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A LOVE SONG.

I.
Sweetheart, there is no splendor
In all God's splendid skies,
Bright as the lovelight tender
Which dwells in your bright eyes.

II.
Sweetheart, there are no blisses
Like those your lips distill;
Of all the world's sweet kisses
Your kiss is sweetest still!

III.
Sweetheart! There is no glory,
Which cluster 'round my life
Bright as this bright, sweet
story:
"My sweetheart and my wife."
—Frank L. Stanton.

For the legislature which convenes today excellent advice is contained in the editorial by the **The Surest Road Portland Journal To Reform.** reproduced upon this page. The East Oregonian especially approves of the suggestion that the legislature endeavor to increase its own efficiency so that it may handle legislation more ably and increase the regard in which it is held by the people.

By such a course as this may the legislature work most effectively to curb overuse of the initiative and referendum. The fact there were over 40 legislative measures on the ballot November 5, furnished positive evidence the people lacked faith in the legislature. There is further evidence to the same effect. It is found in the estimate the average citizen places on the legislature. The average man regards the legislature as a slip shod affair striving to thresh out a vast pile of bills in a very short time. The average man knows that logrolling and petty political bickering enter strongly into the proceedings of the legislature. He knows that influences are often at work for or against measures and have effect even though such influences do not represent the will of the people or their welfare. Such things cause men to lose confidence in the lawmakers. The present legislature can do much to right this situation. The members now at Salem can if they will increase the prestige of the legislature and bring it up to the plane it should occupy in the public thought. They can do that by acting along broad lines rather than along small lines, by thinking of principle rather than of petty personal politics, by refusing to indulge in logrolling and by demanding that such legislation as is enacted shall go through strictly upon its merits. They should stop laughing at members who take their positions seriously and vote their convictions even though the "bunch" does differently. Those who favor a short ballot and want to see the initiative used less frequently will urge the legislature to assert itself. It is the surest way to improvement. Nothing can be done by tinkering with the initiative. The various schemes proposed are nostrums that would prove worse than the disease if taken. Most of the demand for reform of the initiative comes from standpat quarters—from people who do not believe at all in direct legislation and would like to see the initiative quietly tapped on the head and put to sleep. They would not care what the medicine did—if they could just get the people to take it.

With snow falling and the thermometer in eastern Oregon falling low at times one of the biggest Colds, questions of the hour is how to avoid taking cold or how to cure a cold when you get one. Mark Twain found all sorts of advice as to how to treat a cold. So can

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anyone else who seeks such information. Dr. Kuhn, a German authority asserts that colds are not usually contracted from other persons as has been believed recently but that a chill affords to microbes already in the nostrils, throat or mouth conditions favorable to their active growth. If that is true the important thing is not how to cure a cold but how to keep from getting one. To a large extent a person may have freedom from colds by avoiding exposure and by proper care as to eating.

Like Oregon, Kansas has a good agricultural college and it trains young women as well as young men for their places in the world. Speaking recently of the instruction the Manhattan school gives on the subject of "How to become good wives," the president of the Kansas college said:

"Many girls have been handicapped at the most crucial period of their lives through ignorance of household work. To rear a daughter without a knowledge of cooking and home care is a great injustice to her." The same idea is being recognized in Pendleton as one may see by visiting the domestic science department at the high school.

The Oregonian did not advocate curbing the initiative by making it impossible to submit the same bill twice in 10 years. It said the same proposal. That sounds like a distinction without a difference but then the Portland paper has a weak case and is entitled to the benefit of all possible doubts.

The parcels post increases business at the post office and it will do the same with local stores that go after the business.

This is something like it. Nothing beats a good thick blanket of snow in the winter time.

The stockman can now feed out some of that hay.

A PROGRAM OF PROGRESS.

