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**THE SUNSET VALLEY.**  
I.  
Birds sing there—no storm clouds darken  
Skies are ever blue and bright  
List to Hope's clear voice and harkens,  
Where the Peaks of Peace invite.  
II.  
Life's bitter cups, O Heart o' thine,  
With trembling lips we bravely drain,  
And bow before mute Sorrow's shrine  
Since 'tis meted for our gain.  
III.  
Just beyond, down Sunset Valley,  
Where the stars of morning shine,  
We'll forget this shadow pathway  
And sorrow's cup, once mine and thine.  
—Augusta Wall.

**SOONER OR LATER**

**S**UFFRAGISTS are right in refusing to be discouraged over New Jersey. It will not be many years until there will be a sufficient number of states in the suffrage column to pass the federal amendment. Then the unchivalrous gentlemen of Jersey will have to come into camp whether they like it or not.

**TWO RIVERSIDES**

**T**HE East Oregonian learns that residents of Riverside, above the city, are annoyed by the fact the driveway along the Walters' mill race is being called Riverside drive. They say it is confusing and some other name should be chosen for the north side boulevard. There is justice in their contention. Why not call that mill race drive "Academy Drive" or "River-drive" or by some other name that will distinguish it from the section east of town?

**THE SIFTING PROCESS**

**I**F the British cabinet undergoes a complete shake-up it will be nothing unusual at such times as this. War business is entirely different from the administration of a nation's affairs in a time of peace. Men of capacity in one line of endeavor may be helpless when radically different duties are thrust upon them.

When the civil war broke out Grant was an ex-army captain engaged in selling cordwood. He was an unknown. So were most of the other union generals who later on carried the war through to success. The manner in which those men rose to places of command illustrates how the principal of the survival of the fittest works in war time.

Before the war the English statesmen were concerned with affairs of domestic concern. They were chosen to office because of their fitness for the work they had to do.

Now all is changed. The one great purpose of England is to fight a foe. All energies are devoted, or should be devoted, to making the striking arm efficient. The work of the cabinet members is executive rather than political. It will not be strange if new men are placed in office. France has already gone through certain stages of the sifting process. Germany perhaps has had similar experience though not in the same degree because the German government was already militaristic in nature.

The fact there is dissension in the British ministry is not necessarily a bad thing for that country. If a shift in officials is needed it is a good thing for them to find it out and make the changes required.

**SOUND BANKING AND GOOD FARMING**

**T**HERE are different theories as to the reasons back of the plainly rising tide of prosperity in this country. Here is a line on the situation as viewed by Henry Clews, financial critic:

"Last year the new wealth produced on American farms was officially placed at about \$10,000,000,000. This year it will be nearer \$11,000,000,000 than ten. The five principal grain crops of the United States amount to not less than 5,827,000,000 bushels, compared with 4,943,000,000 bushels a year ago. This is an increase of 884,000,000 bushels, a gain of tremendous importance considering the good prices and the good market assured for the surplus. Europe will need all that we can spare; assuring prosperity for the American farmer and good business throughout the western agricultural districts. This in turn means heavy demands upon transportation facilities, better railroad earnings and a larger demand by the railroads for equipment and all sorts of materials. Thus the bounty of nature is already beginning to stimulate trade and industry through all its channels, and the next three months seem destined to witness a very decided improvement in general business. The stock market, recognizing these conditions well in advance, has already begun to discount them; hence the strength in railroads and the upward movement in the better class of industrials, which has not yet spent its full force.

"The next factor of importance is the great abundance of money and the tremendous increase in credit facilities made possible by the operations of the new banking system. Our large surplus reserves; the enormous stock of gold held in this country, and the new banking system are three elements which combine to produce a powerful inflationary movement. Opinions may differ as to the desirability of such inflation, but the fact will have to be recognized that the movement is on and has by no means as yet run its course. Our credit situation is still eminently sound, and a much greater expansion can be permitted under present conditions without in any degree weakening the general situation. Apart from the beneficent influence of a good harvest, this abundance of money and the improvement in the credit situation are bound to prove powerful stimulants in further business activity."

Briefly stated, the Clews' version is that the improvement is based on successful agriculture and sound banking arrangements. Prosperity founded on such a basis is not temporary in character.

MAY BE FIRST MAN HANG, ED IN NEW YORK IN 16 YEARS.



AUGUST BERKLEIN.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—A gallows stored in the dome of the Federal building here may be dragged forth from its dusty resting place, set up and a man hanged upon it, although legal execution by hanging is prohibited in the state of New York.

A federal law of death by hanging for murder on the high seas is still in force and if August Berklein is found guilty in the United States district court, the penalty is hanging and he may be hanged any where in the jurisdiction of the court, which extends from Governor's Island to Buffalo.

Berklein is a steamship fireman and is accused of stabbing to death another fireman on the Clyde liner, Commanche, last July, while at sea. It has been forty-six years since a federal execution took place in this city. At that time a pirate was hanged on Governor's Island. After the hanging the gallows was taken down and stored in the dome of the federal building.

