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WHERE THEY STAY.

I.
Blow, Mister Winter Wind—toss the leaves on high!
But the stars are shinin' steady, and the sun comes up the sky,
And though not a flower is bloomin', we are havin' holiday
Before the great oak fires, where the dreams of Winter stay.

II.

Blow, Mister Winter Wind! We're thinkin' that we know
The reason that you're hurryin' around the country so;
You want to find the summer that's flown so far away,
But you'll find it by the fires, where the dreams of Winter stay.
—Frank L. Stanton.

IS THERE?

Is there any significance about the delay of the government in trying to establish the water rights of the reservation and the fact that E. W. McComas, "Her Apparent" to the Byers mill, is the chairman of the republican central committee for Umatilla county?

WHERE DO THEY STAND?

Mayorality candidates are now being discussed locally. There are many back room conferences and sidewalk consultations as to the fitness of this or that aspirant.

Why not have this discussion in the open so that all may hear and understand? The people of Pendleton are to select the mayor and he will be elected to serve their interests. Why not let the public in on some of the ante-election conferences. It is their business.

If Tom Jones wants to be mayor of Pendleton let him come out and frankly tell the people what he will do and what he won't do if he is chosen. Then people will be able to form an intelligent opinion as to the merits of his candidacy.

What does Mr. Mayorality Candidate think of the commission plan of government? Is he for it or against it?

What does Mr. Candidate think of the water problem? Does he favor a mountain water system, a filtration system or does he think it wise for Pendleton to remain content with the water plant now in use? It is an important subject and the people are entitled to know his views. They should be given freely and without stammering and the candidate should be prepared, if elected, to live up to his professions.

What does Mr. Candidate think

about the subject of local improvements? Does he favor better streets and better sidewalks for Pendleton or does he think conditions are good enough now? Does he favor carrying on improvements with a view to promoting the advancement of the city or will his chief zeal, if elected, be directed towards keeping property owners from having to spend money?

What does Mr. Candidate think about saloon regulation? Does he favor a proper enforcement of the saloon ordinance with a view to preserving peace and decency within the city, or does he favor returning to the old open town conditions?

How does Mr. Candidate regard the public utility corporations, such as the Pacific Power & Light company? Does he consider that the city exists for the benefit of that concern or is it his conception of things that the electric corporation should serve the city? Does he think that the big wooden poles and the overhead wires on Main street add to the grace and beauty of that thoroughfare or does he think they are a disgrace and should be ordered removed? If he is elected will he be an agent for the electric trust or will he make honest and vigorous efforts towards being an agent for the people?

These suggestions are made, not for the benefit of any one proposed candidate, but for them all. The suggestions are made in the hope of promoting full publicity as to the aims and purposes of those who may run for mayor and other offices.

Be frank gentlemen, the people are entitled to know where you stand.

NOT A SERIOUS DEFECT.

There is no occasion to worry over the typographical error that has been discovered in the commission charter petition. The error is of such a nature that it does not in any way invalidate the petition, it won't interfere with a vote being taken upon the commission plan, nor will it serve to invalidate the commission charter, should it be adopted.

Should the error be allowed to stand it would mean that the city authorities would have greater latitude than was intended in reference to street improvement assessments. But it is inconceivable that any set of officials would abuse a privilege given them in such a manner. So the error would not be serious at the worst.

But there is no occasion for the error to stand. It may be corrected by an initiative measure, if the lawyers think such a formality is necessary, and this can be done before the new charter becomes effective.

Parties who have hoped to see the commission government move held up by a fluke are doomed to disappointment. The commission plan will be voted upon by the people and the indications are they will adopt the new charter.

HERMISTON WATER.

How to secure good wholesome water for domestic purposes is usually quite a problem in any new irrigation district. Often in such a section there is plenty of water for irrigation but none fit for household uses and epidemics of typhoid result.

At Hermiston, however, the people are undertaking the solution of this question so early in the game and with such vigor that they should be able to avoid the evils that have been encountered elsewhere in the northwest. The city has voted a bond issue to provide \$25,000 for a city water system and the contract for the construction work was awarded yesterday.

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NOVEMBER 3 IN HISTORY.

1823—The treaty of St. Louis, by which the Indians ceded to the United States lands north of the Mississippi, and east, was concluded.

1822—John Leslie, eminent Scottish chemist, mathematician and natural philosopher, died. He was the inventor of the differential thermometer.

1849—St. Jean d'Acce bombarded by the allied British and Turkish fleets.

1854—Louis Napoleon withdrew his interdiction to the journey through France of Mr. Soule, the American minister.

1901—Japanese captured additional important forts near Fort Arthur, but were repulsed in attempt to take forts themselves; Chefoo reports declared stronghold's doom is sealed.

1905—Presidential election.

1909—Commander Peary's polar records were approved by the National Geographic society.

1910—Changes were made in the British cabinet.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY SKETCH.

Henry George, Jr., congressman from the Seventeenth New York district, is forty-eight years old today, for he was born in Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 3, 1863. He was educated in the public school and entered a printing office at the age of 16. Since 1881 he has been steadily engaged in newspaper and magazine work. In 1906 he was a special newspaper correspondent in Japan. On the sudden death of his father, Henry George, during the mayorality campaign in New York city in 1897, Henry George Jr., was nominated to succeed his father on the ticket as the candidate of the Jeffersonian party, but was defeated at the election. He married Miss Marie M. Hitch, of Chicago, in 1897. In 1909, as a special correspondent, he made a tour of the world and a special study of the economic conditions existing in the countries through which he passed. He is the author of several books, including a life of his father, Henry George. He is serving his first term in congress. Congressman James P. Mahon of New York, is forty-six today.

Congressman Hannibal L. Godwin, of North Carolina, was born November 3, 1873, and is therefore, thirty-eight today. He is serving his third term in congress.

EVERYWOMAN.

Everywoman starts before
The last act is half ended,
To get her things on, though the door
By watchful men attended,
Will not be barred ere they who stay
To hear the last word of the play
Have had the chance to leave without

Engaging in a frantic rush;
But Everywoman, filled with doubt,
And, wishing to avoid the crush,
Oh, haply fearing that some great
Ill might befall if she should wait,
Puts on her hat and dons her stole,
And, like a runner at the tape,
With wild impatience in her soul,
Prepares to leap, 'Tis true escape
Might be a simple process, should
She wait serenely in her seat,
Instead of spoiling everything—
The author's lines, the actor's art,
The moral, ere 'tis understood,
His temper who, endeavoring
To hear and see, permits the heat
Of passion to invade his heart,
And wonders, since she is so keen
To be the first to reach the street,
Why she has stayed to spoil the scene,
Thus Everywoman rouses ire
And does not care and feels no shame,
Because she lacks the sacred fire,
And Nobody is to blame.

NOT POWER BUT JUDGMENT.

President Taft is becoming belligerent in defense of his tariff vetoes, and this is his privilege. He has been acting within his constitutional rights. As he said in a South Dakota speech: "If I don't like a bill I am going to veto it, whether I look like George III, or any other king; but that power is imposed upon me by the Constitution and I am bound to exercise it, and I am going to exercise it with my

best judgment in the interest of the country." The President of the United States does not look like an English king in a veto performance. He is greater than an English king whose veto power slipped away long ago.

It is not the veto power which Mr. Taft needs to beware of. What should concern him is the judgment with which that power is used. Was it good judgment to sign the Payne-Aldrich bill and then veto all measures for its correction when he had admitted the need of correction?—New York World.

The principal crop that some people want to raise is sometimes given a name beginning with H.

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