(Oregon Journal.)
The Journal presents herewith eight important reforms which it commends to the intelligence of the legislators who are to convene this week in biennial assembly:

- 1—Reform of legislative methods and legislative procedure by minimizing the number of bills introduced and confining introduction to the first weeks of the session by making committee assignments a matter of merit instead of a known and notorious evil to the end that public confidence in the legislature may be restored and the growing use of the initiative be minimized.
- 2—The passage of a good roads bill, framed in a spirit of compromise by capable men, carrying such provisions as well commend to general confidence, and providing the largest possible encouragement and introducing the highest practicality into the work of road construction.
- 3—The enactment of irrigation legislation in which there will be provision, so far as the legislature is able to further it, for giving the land to the actual settler at actual cost, and providing to the utmost extent for the elimination of speculators, and speculation from the debauchment of irrigation in Oregon.
- 4—Statutory reform of court procedure for abolishment of the notorious laws delays, for eliminating admitted frivolous motions, technicalities and appeals, and for reducing to the great public cost of litigation, all to the end that it may be sanely done by those equipped for the purpose and not be madly done by those incompetent to engage in such a reform.
- 5—Enactment of the workmen's compensation law framed by the state commission named for the purpose, which is a measure for ending ambulance chasing, for greatly reducing the work of the courts, and the cost to the state of litigation, for saving the great sums sent out of the state in casualty insurance and for bringing employe and employer into close and amicable relations respecting the personal damages for industrial accidents.
- 6—The passage of an ample but not extravagant appropriation for properly representing Oregon at the Panama exposition at San Francisco in 1915, action made necessary by the fact that Oregon will never have opportunity to be closely identified with another event of such world significance.
- 7—The enactment of a law to restrict the sale of the revolver and to regulate the carrying of concealed weapons, by which a step will be taken in a great reform that is to become country-wide, and through which crimes of violence will be enormously lessened and human life be made far more safe.
- 8—The passage of greatly needed amendments to the criminal code by repeal of provisions, put into effect for a primitive time, and the substitution of more effective measures, better suited to the necessities and exigencies of a more congested population and a more highly developed age.

This is a program of progress. The Oregon legislature can render no higher service to the state than to carry it into effect.

There are other measures to be passed. There are other statutory changes to be made. But the above constitute a program of constructive legislation whose translation into law will be a sufficient reply to those who condemn legislatures, and will be full warrant to the taxpayers for the great expense to which they must go in paying the bills of the biennial assembly.

The last election ballot in Oregon carried a total of forty-one initiative and referendum measures. They were forty-one protests against the shortcomings of past legislatures in this state.

They are forty-one reasons why the coming assembly should proceed to carry out this program of progress as a means of restoring public confidence in the legislative body and lessening the use and abuse of the initiative.

ANTEMORTEN REPORTS.

Senator Bailey of Texas was so fiercely attacked by some of his opponents the last time he was a candidate for re-election that one editor indulged in a circumstantial forecast of what would happen to him in the county election the next day.

"He was so specific about my finish that he reminded me of a story," said the senator. "An influential citizen in a small town had an attack of appendicitis. The editor heard the report and hurriedly made an item of it which he printed in this fashion:

"Our esteemed fellow citizen, John G. Harris, will go to the hospital tomorrow to be operated upon for the removal of his appendix by Dr. Smith. He will leave a wife and three children."—Lippincott's.

A TREND OF THE TIMES.

Ex-Governor Pennypacker, discussing the divorce evil in Philadelphia, said, with a smile:

"In these times one never, as the saying goes, knows where one is at. An acquaintance of mine extended his hand to me at the Historical society the other day and cried:

"Congratulate me! I'm the happiest man alive!"

"I looked at him doubtfully.

"Engaged, married or divorced?"

—New York Tribune.

TEXT AND SERMON.

"I had a little lesson several weeks ago," remarked the man with the gray mustache, "and it called me in good shape."

"Go ahead," said the stout man.