**CURRENT THINKING**

**SUCKER SNARING.**

(From the Indianapolis News.)  
While the fastidious angler is waiting for "the clouds of the wet spell" to pass away and the waters to clear that the bass may see the artificial fly that is so enticingly placed before him, another kind of fisher is also a patient watcher and waiter. This is the fisher who prides himself on his skill and success as a snarer of suckers. When the water subsides and the stream clears he may be seen at the middle of the railroad bridge and beneath him sunning themselves in the shallow hundreds of suckers, their greedy noses pointed upstream waiting as the fisherman believes, for his wire snood. This snood or snare he, with a skill which many of us need never hope to attain, passes over the head of the fish and when it reaches the gills—presumably the sucker, rudely awakened, is drawn up and placed in a basket lined with leaves.  
Let the bass fisher turn up his nose if he pleases at his humbler brother, but the sucker-snarer has great sport and usually greater success than the man with the fine tackle and the artificial fly. Suckers

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Somers also has invented a gun which he gives to be cast to the Durant Iron Works, and which, if successful will do Pinkie out of his expected graft on the Marsh invention. Pinkie takes good care that the Somers gun is "killed" in making. He then misrepresents Somers to Maisie and her father, and though Maisie loves the Lieutenant, she feels she must give him up. Accompanied by her mother and Pinkie, she goes in the Durant yacht for a cruise. The boat hits a mine, and in the rush to leave her, Maisie is trapped in the wireless room. She sends out the S. O. S. signal taught her by Lieut. Somers. The Lieutenant, aboard a U. S. cruiser, arrives at the side of the doomed ship just in time to make a sensational rescue.

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feed on plants and small animals. The common or white sucker, catostomus, commersoni, called also the June sucker, is abundant all over this country in streams and lakes from Canada to Florida and as far west as Montana. These fish range in size hereabouts to twelve or fifteen or sixteen inches. The great northern sucker, which is found from the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence river far northward and westward, grows to a length of two or two and one-half feet and weighs many pounds. Utas lake, which the natives call "the sucker pond," is said to be the greatest habitat in the world of this fish.

**TROUBLES THAT NEVER HAPPEN**

(New York World.)  
To the excited Americans who are worrying over the terrible things that European manufacturers are going to do in these markets after the close of the war, we feel like commending this excellent advice: "Don't shake hands with the devil until you meet him."

The end of the war is a long way off and nobody can tell what or where it may be or in what condition it will find the countries that have been engaged in the most devastating of all conflicts. Public subscriptions in this country for the relief of the destitute and helpless are quite as likely as any real cause for terror as the activities of industrialism which it is probable is going to be shot to pieces.

We do know, however, that laws and high taxes resorted to in fear and panic for the purpose of preventing an imaginary overstock of cheap goods may easily inflict more hardship upon the American people than by the dumping and underselling processes that they may expect very soon. There are plenty of laws even now well calculated to prevent unfair methods in trade.

**THE PICNIC.**

(From the Louisville Courier-Journal.)  
The why of the picnic is not far to seek: Why, indeed, shouldn't a congenial company of friends dine in the woodland rather than amid the

clatter of dishes and in the press of the crowd at the roadside? Why shouldn't the family like to escape from the domestic routine and have dinner at sunset under the trees with the turf for a table? Why shouldn't the sentimental couple have a spread in the gloaming, fighting off the mosquitoes whilst the shadows fade in the dusk and swatting them from time to time as they—the picnicers and the anopheles—pursue happiness, according to respective bents, under "the majestic roof fretted with golden fire?"

The Hindu term for picnic is said to be, by literal translation, "fools' feast." But the Anglo-Indian who likes to take his best girl and a basket of indigestible edibles upon an arduous journey to a distant place to eat delightedly a much worse dinner than he might have at home, has more imagination and a keener zest of life than the native who assumes an air of superiority.

**THIS MAY ENTERTAIN**

**OLD SAWS AUTOIZED.**

(From the Indianapolis News.)  
The auto's the thing.  
A tire saved is a tire bought.  
Gasoline makes the auto go.  
Oil in time keeps the engine fine.  
While there's gasoline there's hope.  
Be careful and you'll never be pinched.  
It's a long stretch of sand that has no end.  
An autoist is judged by the company he rides.  
Into each machine some accidents must befall.  
All the world loves the owner of a new model.  
A four-cylinder car may look at a twelve.  
The wise autoist that knows his own machine.  
A reckless driver and his machine are often parted.  
Trust in the Lord, but keep your tail lights burning.  
A car in the garage is worth two on the sales floor.  
Seeest thou a man diligent in his

driving he shall get to the next town, he shall not tarry long on the road. You never miss the gasoline till the tank runs dry.  
He who rides in the rear seat cannot choose the way.  
All machines that glisten are not gold, but if they glisten you may be sure they do not need painting.  
Out of the fullness of his gasoline tank the good tourist lendeth.  
Speed and the world speeds with you slow down and you slow down alone.

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The picture shows President Wilson, surrounded by an interested crowd, among whom are Secretary of the Navy Daniels (next to President Wilson) and the president's military aide, Harris, (at the extreme right) placing the engraved lid upon the box placed within the cornerstone of the new Memorial Amphitheatre at the Arlington National Cemetery across the river from Washington.

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