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A DREAM OF SPRING.

The old, hard winter is a'gain right along, The dark clouds 'll scurry from the sky; Springtime an' summer, with the music of a song— The "sweet fields of Eden" by and by!

Weary is the winter, But winter'll pass away; Ho! for the meadows And the music of the May.

Snowflakes a-fallin'—the flowers hide afar, The wind is like the memory of a sigh; But Spring'll find a rainbow— a silver sun an' star— Oh, "the sweet fields of Eden," by and by!

Weary is the winter, The shadow hides the gleam, But bright comes the spring-time When the rose is like a dream. —Frank L. Stanton.

MAKE THEM ALL TAKE.

Seeing the futility of further opposition to Statement No. 1, the would-be legislators in various parts of Oregon are planning to run as statement candidates when the primaries are held in April. From indications at present it appears the Statement No. 1 tag will be all the style and few will run without it.

This is a fortunate situation because there is a particular reason why the coming legislature should have a substantial Statement No. 1 majority. A United States senator is to be elected at the next session and the people should see to it that they send to the legislature only such men as will swear to vote for the people's choice.

But likely there will be candidates who will try to avoid this issue by saying they will abide by the law which states that legislators must vote for the popular choice for senator. If they are such candidates they should be defeated. It is not enough for them to say they will abide by that law. The law has no penalty for violations and it is also possible that if tested the law will be declared unconstitutional in which case the legislators could claim themselves free to do as they pleased.

The one and only safe course for the people to take is to require legislative candidates to subscribe to Statement No. 1. Make them file oath that if elected to office they will vote for the people's choice, first, last and all the time, whether that choice be a republican, a democrat, a standpatter or a progressive. Oregon has devised a plan that does away with the old time legislative corruption and provides in effect for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. It is a reform of the utmost import-

ance and when that reform has been fully accomplished throughout the country it will be a long step towards the reestablishment of popular government in the United States.

Meanwhile the people of Oregon should take no chances. Enemies of Statement No. 1 will strike it down any time they get a good opportunity. There is always an element of danger when the Statement No. 1 majority in the legislature is small. Should the next legislature give but a small majority to the statement men another Ormsby McHarg will no doubt appear and strive to break down the pledges made the people.

Elect none but statement men to the legislature.

A WOMAN'S QUESTION.

There are indications that the equal suffrage campaign in Oregon this year will be waged along somewhat different lines from the past. There is need of a change in methods.

In the past the suffrage workers have not had the support they should have had from the women themselves. For some reason the suffrage leaders in this state have not received enthusiastic backing from members of the fair sex.

Perhaps such support has not been sought. It is possible the leaders have thought it best to convert the men on the theory that the men have the votes. But this is not the proper course.

Those who want to enact equal suffrage in Oregon should first interest the good and representative women of the state in the subject. The women will then use their influence in behalf of equal suffrage and we will soon have votes for women.

The question involved in the equal suffrage campaign is more than anything else one of expediency. Do the women want to exercise the right of franchise? If they do they should be allowed that privilege. No sensible person can question the justice of giving the ballot to women nor can any one question woman's ability to use the right of franchise properly.

In the coming campaign are the suffrage workers going to again waste their efforts by fighting valiantly over points that will be granted by most men without question or will they get down to sensible methods and win out through such action.

AIDING GOVERNOR WILSON.

Reactionary newspapers such as the Portland Oregonian are striving hard to belittle Governor Woodrow Wilson and to advance Harmon's candidacy for the democratic presidential nomination. In doing this the Oregonian is stultifying itself because at the time Governor Wilson visited Oregon last spring the Portland morning paper praised his character, his courage and his statesmanship in glowing terms.

But the present efforts of the Oregonian went hurt the New Jersey governor. On the contrary they aid him greatly in his campaign. The rank and file of democrats in this state unquestionably want a progressive named as the democratic standard bearer and they are looking to Wilson as such a leader. The manifest attempt of the Oregonian to injure the Wilson prospects and aid the Harmon boom will only serve to strengthen democratic faith in the New Jersey man.

FIELD PEAS.

During the past year many eastern Oregon farmers have been raising field peas and meeting with good success. It is a good crop for dry land farming as well as for irrigated sections. Field peas may be used to advantage on summer fallow years and hogged off. Farmers who raise field peas generally get them in very early in the spring and hog them off early in the summer so that the cultivation

of the summer fallow may be taken up. Such a course permits of summer fallowing the land and yet means an annual crop. It means getting the maximum return from the land and at the same time enriches the land because the leguminous crop restores to the soil the very elements that wheat raising takes away. Eastern Oregon should raise more field peas and more hogs.

