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Oh, where did Rip Van Winkle sleep Those placid years away? In vain you climb the hills so steep Or ride for many a day To find some spot where all is well And no one rings a brazen bell Or stops before your door to yell "Get up without delay!" Where was that wondrous spot to which Mosquitoes never flew, Where engines never paused to switch And motor cars were few; Where revelers of the night ne'er sought To keep the air with music fraught? That sweet retreat by fancy wrought, No mortal ever knew. —Washington Star.

IT IS PROPER WORK.

There is no occasion for so much fuss over the work being done at Thorn Hollow. According to critics of the Thorn Hollow project the water board has thus far spent approximately \$1500 in development work. They appear to think it is something awful.

But \$1500 is not an unreasonable sum to spend in ascertaining whether or not the city should take up a certain gravity water project. It is estimated it will cost \$200,000 to construct the Thorn Hollow project. Then assuredly the members of the board should be pardoned for spending \$1500 or \$2000 in ascertaining whether or not the scheme is a good one. The board would be more entitled to criticism had it failed to make a thorough investigation.

Some interested parties are trying to put forth the impression the water board is without just reason for trying to find an ample supply of water at Thorn Hollow. These people pretend to think the Cayuse springs would answer just as well and would be cheaper. But these very people know well that grave objections are also raised to the Cayuse spring. It is charged the Cayuse spring is a seepage spring, that it fills with overflow water from the river in flood times and further that the elevation of the spring is such that should the Cayuse project be developed the present reservoir would have to be used and the pressure would be no better than at this time.

The last objection if true is a serious one indeed. As has been previously pointed out by this paper it is of the utmost importance for Pendleton to secure a gravity water system that will provide water for the hill sections of the city. The future growth of the town must be on the hills and if water is not provided for the hills the advancement of the city will be retarded.

The East Oregonian is not advocating the adoption of the Thorn Hollow project nor is this paper fighting the Cayuse project. But this paper does uphold the water board in trying to find an ample supply at Thorn Hollow. The board is right in carrying on its development work and in spending a reasonable sum for that purpose. It would also be proper for the board to spend money for the investigation of other sources of supply if it sees fit to do so. Now is the time for investigating.

Would critics of the water commission have the board go ahead with the building of a gravity water system and then investigate the supply afterwards. If so then the critics themselves need a caretaker.

WHY THEY ARE WRETCHED.

Pendleton's streets, sidewalks and cross walks offer fine evidence of the inefficiency of the councilmanic system of government. We have practically no improved residence streets. The dirt streets are full of bumps and

holes. They are seldom if ever graded or rolled, though a little work would do immense good if done at the right time. Autos may scarcely travel over some of the principal streets and it is an old time joke that the roads are better outside of Pendleton than within.

Pendleton virtually has no sidewalk system. Most anything goes. There are good residence streets with sidewalks on but one side of the thoroughfare. Only a few blocks here and there in various parts of the city have been parked. Many of the cross walks are worn out and useless.

Why does this situation exist? Is Pendleton too poor to make these commonplace improvements? No. Pendleton is not a poverty stricken city. It is one of the most prosperous cities in the northwest. A local bank now has greater deposits than ever in history and its deposits are greater than those of any bank in Walla Walla or any other small city in the northwest.

Pendleton's poor streets and walks may be charged mainly to the system or lack of system under which work has been managed. The councilmen are elected any old way and they serve without pay. The chairman of the street committee is named from among the number. Just now the chairman is a second-hand dealer. Next time he may be a lodging house keeper, but it is not likely he will be a man who has had any experience at engineering or construction work. He will give such attention to the work as he sees fit. It is a "thank you" job anyway. Is it any wonder Pendleton streets and walks are in bad condition? Is it any wonder money has been spent at times without getting value received for it?

Under the commission form of government there would be but three elective officials and they would be paid. Each would be chosen with a view to conducting a certain line of work and of meeting the responsibility of his department. Adopt the commission plan in Pendleton and this city will become in line for street and sidewalk betterments as well as for a more efficient and economical management of affairs in general.

WHERE IT COMES FROM.

There are some people who are criticizing the water board from the best of motives. But it is plain the bulk of the opposition is inspired by the Ebers milling company and the Pacific Light and Power company—two concerns that have selfish interests at stake.

