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THE CHANGE.

What makes the world appear so fair?
Why do the winds so sweetly blow?
Why is there so much gladness where there were no smiles awhile ago?
Why has the sky become so bright?
And why is care so far behind?
Why do the people all delight in praising me and being kind?
What is it that has wrought the change?
Why have the people ceased to fret?
A gladness that is new and strange seems to have caused them to forget.
The cares and troubles that were small no longer rob them of their glee.
And yet it may be, after all, the transformation is in me.
—S. E. Kiser.

IN PENDLETON'S DEFENSE.

The following remarkable statement appeared last evening in the local paper that has been used by Dr. Coe and his friends in fighting the West Extension:
'This newspaper rejoices in the fact that the Pendleton Commercial club is on record for the west extension, but it regrets, for Pendleton's sake, that the club permitted a faction—yes, the same old one—to engineer resolutions through the meeting denying the request of our friends, neighbors and supporters of Pilot Rock, Echo, Stanfield and adjacent territory and putting them squarely up against practically endless expense and burdensome litigation in defense of their water rights and of their homes.'
That statement is as false and as hypocritical as anything uttered during the long bitter fight just ended. It is the statement of a hypocrite because the sheet in question has never worried about the rights of Birch creek people. It was fighting to down the West Extension and failed. The statement to the effect that that paper rejoices because the local club endorsed the extension is a lie. It is the statement of a coward who goes over to the enemy when he sees that fortune is against the side with which he has been aligned.
But the East Oregonian is not tak-

ing up this subject today merely to show up a shyster newspaper. The subject is here discussed because that paper in its disappointment over its defeat is befouling its own nest. Its course tends to turn the people of Birch creek and other streams against the city of Pendleton and against the Pendleton Commercial club. This when there is not a shadow of excuse for it.

By its actions Wednesday night the Commercial club did not oppose the welfare of settlers on Birch and McKay creek. On the contrary the club upheld their interests. One resolution which was passed and has been wired to President Taft asks the government not merely to protect the rights and welfare of upper river settlers but goes beyond that and asks that the government allow upper river lands to be watered beyond legal rights for the reason that irrigation on the upper river and tributary streams will be beneficial to projects farther down the river since it will increase the summer flow. How could the club have taken a stronger stand for the welfare of upper river water-users?

If the Steiwer resolution was a Birch creek move it was not so shown at the meeting Wednesday night. When he presented his resolution Fred Steiwer stated explicitly that he was acting merely as a member of the club. Nor did J. R. Staley, who also upheld the amendment, claim that he spoke as a representative of Birch creek settlers. No one knew for whom those men were speaking unless for themselves.

It was the sentiment of those present that the amendment was a needless and ill-timed slap at the government; that it could do Birch creek people no good and might do them harm. So it was voted down.

As to the adjudication suits this paper expressed its views yesterday. It might be a good thing for Birch creek people to have those suits withdrawn or it might be injurious to those people. This paper does not know and is not attempting to say. In the discussion of the subject by Roscoe R. Johnson that gentleman brought out points which makes it look extremely doubtful if the withdrawal of these suits would be for the welfare of the upper river settlers.

But regardless of this the Commercial club was absolutely right in voting down the Steiwer resolution Wednesday night. If that was a Birch creek resolution it was not properly presented. There was nothing to show whether that resolution was fathered by Birch creek people or by the Furnish interests or by some other contingent that might have interests very much opposed to the interests of Birch and McKay creek farmers. If upper river settlers really want the Commercial club to ask the government to drop the adjudication suits it is very probable the club will fully meet their wishes when their wishes are presented in such a manner as to make their desires clear. There is still plenty of time for that.

The Commercial club stands for the welfare of territory tributary to Pendleton. So do all the business men of the city. So does the East Oregonian. The attempt to create an impression to the contrary arises either through ignorance of the situation or is the malicious work of men who are sore because the Commercial club endorsed the West Extension.

DROP IT.

The attempt to offset the action of the Commercial club Tuesday night

should be abandoned. That move is due in part to men who have been misled as to what the Commercial club did, but the move is prompted mainly by men who have become malicious in defeat. They seek to ruin because they could not rule.

The action of the Commercial club was taken after full and fair hearing. The subject was fully discussed at the theatre Tuesday night and the point at issue Wednesday night was ably argued there. The club meeting Wednesday was one of the biggest in history and there was no jobbery. The vote against the Steiwer resolution was decisive.

The resolutions adopted were written by men who were not partisans in the fight either for or against the Extension. They were written by men who wanted to solve the problem in the best possible way—from a Pendleton standpoint. That the resolution did furnish such a solution in the minds of the Commercial club members is evidenced by the fact that only one man voted against their adoption.

Now that the fight is over and the decision is given local people should be allowed to rest in peace. For the fees of the Extension to continue their warfare here will only cause needless trouble and prove that they are poor losers.

AT THIS HOUR.

She sits by my side in the opera box.
In a dress of the purest white;
And on her breast are the roses red
That I placed in her hands tonight.
Now the tenor sings, and there falls a hush—

Then the roses that smell so sweet
Are thrown by the girl who sits by my side.
And they fall by the singer's feet!
And safe in the sheath of her gauzy fan,
I glare with maddened eye—
Those roses they cost me Three Dollars apiece,
And she needn't have been so fly!
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

OWNERSHIP.

