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Nevertheless the suggestion is just.

ETERNAL THINGS

At the San Francisco exposition the most popular exhibit with a vast number of visitors consists in the display of statuary, chiefly Italian marble, in one of the main buildings. There are hundreds of pieces exhibited and many are wonderful in their beauty and realism.

The charm in work of this kind lies in the story the sculptor tells and in his fidelity to truth. There is an inspiration in the beautiful and true whatever the subject may be.

"Love, truth and beauty are eternal things. And out of these the poet makes his songs, therefore the world rejoices when he sings. And Fame doth praise him with her thousand tongues."

There are people who do not know this. They think the world more interested in darkness than in light. They exalt scandal and the evil side of life rather than the happy, cheerful picture that may always be seen if you look for it.

When placed to the test the human heart is repulsed at sordid things and clings to that which is good, wholesome and helpful. There is an abundance of evidence to this effect, all contrary views notwithstanding. Those who portray happiness and truth teach Godliness and it is a subject with a tremendous human appeal.

HELPEFUL

Where many others hurried by,
You smiled as one whose heart was light,
And caused me to forget that I
Had room within my breast
For spite,
Because your eyes were all a glow
With friendly gladness when we met
You made the morning bright,
and so
Have left me deeply in your debt.

I know not whether you may fare
Nor what high hopes may urge you on,
But may your paths lead far
from care,
Your joys increase from dawn to dawn,
You save me but a passing glance,
And smiling, hurried on your way,
I pause to bless the happy chance
That made me better all the day.

—Selected.

RADICALISM TO FEAR

There have been some peculiar developments regarding the conference called by Governor Withycombe to discuss the disposition of the Oregon-California land grant.

The subject is one of concern to the whole state, it is not a local question for settlement by counties in which the land is located. Yet at the conference western Oregon counties containing the land will have far greater representation than will the rest of the state. Umatilla county is allowed but one delegate.

But the most presumptuous move yet taken consisted in a suggestion made at a preliminary gathering that a chairman be selected in advance of the meeting. Governor Withycombe is quoted as having said "I would like to see a conservative man made chairman, for there is danger that radicalism may predominate."

There is danger of radicalism, in the view of the East Oregonian, but not of the sort feared by the governor. The radicalism to be feared is the radicalism of service to the railroad at the betrayal of the people. It is radicalism of the sort that drove through the notorious "midnight resolution."

There is opportunity in connection with the grant lands to build up the school fund of Oregon. Conservatism requires that every possible step be taken to this end. Beware of the radical who frowns on this line of effort and can see no good in anything not suggested secretly or openly by attorneys for the Southern Pacific.

IN THE SAME CATEGORY

C. C. CHAPMAN who is publishing a magazine that seems much concerned in the welfare of timber monopolists criticises a suggestion by the East Oregonian that beneficial use should be requisite to retaining title to timber lands.

According to the Chapman view the suggestion means timber could be taxed only when being cut and hence would mean the withdrawal of an immense amount of timber from taxation, thus raising taxes on other property.

The same identical argument could be used against our present law requiring beneficial use of water in order to retain title to power or irrigation rights. It could be truthfully said this law will prevent people from holding water rights unless they make use of them. Hence it removes considerable property from taxation.

But who objects to the law on that ground? Would it be for the public welfare to allow our water resources to become monopolized and held from use merely to swell the assessment roll? No man with knowledge of conditions would advise that course for a moment.

Now why is not timber in the same category? Forest and stream are each God given to the people. Why does not the principle of beneficial use apply as appropriately to one resource as to the other?

Mr. Chapman is wrong as to how such a law would work with reference to timber. It would reduce speculation in timber and bring our forest resources into greater use because an owner would sell at reasonable terms rather than forfeit his land. Enact this principle into law and the lumber manufacturer will obtain cheaper timber while the consumer will obtain cheaper lumber. It would keep mills busy and carpenters busy and there would be an end to talk of Canadian competition. The Canadian lumber manufacturers would then fear competition from this country and justly so.