The milling company is afraid its power supply will be affected and evidently it is out to block proceedings by fair means or foul. The electric trust is now drawing down about \$3500 per annum for pumping city water and it would like to continue that rakeoff. So long as it continues to get its money for pumping the water the electric trust does not care whether Pendleton people use good water or bad.

People should be cautious about giving heed to critics of the water board. Some of the criticism is honest criticism, but three fourths of it comes from sources that may be questioned—from sources opposed to a gravity water system of any sort.

LEGLESS, WALKS 300 MILES.

Fairbanks, Alaska.—Monte G. A. Terrill, sixty-eight years old, formerly of White Plains, N. Y., walked into the city on two wooden legs after having traveled three hundred miles from Chitina.

Terrill is back to make his fortune in the land that three years ago cost him his legs. He amassed a fortune on Minton roadhouse, on the Hot Springs trail. When he halted there on his way back he received better care than did those who paid.

He made the three hundred miles in six weeks. He has practically worn out his present legs and has sent to Seattle for another pair. Three years ago in March, Terrill got caught in an overflow on Minto Lake and his legs were so badly frozen that they had to be amputated.

WOMEN TO EDIT A PAPER.

Palo Alto.—Equal suffrage advocates here have hit upon a novel way of giving wider publicity to their aims and a committee composed of well-known society women and others active in women's club affairs will shortly edit an edition of the Palo Alto Times. The regular force will take a vacation for a day and turn over the sanctum, scissors and pastepot to the suffragists.

Mrs. E. G. Green, former president of the Women's club, is chairman of the editorial committee. For a staff she will have the Rev. Carl M. Warner of the Methodist church, who will write an editorial; Miss Rebecca Greene, Miss Blanche Freeman, a Stanford graduate and now head of the English department of the high school; City Attorney Norman Malcolm; Mrs. William Scofield, a well-known society leader, and Mrs. Julia R. Gilbert, wife of Professor C. H. Gilbert, of the zoology department at Stanford university, a member of the library board and active in society circles.

Each member of the committee will be assigned some part of the paper to write and citizens of Palo Alto will be presented with a model edition of the newspaper of the future.

SEPTEMBER 27 IN HISTORY.

1729—Great fire in Constantinople which consumed 12,000 houses. The number paid to have perished in the flames is 7000.

1751—A mosaic pavement and other relics of Roman antiquity discovered at Avenches, in the canton of Bern.

1732—Hyder Ally defeated by the British under Sir Eyre Coote.

1700—Rome surrendered to the British.

1804—The remodeling of the White House at Washington at a cost of from \$15,000 to \$20,000 was started.

1829—A mill for cleaning rice invented by Ravenel, of South Carolina, thus remedying the difficulty which hitherto prevented its large cultivation and sale.

1848—Count Lamberg the imperial commissioner, appointed to take chief command in Hungary, killed by the Hungarian populace at Pesth, where he had recently arrived.

1849—Great fire at Oswego, N. Y., destroying the place so completely that but three shops were left standing.

The fortress of Comorn, in Hungary, one of the strongest in Europe, taken by the Austrians.

1854—Collision between steamer Arctic and French screw steamer Vestra off Cape Race, three hundred and twenty-two lives being lost. Not a woman or child was saved owing to the mutinous and dastardly behavior of the crew.

1874—Fourteen fishing smacks discovered engaged in smuggling Chinese from British Columbia to Washington and Oregon.

1901—Japanese reported to be battering down last line of defenses at Port Arthur.

1908—The 250th anniversary of Pittsburg, Pa., celebrated.

1909—Cornerstone of the Hudson Memorial monument was laid by Governor Hughes on Spuyten Duyvil Hill, New York.

1910—The president put all assistant postmasters under the civil service.

Colonel Roosevelt was chosen temporary chairman of New York state republican convention, defeating Vice President Sherman by a vote of 568 to 443.

SPELL OF THE ROAD.

Soft-footed, through forest and bracken,

Hard-riding the desert or plain, When shoe thongs or girth ye would slacken

Ye hear me, and follow again, My lures have a myriad faces, But all their voices are one— They call of the Uttermost Places That lie at the Back of the Sun.

By step and by league shall ye hear them;

"To the turn . . . to the crest . . . to the verge! . . ."