"I was in the garage where I keep my car and happened to overhear a conversation among the boys. A certain man had been injured while traveling abroad—very badly injured. It was reported—and one of the boys was telling the others about it. 'The story in the papers says he can't get well,' the youngster went on. 'Did you know him, Pete?' And the boy addressed promptly replied, 'Sure, I knew the old grouch.' Say, that hit me pretty hard. Here was a leading citizen dying and all the boy could remember about him was that he was a grouch. Yes, sir, it made me sit up and think hard. And I got in my mind that when I passed out I'd like to be remembered for something different."

He paused.

"That's worth considering," said the other man.

"Good text," said the first man.

"Good sermon," said the other.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

JANUARY.

January gets its name from Janus the celebrated two-faced god of the Romans. It was said of Janus that he could see things both coming and going and he was therefore placed on guard at the beginning of the year. Up to that time the year had begun with March, but after Caesar took Ireland, the Irish insisted upon having St. Patrick's Day shoved along where it would not be too cold to march, and Caesar made January the beginning of the year. This occasioned a great uprising in Rome, where the year had always begun in March, and Caesar's defense before the Pillar of Pompey is considered to have been the finest oratorical effort of his career. He told the people that in doing this for the Irish he had probably forestalled a movement for home rule, which reconciled everybody at once, and no more was heard of it.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

PIKES PEAK NOT THE HIGHEST.

What is the highest mountain in Colorado? "Pikes Peak," nineteen persons out of twenty will answer, and incorrectly. The twentieth may know that the two highest mountains in the state are Mount Massive and Mount Elbert, both in Lake county, in the Leadville district. The altitude of each of these mountains, according to the United States Geological Survey, is 14,402 feet above sea level. The height of Pikes Peak is 14,108 feet. Moreover, there are fifty or sixty other peaks in Colorado approximately as high—over 14,000 feet. The lowest point in Colorado is 3350 feet above sea level. Of all the states Colorado has the highest average altitude, estimated by the geological survey, at 6800 feet.

Although not the highest mountain Pikes Peak is probably the best known peak in the United States. There was at one time a weather bureau on its summit, and it now has a substantial railway station at the terminus of the highest railway line in America. It can also be reached by an excellent wagon road and trail which connect the summit with Colorado Springs.

LARGE COAL MINES.

There are 735 coal mines in the United States which are producing more than 200,000 short tons of coal each annually. In 1911, according to a statement by Edward W. Parker the coal statistician of the United States Geological Survey, 269 bituminous mines and 168 anthracite mines in Pennsylvania produced in excess of this amount. The average production of these Pennsylvania bituminous mines was 221,775 tons and of the anthracite mines 444,697 tons. The largest anthracite mine had a production of 1,020,420 long tons (1,142,870 short tons). The largest bituminous production from one mine (a Pennsylvania operation) was 1,285,483 short tons. Thirty anthracite mines produced over half a million tons each. Illinois was second to

Pennsylvania in large mines, having 83 mines which produced more than 200,000 tons; West Virginia was third, with 59; and Ohio fourth, with 38. The total production of these 735 first-class mines was 253,459,639 tons or 51.7 per cent of the total production of the country.

THE UGLY THINGS.

Of all the ugly things designed
To make man look his worst.
We think that you will always find
The ear-muff comes in first.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Of all the ugly things designed
To make the public hoiler,
You've noticed, unless you're blind,
It's the imitation fur collar.
—Indianaapolis Star.

Of all the ugly things designed
To give a man a pain,
And make him wish that he was blind
It is the yellow cane
Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Of all the ugly things designed
To take the comic prize,
The rubber "arctic" comes to mind—
The sort built overseas.
—Denver Republican.

IT MADE A DIFFERENCE.

"If I ever get hold of Binks I'll thrash him so that his mother wouldn't recognize him."
"What's the matter?"
"He's been slandering me. He says that I beat him out of \$5 in a poker game."
"Not at all. I heard the remark myself."
"What did he say?"
"He said that you beat him out of \$5000 in a wheat deal."
"Oh, well, then, I suppose it is all right. I hardly thought he was the kind of a man to go around telling stories that reflected on his character."—Life.