I am no multimillionaire,
There's no reception committee
To meet me on the way somewhere
When I go to another city;
I loit' back in no limousine
When I am on my way to duty.
But I have an appetite that's keen
And also a taste for beauty.

The people have not summoned me
To sit in a lofty station,
In vain I have labored zealously
For the hubble reputation;
By luck that brings to others pride
I am forever slighted;
But there are landscapes fair and wide
By which I am delighted.

The world will roll along all right
When I'm dead and safely buried;
I'll fall asleep for aye some night,
And nobody will be worried;
But I own a share of each day that's fair,
And I'm still made by glad by beauty
And I'm helped to avoid the pangs of care
By a liver that does it's duty.
—S. E. Kiser.

AS YOU LOOK AT IT.

Do not be discouraged if your pocket has been picked,
There are other dollars waiting to be earned,
And the miscreant who robbed you
By the fates may have been tricked.
He may now be lying dead and unconcerned,
Or you might have spent your cash
For the whimsiest of trash
That your better nature would have coldly spurned.

Do not be discouraged when you journey home at night
If a woman drops a bundle on your toes;
Turn and smile upon her kindly; let her think your heart is light,
She may love you for the patience you disclose;
If she jabs you from behind
Do not lose your peace of mind,
But be thankful that she hasn't bumped your nose.

Do not be discouraged if your bank account is small,
But try to make it larger day by day;
Think of those who toil and haven't any bank accounts at all
For the greedy ones to try to get away;
If you shiver in the cold
Cling to hope and do not scold,
It is only six more little months to May.

SWEET CHILD.

"Yes," said Little Elsie, "mamma says she is always glad to let me come to parties at your house."
"It is very nice of your mamma to say that."
"'Cause she says you're so savin' that there's never any danger you'll give me anything that will be rich enough to hurt me."—Chicago Record Herald.

"A man tried to pick my pockets yesterday in the streets, but my wife prevented him."
"Did she grapple with him, or just scream?"
"Neither. She wasn't there."
"Then how could she prevent him?"
"She had been through my pockets first."

"These mechanical toys are very lifelike."
"How so?"
"Johnny's automobile has run down the cat and knocked the sawdust out of two dolls."

What Detained Him.
"You seem to be later every morning," said the manager.



Useful Gifts for Men!

Bear in mind ladies and gentlemen, that the best place to secure your Xmas gifts for the gentleman friend or relative—the present that is useful, cherished and remembered—is,

FROM A MEN'S STORE

Advertisement for Gentlemen's Gloves and Dress Shirts. Includes illustrations of a man in a suit and various clothing items.

- Suggestions
Mufflers and Full Dress protectors 50c to \$4
Suspenders 25c to \$1.50
Pajamas \$1.50 to \$3.00
Suit cases \$1.25 to \$20
Tie Pins 50c to \$2.50
Cuff Links and Pin to match \$1.00 to \$2.50
Sweater Coats 90c to \$5
Dress Vests \$1.00 and up
Umbrellas 75c to \$2.50
Handbags \$3 to \$17.50
Tie, Handkerchief and Hose sets 50c to \$2
Hat Brushes 50c
Bradley Mufflers 25c
Worsted Suits \$3.75 to \$25.00
Overcoats \$4 to \$60
Raincoats \$5 to \$20
Dress Shoes \$2.50 to \$5
Our Holiday lines are now complete and we take pleasure in showing our goods. Plenty of competent and courteous clerks to wait on you promptly.

Advertisement for Neckwear and Silk Hose. Includes illustrations of a man in a suit and neckwear items.

Workingmen's Clothing Co.



"Yes," replied the meek-looking man; "my wife seems to add a few more buttons to the back of her waist every day."—Yonker's Statesman.
Blink (the wholesaler)—Well, how many orders did you get yesterday?
Gink (the salesman)—I got two orders in one store.
Blink—What were they?
Gink—One was to get out, and the other was to stay out.
"They say there are as many microbes on a dollar bill as on a fly."
"Geel! but I'd like to get near

enough to swat a few of 'em"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.
JULY WAR SCARE CONFIRMED.
Germany Now Awaiting With Tension England's Explanation of Her Stand.
Cologne, Germany.—Foreign Secretary Von Kiderl-Waechter's explanation leaves no doubt that a German-English clash was imminent in July, according to an apparently inspired dispatch from Berlin in the Cologne Gazette, which adds:
"The acute crisis is past, but the

situation remains grave. Germany awaits with even greater tension Great Britain's coming explanation. Upon this will depend the relations of the two countries in future.
"Germany is reluctant to believe in the possibility of war without a real question being at issue, but late events have spoken only too clearly."
Lewis Heads Mine Workers.
Bridgeport, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Scattering returns indicate that Tom Lewis was elected president of the United Mine Workers of America by a majority of 49,000, over White.

Advertisement for The American National Bank. Features a large illustration of a horseshoe and text: 'THE LUCKIEST DAY YOU'LL EVER HAVE IS THE DAY YOU START A BANK ACCOUNT. Do it now. MAKE OUR BANK YOUR BANK. We pay liberal interest consistent with safety, 4 per cent.'

Advertisement for W. J. Clarke & Co. Gifts that Last and are Used Xmas Hardware. Features an illustration of a woman and text: 'Aluminum Ware Would Please HER. We have a large line of pure Aluminum cooking utensils. They last longer, save your health, save the housewife scouring and scrubbing and are an ornament to any home.'