And ever ye seem to draw near them, Yet ever fore distant they urge

Through hill trail and hedge row and byway,

On prairie and moorland and lea, To the windrack and fast-flying skyward

And spendthrift wet ways of the sea.

And the heat of the desert shall burn you,

The snow field and ice floe shall bite;

Yet homelike nor fireside shall turn you—

I have woven a spell on your sight; Ye shall gaze, to the last of your being,

Ye shall toil, ye shall travel and spend,

For the Thing That Is Just Beyond Seeing

And the Thing that Comes After the End!

—Harper's.

BLISS FROM THE PROVERB.

There's an old codger in Boston who effects to despise a college education. He never had one, he's very successful, and he doesn't see that a university training could have made him any more so. Therefore he sneers at some of the younger fellows who have had more educational advantages.

The other day he was calling down a college-bred subordinate. "If that's all your self-edged education has taught ye," he growled, "by gosh, young feller, I'm thankful for my ignorance."

"Sir," the young fellow answered, bowing respectfully, "you have much to be thankful for."—Boston Traveler.

MRS. MCGILL BROKE DOWN

Gives the Real Facts in Regard to Her Case and Tells How She Suffered.

Jonesboro, Ark.—"I suffered a complete break down in health, some time ago," writes Mrs. A. McGill, from this place. "I was very weak and could not do any work. I tried different remedies, but they did me no good.

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THE TROUBLE.

Under a spreading chestnut tree a stubborn auto stands, And Smith, an angry man is he, with trouble on his hands.

He curses softly to himself and crawls beneath the car, And wonders why it didn't bust before he got so far.

The carburetor seems to be the cause of all his woe; He tightens half a dozen bolts, but still it doesn't go.

And then he tries the steering gear, but finds no trouble there— Till, wet with perspiration, then, he quests in sheer despair.

He squats beside the road to give his brain a chance to cool,

And ponders on his training at the correspondence school;

And then he starts the job once more, until by chance 'tis seen

The cause of all his trouble is—he's out of gasoline.

—Eagar A. Ryan in Judge.

THOUGHT THEY DID IT.

Two young Americans touring in Italy, says Success, for the first time stopped off one night at Pisa, where they fell in with a carnival party in a cafe. Going hilariously home one pushed the other against a building and held him there.

"Great heavens!" cried the man next to the wall, suddenly glancing up at the structure above him. "See what we're doing!" Both roysters fled. They left town on an early morning train, not thinking it safe to stay over and see the famous leaning tower.

ALSO EARS.

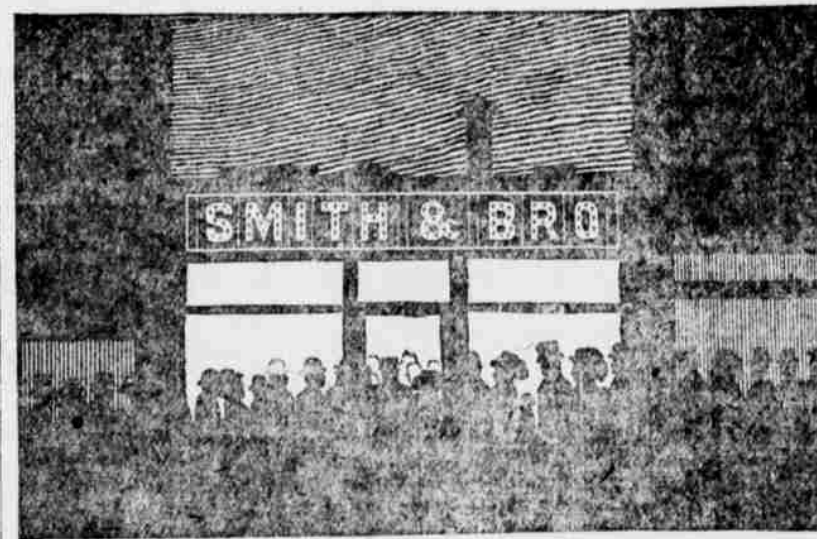
For the fourth time he had said "good-night," but still they lingered on the frosty doorstep, says the Chicago News.

"Ah, dearest," he whispered tenderly, gazing toward the starlit skies, "the night has a thousand eyes."

"Sh! You goose!" cautioned the pretty girl as she noticed the dark forms at the opposite windows. "Not so loud. The night also has a thousand ears."

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