IRON ORE IN 1911.

Preliminary estimates of iron ore sold in 1911 were sent to the geological Survey by 25 of the largest iron-mining companies in the United States at the close of the year. The combined output of these companies represents more than 80 per cent of the total production of the United States. From these returns it is estimated by E. F. Burchard of the survey that the total quantity of iron ore marketed in the United States in 1911 not including stocks left at the mines, was between 43,000,000 and 46,000,000 long tons. This quantity represents a decrease of 22 to 24 per cent of the sales for 1910, which aggregated 56,889,934 long tons. The output for 1910 was the largest quantity of iron ore ever marketed in a single year in the United States, and according to the present estimate the quantity produced in the year 1911 will take fifth place, being exceeded by that of 1910, 1907, 1909 and 1906 in the order named. It is estimated that of the ore produced in 1911 between 39,250,000 and 42,000,000 long tons was red hematite the remainder consisting of brown hematite, magnetite, and iron carbonate ores. According to the returns received the Lake Superior district, in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin, apparently produced between 33,000,000 and 35,000,000 long tons of red and specular hematite, which represents a decrease of 23 to 28 per cent compared with the production of 1910—46,328,743 tons.

In the Birmingham district, Alabama, the second largest iron-mining center, the production of iron ore apparently decreased 18 per cent from that of 1910, the estimated production for 1911 being between 3,505,000 and 3,125,000 long tons, compared with 3,802,115 long tons in the preceding year. The ore mined in the Birmingham district consists of red and brown hematite in the proportion of about 4 to 1.

The production of iron ore in Tennessee and Virginia apparently decreased only about 16 per cent, according to reports from the principal producers in those states.

As the production of pig iron for 1911 may exceed 23,500,000 tons, a larger production of iron ore might appear to be required than has been estimated above, but it must be considered that at the close of 1910 there was 9,408,235 long tons of iron ore in stock at the mines in the United States, and that of this total 8,471,108 long tons was at the mines in the Lake Superior district. Just how heavily this surplus stock of ore was drawn upon in 1911 it is impossible

to state at present but owing to the increased activity in the manufacture of pig iron toward the close of 1911 it is probable that the 1910 surplus was in part cleaned up and that at the end of 1911 only a relatively small quantity of iron ore remained at the mines.

LIFE AND DEATH VANDALISM.

C. P. Rogers, on his coast-to-coast flight, found that the souvenir hunter is one of his worst natural enemies. In Sacramento, Pa., for instance, he detected a woman screwing a loose nut off the machine with her fingers. She explained that she wanted it for a souvenir, and that she had not imagined it would cause any harm to take it because "there were so many, surely one would not make any difference." After explaining to her that it might make all the difference between this world and the next for him, Rogers turned back to his machine, only to find another souvenir hunter—a man, this time—trying to take a valve off the engine with a cold chisel.—Current World's Work.

ALL IS WELL.

Helen's lips are drifting dust, Caesar's dead and turned to clay; Still there's cause to hope and trust; Lincoln Steffens, day by day, Keeps old Cosmos in her place And directs the human race.

His Handicap.

"You don't mean to tell me that frumpish looking little woman is his wife?" "Yes." "How in the world did a man with his taste ever happen to pick out a person for a life-partner?"

"They say she is very clever—writes most of his speeches. I believe she was a school teacher before their marriage."

"Dear me! Isn't it too bad? Think what a place he might have won for himself if he had married a woman with style and a family that amounted to something back of her."

THE WORLD'S LOSS.

Nero suddenly stopped fiddling and looked sadly down at Rome burning. "What is the matter, Divinity?" asked one of his satellites. "Does it grieve you to see the old town go?" "No," replied the emperor, as he resumed his fiddling, "it makes me sore to think movin' pictures ain't invented yet."

USE DYNAMITE ON POSTOFFICE.

Robbers at Marysville, Mont., Enter by Hole Blown in Ceiling. Helena, Mont.—Dynamite was used by burglars to force an entrance into the postoffice at Marysville, Mont., 20 miles from Helena.

The explosive was placed in a hallway over the postoffice and ripped a hole in the ceiling, through which the robbers entered. They secured little plunder. The robbery was not discovered until daylight.

BEAT TWO WOMEN TO DEATH.

Band of Five Attack Home of Arkansas Family. Memphis, Tenn.—Mrs. Kate Carpenter and her mother, Mrs. Davis, were killed and A. M. Carpenter, a wealthy planter, probably fatally injured by a band of five or six white men, who beat the women to death and left the man for dead at the Carpenter home, near Blytheville, Ark.

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