

AUGUST 19 IN HISTORY.
 1772—Revolution in Poland; the prerogatives of the crown lost for more than a half century, were restored.
 1804—The president ordered two gunboats to cruise off the coast of Georgia and South Carolina to protect the ports of these states.
 1811—The French captured Figueras, in Spain.
 1829—Excitement in Wall Street over the unloading of eleven drays of specie, from Philadelphia, at the various banks. The amount was \$300,000.
 1851—"The great aggregate meeting" of Roman Catholics from all parts of Great Britain held at Dublin for the inauguration of the Catholic Defense Association.
 1854—Canton, China, occupied by insurgents.
 1864—Weldon Railroad, before Petersburg, Va., seized and destroyed by Federal troops.
 1870—Franco-Prussian war—bombardment of Strausburg begun.
 1904—Japanese begin general assault on Riblung; captured trenches in front of redoubt at foot of mountain.
 Russian gunboat sunk off Port Ar-

1908—American battleship fleet arrives at Sydney, N. S. W.
 1909—Seven cadets were dismissed from West Point by President Taft. Creten questions were left by Turkey in the hands of the four protecting powers.

SUMMER'S SONG.
 You can call it the pitter patter Of raindrops that scatter, Like diamonds the grasses among, Or else, if it please, Until a whisper of breezes, And cadence of songs they have sung, Of clear founting fountains, And murmuring mountains, The voice of old ocean, sublime, But found or lonely, I'll wage you they're only The songs of the glad Summer Time. Oh, the rollicking notes of a rhythmic rhyme, The matins and vespers of Gay Summer Time.

You call them the voices, Of birds, and your choice is, The robin, the linnet, the wren, You praise the quails drumming, The honey-bees humming, The Katy-Did's call from the glen, The maple boughs sighing, You reckon outwitting "The rustic corn at its prime," But plaintive or merry, Or solemn or cheery, This song of the gay Summer Time, Oh, the rhythmic tune of a faithless rhyme, The matins and vespers of gay Summer Time. —L. H. Thornton.

TROPICS NEAR ARCTIC CIRCLE.
 Superintendent A. E. Snyder, commanding the Royal Mounts at Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, reported to the commissioner in 1909 that from the north of the Porcupine there had come repeated rumors of the existence of a wonderful tropical region which was still inhabited by mastodons.
 "The Indians," concludes Superintendent Snyder, "report having seen the gigantic tracks of these animals."
 But little attention was paid to these stories, until November of last year C. J. McIntyre and two companions made a most amazing discovery north of the Porcupine. They were traveling by dog-sledge with the thermometer at forty below, when to their

CHILD'S HEAD SOLID MASS OF HUMOR
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astonishment the temperature began to raise so fast within a space of two hours they had thrown off their warm garments, and the snow was soft underfoot.
 "It seemed," said McIntyre, "as though we were suddenly passing from winter into spring." Soon after they had come upon the first numberless hot springs, the snow disappeared entirely and dense vegetation took the place of the stunted bush and timber of the plains. Because of necessarily slow travel on foot the explorers were not able to determine the extent of this wonderful oasis in the midst of an Arctic desolation. They found several good sized rivers flowing with warm water and teeming with bear, caribou, ducks, pheasants, wild geese and other game, and gold was found in a number of the creeks. McIntyre will soon start at the head of a second expedition into this mysterious country.—(James Oliver Curwood in "Success Magazine.")

GOVERNOR WILL NOT COMMUTE DEATH SENTENCE.
 Salem, Ore.—Nothing having arisen to warrant him commuting the sentence of Jesse P. Webb who the court decreed must hang Sept. 5, Governor West today declares that he will not interfere with the execution of the decree.
 Webb, was convicted of murdering William A. Johnson in a hotel in Portland last winter. Mrs. Carrie Kersh, of Seattle and Spokane, who conspired to kill Johnson is now serving fifteen year sentence in the Oregon penitentiary for her part in the "trunk murder."

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