THE PATHWAY TO A DREAM.

I.
Every time a New Year dawns, I take the forward track,
An' yit, for all I look ahead, I'm alius lookin' back;
No matter how the sun shines—how fair the prospects seem,
In pleasant pathways of old years I wander with a dream.

II.
I meet new friends right hearty, an' talk o' times so new;
An' the world swings like a picture in the same old frame o' blue;
An' still the kindly sunlight—it twinkles through Life's tears,
But I'm back yonder with a dream o' unforgetten years.

III.
There I glimpse a meadow where sweet the spring-winds blow;
The roses—they remember, in a garden that I know;
An' so, while time is growin' gray, old years in beauty beam,
An' while I'm farin' forward I'm back there, with a dream!
—Frank L. Stanton.

BILL'S DISPOSITION.

"So you have got an accident to report, have you?" said the head clerk to the foreman of the works.
"Yes, sir," said the foreman, and after snawing at his penholder for a considerable time he handed the clerk the report. It read:
"Date: April 16. Nature of accident: Toe badly crushed. How caused: Accidental blow from fellow workman's sledge hammer. Remarks: —"
"Very good," said the clerk, "but why have you omitted 'Remarks'?"
"Well, sir," said the foreman, who was a very frank man, "seeing as you know what Bill is, and as you know it is his big toe that was hurt, I—well, I didn't like to put 'em down.'"

MAID AND WIDOW.

Their rival claims to reign supreme.
Can Man decide in no case;
The maid's the diamond in the stream—
The widow's in the showcase.
The maid's a formal table d'hote—
The widow's cake-and-honey.
The maid's a promissory note—
The widow's ready money.

The maid's the latest book on sale—
Pure fiction—sweet—seductive;
The widow is a twice-told tale,
But thrilling—deep—instructive!
The maid's a soldier of the line—
A brave but artless yeoman;
The widow gives the countessign,
And takes the steeping foam!

O, pretty bread-and-butter Miss,
And bread-and-sugar Madam!
There's nothing really new in this:
Your claims date back to Adam:
When Abel died, his weeping bride
The question first gave rise to,
Which Man can never quite decide.
(I wonder if he tries to?)
—From Life.

WHY ENUNCIATE?

"What language is the leading lady singing?"
"French, isn't it?"
"No, I can understand French and it isn't that."
"Italian, perhaps."
"It sounds more like Spanish, or, possibly, Portuguese."
"Yonder is Mr. Flanahan, the famous critic. Let us ask him."
They questioned Mr. Flanahan, and he smiled grimly.
"The lady is singing in English," he said.—Newark News.

DAY OF THE "JAG" IS DOOMED.

Chicago Inter Ocean: The day of the scientific bartender is not far distant. Ye who "look upon the wine when it is red" and look too long may soon find it impossible to transgress the laws of thirst discretion. The advanced "dispenser of the suds," with his superior knowledge of "constitutions and how much they can stand," and of the exact effect of each drop of liquid poured into an enticing mixture, will see to it that there can be no ill effects.

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"Tides are of importance along the coast," another wrote, "because they bring the ships farther inland than they could otherwise come there for aiding commerce. Also of importance to bathers and fishers."—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

ONE CALL FOR TWO.
Mayor Woodruff of Peoria was sympathizing with a reformed character, who, as soon as his reformation became known, was harassed by a band of old creditors.
"One calls for two," said Mayor Woodruff with a smile. "Our friend must not only reform himself—he must now pitch in and earn a lot of money for his old creditors as well."
"It's actually like the Persian dictum on punctuality—
"Be punctual, and, inasmuch as none are punctual, learn to be patient also."

Borrowed Hair.
"Maybelle, your girl friend has beautiful hair."
"It will pass, Tom."
"Why do you girls hate to admit that another girl has fine points?"
"It wouldn't be becoming in this case to appear too enthusiastic. I loaned her that hair."—Detroit Free Press.
Perhaps a mollycoddle is a male manicure artist.

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