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**IN OLD MISSOURI.**  
Where the winding Mississippi  
Meets its sister from the west,  
And, like an arm extending  
round  
The land I love the best—  
Where waves of corn unending  
Are like white-capped ocean's foam,  
Their garden fragrance sending  
O'er our Old Missouri Home.  
Where rolls the red Missouri  
Where grows the shady trees,  
I see them o'er and o'er where  
e'er I roam:  
Oh, the Ozarks are sunny,  
In that land of Milk and  
Honey—  
I'm glad to have an Old Mis-  
souri Home!

There lived my dear old Mother  
Nenth the hills of Nodaway,  
Where I and little brother  
In the valley green would  
play,  
The trees were tall and growing  
Round the old church with  
the dome,  
And sparkling rivers flowing  
Past my Old Missouri Home.  
—Chas. C. Boland.

**IT ABOLISHES THE CIRCLE.**  
Once upon a time a citizen wished to make a complaint about a worn-out sidewalk or something else in his neighborhood. Thinking that the best way to get results would be to go to the head of affairs he interviewed the mayor and laid his complaint before him.  
"Go and see Councilman So and So," he is chairman of the street committee," replied the mayor. So Mr. Citizen took another day off and hunted up the street committee chairman.  
"I will see the street commissioner about it," replied the committee chairman and the complaining citizen went away rejoicing in the idea that the improvement would be made. But weeks went past and nothing was done. So one day he met the street commissioner and inquired why the worn-out cross walk had never been fixed.  
"This is the first I have ever heard of it, no one has ever said a word to me about it," replied the official. So it happened that the men, women and children of the neighborhood affected had been wading through mud day after day merely because authority had not been given for the repair of a walk.  
This incident is said to have occurred under the present administration. But if it did it is no particular reflection on the present officials. No doubt similar incidents have occurred under every city administration. Pendleton has ever had.  
It is the fault of the system rather than of the men. Under our present form of city government there is room for much shifting of responsibility. It is hard for one to know who is really in charge. Then the mayor and councilmen serve without pay and it is not surprising that they sidetrack trouble now and then. Men seldom care to work hard unless they are paid for their services.  
The commission form of government looks to remedy this condition. It fixes responsibility and provides that those who bear it shall be paid for their work. Under the commission plan one member of the board is responsible for street work and he cannot evade his duty. When complaints are made he grants them or turns them down according to the merits of the case. The man who makes a complaint is not sent traveling around in a circle.  
The commission plan is the business-like and efficient plan for conducting the affairs of the city. It will mean better service and it will mean economy because close management of affairs always means economy while loose management means needless expense.

**NAVAL STRENGTH COUNTS.**  
The supreme importance of a navy in modern warfare is well illustrat-

ed by the Italian-Turkish war. Turkey is a larger nation than Italy, has a greater population and a greater army. Yet in the war thus far all the advantage has been with Italy. Italy, it seems, will be able to take Tripoli with ease and hold it. The Turks cannot get their army across the sea to fight. Should Turkish transports be sent forth carrying troops to the relief of Tripoli the ships would fall easy prey to the Italian warships.  
A somewhat similar condition existed during the American war with Spain. After Dewey had vanquished the Spanish fleet at Manila and Schley had done the same with Cervera's fleet when it emerged from Santiago there was nothing left for Spain to do but quit the fight.  
Under the circumstances it is not surprising that the influential nations of the earth maintain powerful navies. A nation without a strong navy might not long remain influential.

