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THE OREGON ROSE.

Roses with petals like angel's wings, Soft as the down from the sweet-voiced birds; Scent like a loving memory clings— Beauty too exquisite far for words. Roses of red that speak of love, Like two ripe lips of a maiden sweet— Whose eyes, like the stars that shine above, Gaze on the flower—to each a treat. Roses of white, like a pure white soul, Innocent as a prattling child; Ecstatic visions to roll Up from its heart, caressing and mild. Roses as rare as a precious gem— Fairies and sprites in their hearts' repose, Lulling and soothing the souls of them, Greetings to you, sweet Oregon rose! —By Miles Overholt, in the Portland Journal.

BETTER THAN BULLETS.

A sharp conflict is on between the old time method of prison management and the new, being brought to a head by the riot at San Quinton Sunday. The warden at San Quinton says Governor West and his prison ideas are to blame for the trouble among the California prisoners. Governor West replies that his system of prison management works well in this state and that California authorities should use more brains and fewer bullets.

The results attained at Salem and San Quinton respectively indicate our governor has good reason for his report. Though the honor policy instituted by Governor West was bitterly and often unjustly assailed at first it has proven a success. Under the new system the men have been handled with greater ease and at less expense than before. There have been fewer escapes than formerly. The men have done more work and they have lived under more wholesome conditions. It has been good for the prisoners and good for the state because the men when finally liberated have not been imbittered toward society. Most honor men want to make good to vindicate the system if for no other reason. Already there have been many striking examples of the efficiency of the honor system.

The honor system when intelligently used simply means taking proper note of human nature. As a rule men can be led when they cannot be driven. They can be induced to do a thing when it would be impossible to force them to do it. An appeal to the good sentiments within another will often accomplish wonders. "Be noble and the nobleness that lies in other men, sleeping but never dead, will rise in majesty to meet thine own." This trait of human nature is beautifully and truthfully shown in Jerome K. Jerome's symbolic play, "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," recently given on the Pacific coast by Mr. J. Forbes Robertson, the English actor. In the play a sordid, selfish household is transformed into a courteous, happy, unselfish group by the simple work of a stranger who arrives upon the scene and seeing their plight skillfully strikes a silent chord in the heart of each and thereby works a change that seems magical.

It is not always true, but as a general rule, quiet, earnest instruction and advice will accomplish more than will loud and insulting commands. This is true whether a man be in charge of a section gang, is manager of a baseball team, or fills any other position wherein he has control of men. There is no reason why the same principle should not apply to prison management. That it does apply has been demonstrated by Governor West and those who have work-

ed with him in carrying out his honor policy at Salem.

It is probably true that the convicts at San Quinton could be handled easier if the officials would use their brains more and the rifles less. Kindness will often win when bullets wont.

SENATOR ROOT.

Should the Taft men in order to defeat Roosevelt turn their strength to Root they might succeed in nominating him but in the general election he would not run as well as would Taft. With Roosevelt and Root both running as republican candidates the republican vote would go mainly to the colonel. Senator Root is a very able man, one of the strongest in the senate. But like some other strong men of that body, many of whom have recently retired, he is more in sympathy with the patricians than with the plebeians of the country. He was for years a corporation lawyer and has been used to regarding the welfare of the wealthy classes as meaning the welfare of the nation. The people are not looking for that sort of a man for the presidency.

LOTS OF BUILDING.

For a "quiet" town Pendleton is doing a satisfactory amount of building work this summer. Aside from the big Eastern Oregon branch hospital and the new high school there is much activity in the residence sections. On the north side of the river two large residences are under construction and a half dozen or more bungalows and other small structures are being built in various parts of the city. The finest garage in the inland empire was but recently built on Court street, there is much sidewalk construction underway and excellent prospects of more street paving. It is hard to keep a good town down.

The death of a congressman underneath the wheels of a train in Washington indicates that the privileges of the house do not mean anything upon the track.

A few more baseball games like the ten inning game yesterday and the local fans will be suffering from nervous prostration.

Along with an open Columbia river Pendleton needs an independently owned electric line from this city to the river.

VESPERAL.

I too behold the day and know it fair; I have lain silent where the noon-tide's spell, Woven of leaves and waters and soft air, Gives the hushed solitude a peace to keep; Where gathered hues and fragrances compel The willing soul along the ways of sleep. I too exult when through a swirl of cloud The flaming sun thrusts forward like a shield Whereunder all the hosts of storm are bowed, And the last cohorts of the smitten rain Flee down the wide horizons, till the field Of hard-won sky be left without a stain. Yet sweeter than all these the little space Of slowly mounting twilight, ere the night's Dominion is accomplished, and her face Shadows the earth with calm; most to me A dying flush of sunset, and veiled lights Of amusing stars above a soundless sea. —Charles E. Whitmore in the June Scribner. Both Exaggerated. Freddy—That's a swell hat Jink is wearing. Reddy—Yes. It matches his head.—Pretzel Varnishers' Gazette. It's rude in a guest to look at the initials on borrowed spoons and ask what they stand for.

FROM THE PEOPLE

OPEN THE COLUMBIA.

Helix, Ore., June 12, 1912. Editor East Oregonian: The action of the Farmers' Union at their meeting in Spokane in asking that the machinery of the canal zone be brought to the Columbia river to clear the river was certainly to be commended by all residents of the northwest. It is also conclusive evidence of the progressive spirit of the Pendleton Commercial club that they were the first to endorse the movement that probably means more to the producing class than all the legislation that will be effected in the next ten years. This move is not only progressive but sacrificing on the part of the club as they will only be indirectly benefited, the direct benefits will accrue to the farmers and stockmen of the Inland Empire and it is to be hoped that every man who hopes to call himself progressive in either of the above callings will make it a point to attend the meeting on the 14th when the commercial club has so generously arranged to have present undisputed authority on the subject of open river to the sea. Of course this is a busy time but then at times are busy to the progressive farmer and then what is it to raise large crops and then spend, as we now do, 54 per cent of its value in getting it on to the consumers' table? We should be just as much concerned in distributing as in production and until the producer learns to watch both ends of the business the art of husbandry will remain far from the coveted goal of perfection and the real profits will in a great measure find their way into the pockets of the men that do not work, neither do they invest. Cheap transportation is one of the corner stones to scientific distribution, scientific distribution means more for the producer and less for the consumer to pay. So let us all meet in Pendleton on the 14th wearing on our faces (if not on our coats) the battle smile of Open River to the Sea. C. C. CONNER.

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