But there is little chance such a meritorious move could be adopted. The timber owners constitute the greatest vested interest in the state. They are abundantly represented by lawyers, journalists and politicians who would cloud the issue sufficiently to make action difficult. So the barons need not worry.

CURRENT THINKING

AN UNEXPECTED VICTIM OF THE WAR.

One of the greatest sufferers from the world-war will be darkest Africa; and it is freely predicted that, if the condition is not promptly relieved, probably one-half of Africa's population will be sacrificed.

Some twenty-odd years ago Dr. Hallowe, the Belgian medical commissioner at Luanda, reported to his government that the blacks of his district—the Upper Congo—were dying in droves from an epidemic which he called "The Sleeping Sickness." Belgium supplied the money to combat the scourge, and hospitals were erected, from the Sudan to Betschuanaland, from Loanda to Uemba. Strict quarantine was maintained between infected settlements and those not yet reached by the disease.

At first it was thought that only the blacks were subject to it; but the British commission which looks up the cadgers against the "blue death," as they called it, shortly reported that even white settlers and travelers were not exempt.

The disease is a remarkable one. Beginning with rheumatic symptoms and a loss of memory, sluggishness

and listlessness for weeks, the patient not infrequently falls asleep during the process of eating, with food still in his mouth. It soon produces purple rings all over the surface, with white centers, looking like islands. In this stage patients have had their extremities charred by fire without awaking, were bitten by snakes and wild animals without becoming aware of it. In the third stage they sleep themselves into death and it is impossible to awaken them.

According to Dr. Hallowe's report, entire settlements were rapidly wiped out by this scourge, and he forecast the wiping out of the race, if steps were not efficiently and promptly taken to call a halt to its ravages. He discovered the cause to be a micro-organism hatched out in the jungles, and had thousands of acres of underbrush cleared to allow the sun to kill the acari, which, as they burrow only about a half foot under the surface, are thus quickly dried out and annihilated.

Before the outbreak of the war there were several thousand physicians and nurses maintained in the laazarets; but since Belgium has been practically wiped out, the money and supplies have come to a sudden and fatal stop and all the work had to be abandoned.

Even English endeavor in that direction is at a standstill, and the hospital attendants have been withdrawn and utilized as soldiers and nurses within the narrower panorama of the war.

THIS MAY ENTERTAIN

TOO MUCH LUMPY.

She was very stout and must have weighed nearly 196 pounds. She was learning roller-skating when she had the misfortune to fall. Several attendants rushed to her side, but were unable to raise her at once. One said soothingly:

"We'll get you up all right, Madame. Do not be alarmed."

"Oh, I'm not alarmed at all, but your floor is so terribly lumpy."

And then from underneath came a small voice, which said:

"I'm not a lump; I am an attendant."

DOES SEEM LONG TIME.

"A school teacher who had been telling a class of small pupils the story of the discovery of America by Columbus, ended it with:

"And this happened more than 400 years ago."

A little boy, his eyes wide open with wonder, said, after a moment's thought:

"Oh, my, what a memory you've got."

IT DEPENDS.

"Papa, what do you call a man who runs an auto?"

"It depends upon how near he comes to hitting me."

Uncle Sam's Notes Are Not All Addressed to Europe!

The notes of the United States government to the nations of Europe have attracted world-wide attention but Uncle Sam's most important notes are addressed to Americans.

Uncle Sam is feeling optimistic and his notes foreshadow the period of wonderful prosperity that now is assured to the people of this country.

Every American business man who carefully studies these notes and considers the conditions they reflect—and foretell—inevitably must be inspired with some realization of the wonderful destiny of the American people.

Americans had no part in the making of the awful disaster that has come upon Europe. They would sacrifice their own material advantage to bring peace to Europe, but that is beyond their power. The nations of Europe after many years of distrust now are engaged in the effort to resolve their doubts, and the war must be fought to a definite conclusion.

Americans have not wanted to prosper at the expense of the European peoples, but just as the great war is beyond control so also is the ordering of the prosperity that now comes to us. It is our obligations to take our opportunities and use them well for our own sake—and for the sake of civilization.