Taft declares the supreme court verdicts should be held as sacred as the acts of the creator, or words to that effect. But the people of Oregon will wait until the court passes upon the validity of the Oregon system before accepting his view of the matter.  
As a result of the strike we have delayed trains and tardy mails. The public is the chief sufferer no matter who wins or loses.  
The president might have stopped off and dedicated the new bridge.  
The Progressive League seems to meet with very general approval.  
**OCTOBER 7 IN HISTORY.**  
1794—Annoine Joseph Gorsas, a Girondist guillotined at Paris.  
1794—Bois-le-Duc, one of the strongest bulwarks of the famous Dutch barrier along the left bank of the Meuse, surrendered to the French.  
1807—Bonaparte called for a second conscription of 50,000 for this year.  
1810—Collbra, in Portugal, held by the French, was attacked by the British and carried.  
1840—William L. King of the Netherlands, published a proclamation announcing his voluntary abdication of the throne in favor of his son, William II.  
1850—Disunion meetings held at Natchez and Yazoo City, at both of which the disorganizing resolutions were opposed and voted down.  
1864—Harrison H. Dodd escaped confinement at Indianapolis during his military trial, at which much was developed concerning the operations of the Knights of the Golden Circle.  
1870—French make sortie at Metz and driven back with frightful losses by Prussians.  
1904—Japanese shells reported to have damaged four Russian warships in harbor at Port Arthur. Japanese reported gradually closing in. Russian dead unburied.  
1909—Harry A. Garfield inaugurated president of Williams College.  
1910—Turkish forces sent into northwestern Syria to collect arms killed 800 Druses.

**WILD OLIVE LEAVES.**  
If your life were but a fever fit—the madness of a night, whose follies were all to be forgotten in the dawn—it might matter little how you fretted away the sickly hours—what toys you snatched at, or, let fall—what visions you followed wistfully with the deceived eyes of sleepless frenzy. Is the earth only a hospital? Play, if you care to play, on the floor of the hospital dens. Knit its straws into what crowns you please; gather the dust of it for tressers and die rich in that, clutching at the black notes in the air with your dying hands—and yet it may be well with you.  
But if this life be no dream, and the world no hospital; if all the peace and power and joy you can ever win must be won now; and all fruit of victory gathered here or never—will you still, throughout the puny totality of your life, weary yourselves in the fire for vanity?  
If there is no rest which remaineth for you, is there none you might presently take? Was this grass of the earth made green for your shroud only not for your bed? And can you never lie down upon it, but only under it? The heathen to whose creed you have returned, thought not so. They knew that life brought its contest, but they expected from it also the crown of all contest. No proud ones! no jeweled circlet flaming

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through heavens above the height of the unmerited throne; only some few leaves of wild olive, cool to the tired brow, through a few years of peace. It should have been of gold, they thought; but Jupiter was poor! this was the best the god could give them. Seeking a greater than this, they had known it a mockery. Not in war, not in wealth, not in tyranny was there any happiness to be found for them—only in kindly peace fruitful and free.  
The wreath was to be of wild olive, mark you—the tree that grows carelessly, tuffing the rocks with no vivid bloom, no verdure of branch; only with soft snow of blossom and scarcely snuffed fruit, mixed with gray leaf and thorn-stem; no fastening of diadem for you but with such sharp embroidery!  
But this, such as it is, you may win while yet you live; type of gray honor and sweet rest. Free-heartedness and graciousness, and undisturbed trust, and unrequited love, and the ministry to their pain—these and the blue sky above you and the sweet waters and flowers of the earth beneath, and mysteries and presences, innumerable, of living things—these may yet be here your riches; untorturing and divine; serviceable for the life that now is; nor it may be, without promise of that which is to come—From preface to the "Grown of Wild Olives," by John Ruskin.

**SHE HAD FORGOTTEN.**  
She had just returned from a shopping tour, tired but radiant.  
He had just returned from the office, tired, but well, tired.  
Quivering with delight at the array of samples snipped from rolls of dress goods, she emptied the contents of her purse into her lap. There was a metallic sound. A look of dismay crossed her face.  
"There!" she exclaimed, "I just knew there was something I had forgotten to buy!"  
"What was it, dear?" he asked, with an assumption of interest.  
"I'm sure I don't know," she replied petulantly; "but I find I have a half dollar left!"—Boston Herald.

"I never saw such curiosity as that woman shows," said Mrs. Scorer.  
"Why she spends most of her time playing bridge."  
"Yes. And I'd rather go through life not knowing what the trump is than ask as often as she does."  
Mrs. Youngwood (boastfully)—I may not be much of a cook, but my husband has never yet twitted me about the batter cake and plex his mother used to make.  
Mrs. Keene—No, dear; his father used to run a bakery.

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