Never in the world's history was a nation so favored as the United States today are favored.

Nature again has taken bountiful care for us. The earth is about to give us ten billion dollars in crops.

With the fields of Europe trampled under the feet of millions of soldiers—our crops alone would assure prosperity.

But that is not all. Our steel industry is working at, or close to, capacity and when the demand for munitions has passed, Europe will need our steel to rebuild her cities, her railroads and her industries.

At New Bedford the great textile mills are so busy they were obliged to deny employees time for a holiday.

In the banks of the United States is an ever-growing reserve of gold. Already it has reached the stupendous total of more than two billion dollars, probably the greatest gold reserve ever accumulated in any country.

And in international trade this country enjoys a larger favorable balance than ever before was enjoyed by any nation in the world's history.

The American dollar today has replaced the pound sterling of England as a standard of foreign exchange. Foreign exchange of all the nations at war is being discounted in New York—now become the world's great money market—while the American dollar abroad is at a premium.

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NEWS FROM THE FARM AND RANGE

Weston Mountain Harvest—Harvesting is now quite general in the Weston mountain country, where good yields are reported. A small tract of wheat on the C. M. Schleider farm yielded 48 bushels per acre, and the Ferguson brothers cropped 353 sacks of barley from 15 acres. At the Dr. Kern farm, George Ferguson's 125-acre oat field is averaging about 60 bushels. Further reports will be available next week—Weston Leader.

More Cattle Shipments—Eight or nine carloads of cattle will be shipped from here tomorrow when Ben Colvin will ship six carloads and two or three will arrive from the John Day besides. The names of the ship Missouri market, though it was expected to press—Pilot Rock Record.

Cattle to Kansas City—Robert Withycombe left Union last Saturday with three cars of fine fat cattle from the experiment station, for the Kansas City market, says the Republican. The coast price being so much lower, it was thought best to try the Missouri market, though it was expected the shrinkage on such a trip would be great. Some of the animals weighed about 1500 each.

Getting 60 Bushels Oats—George Ferguson, formerly of this city, who is now farming the Dr. M. S. Kern place on Weston mountain, is getting a crop of 60 bushels of oats to the acre. He has 125 acres in oats.

Back from Kansas Market—Henry La Zinka, prominent stockman of the south, arrived back in Pendleton last night from Kansas City, where he had taken a second shipment of cattle, disposing of them at a good price. He was accompanied on the trip by Burr Hinkle and Percy Hascall of Pilot Rock.

For Sale.
My home place on McKay creek of 220 acres, 150 in summer fallow, 100 in stubble and 20 in alfalfa. Will sell stock and equipment with place, if desired. Write or see Charles Manning, Pilot Rock, Ore.—Adv.

Notice of County Board of Equalization.
Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 20, 1915.
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization of Umatilla County, State of Oregon, will meet at the county court house in Pendleton, in said county and state, on the second Monday in September, being September 13, continuing for one week, and publicly examine the assessment rolls, correct all errors in valuation, description or quality of lands, lots or other property associated by me.

It shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place hereby appointed.

C. P. STRAIN,
Assessor for Umatilla County.
(Adv.)

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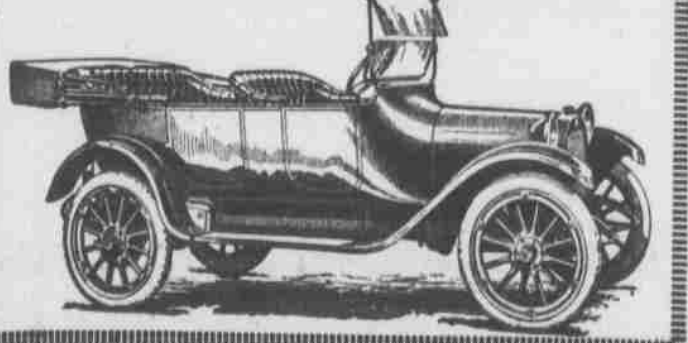
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