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RESPONSE
Oh, the world will be smiling instead of rude
If, in passing on your way,
You hold yourself to a gentle mood
And toss it a big bouquet,
The world may seem prosy,
But the sentiment goes;
The world will seem rosy
If you hand it a rose.

Oh, the world will seem cruel and all unjust
If the rose's grace you hide
And wield the briar with reckless thrust
As you did men stand aside,
It's a circumstance plain,
Just as sure as you're born!
It will prick you again
If you hand it a thorn.
—Phlander Johnson in the
Washington Star.

ASTIGMATIC

SENATOR LA FOLLETTE of Marion county, that beloved region that gets its living off the state yet recently cast a 5000 majority of its own against an Eastern Oregon Normal School is "agin" a coyote bounty by the state. He says coyotes are better than jackrabbits and declared he had been informed that eastern Oregon people had more money invested in raising coyotes than in raising cattle. The stupendous knowledge of eastern Oregon affairs possessed by the Hon. Mr. La Follette is most startling yet appears characteristic of the section from which he hails. There are too many people in that region who have the opinion that the state of Oregon is bounded on the west by the Pacific ocean, on the north by the Columbia, on the east by the Waldo hills and on the south by the rain belt.

RURAL CREDIT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

IN view of our own rural credit legislation, state and national, it is of interest to know the steps taken by other countries in this field. A description of the British Columbia farm loan act is given by the Toronto Mail and is as follows:
The British Columbia farm loan act, based upon the New Zealand system, has been in operation for a year and a half, and results are beginning to show, at least on the financial side. The act authorized the borrowing of \$15,000,000 to be administered by a commission which would issue government guaranteed debentures. A preliminary loan of \$1,000,000 was obtained at 5.63 per cent, and is reloaned to farmers at 6.5 per cent. Up to date 400 applications for loans have been received, and 144 have been granted, involving an amount of \$234,000. The commission refused 142 applications, and has the remainder under consideration.
Since the mortgages on which money is lent run for long periods, from 10 to 25 years, it is easy to understand that farmers bothered by private mortgages would like to exchange into the government system. But the object of the act was not to create a lending bureau to put out money to replace that lent by private lenders. It was to encourage agricultural development, and loans are being restricted, as far as possible, to those who intend to use the money for productive purposes. That is the basis of the whole system—the increase of production through better financing facilities. Apparently the commission is proceeding judiciously.
The history of the New Zealand scheme has been a record of success. Loans have been almost negligible. Out of \$2,000 loans in 18 years there were only 23 foreclosures. New Zealand loaned \$60,000,000 in this way at 5 per cent. The scheme is safe and sound if properly administered, and though British Columbia has been an Eldorado for the land speculator and the land grabber conditions in that respect now are such that only hard, productive work counts.
The foregoing shows the

British Columbia plan will be less advantageous, from the standpoint of the farmer, than our own federal rural credit law, as our plan will be able to insure a lower rate of interest.

THE MENTALLY SICK

HERE is something that may cause you to open your eyes:
"Every year society is unjustly sending to prison hundreds of insane and feeble-minded persons who, in the course of their mental disturbances, have violated the penal laws. This culpable practice of punishing the mentally sick should in the course of justice cease.
"Society is being poorly protected when it sends insane and mentally defective individuals to penal institutions and then releases them from custody uncured, merely because their sentences have expired. Yet this irrational procedure is being continuously practiced by our courts and boards of parole in all states of the union."
These two paragraphs are taken from a paper read at the last Illinois conference of charities and corrections by Dr. Paul E. Bowers, medical superintendent of the Indiana hospital for insane criminals at Michigan City. Medical examination of prisoners at the time of their trial was the method proposed by Dr. Bowers to prevent the injustice the people practice against themselves and these unfortunates.
"When a defective delinquent has been discharged or paroled from custody, merely because he has spent a certain time in prison, he returns to society a more defective and viciously inclined individual than he was previous to his incarceration," Dr. Bowers declared. "It is almost certain that he will return to prison on a new charge, and the same foolish experiment with all its attendant expenses will be repeated."

As manager of the local office for the American Express Co. Mr. Parlett established a reputation that will cause local people to regret his retirement from that office even though he has been given a promotion.
The suffering public, doped at too frequent intervals with lewis of Harry Thaw, is likely to be sorry that the gentleman did not make a better job of his attempted suicide.
Despotism, according to the old world definition, consists in an excess of control by some nation of which the definer is not a citizen or an ally.
Captain White's experience as a troop commander on the border should be no handicap to his reinstatement as adjutant general.
The next important news from Umatilla will probably recite the fact the men have gone upon a hunger strike.
The Swiss want their shipping protected; who knew Switzerland hand any ships?
The school board "leak" inquiry also fizzled out.

39 YEARS AGO

(From the Weekly East Oregonian, January 12, 1875.)
Jimmy Raley has made his pile and retired from the butcher business, so he informs us.
R. N. Stanfield, D. Theodore and Ed Bishop of Umatilla were in town this week and gave us a friendly call and some substantial encouragement.
Born on the 31st ultimate, 1877, to the wife of A. J. Stevenson, a daughter, weight 12 pounds.
Married, at the residence of Samuel Johnson, by J. E. Kirkpatrik, J. P., January 8, 1874, Mr. Guy Fruit to Miss Josephine Wright, all of this county.
Diphtheria and scarlet fever in its most malignant type still rages on Birch creek. Within the last few weeks we are informed 24 deaths among children have occurred from these disease within a few miles of Pilot Rock, viz: Mrs. Gillespie, four; H. Beasley, two; Z. B. Owens, three; Mr. Groome, one; B. P. Ogle, five; J. M. Hicks, five; William Looney, one; Mr. Crockett, one; Mr. Alexander, two.
Ed Rothchild has gone from our midst but will return about the middle of March. His girl pineth but we say unto her, "Weep not. He hath away to come back again, if he goes 10,000 miles."
Professor Paul has about 30 scholars enrolled at his "Written Skule," and still they come.
Mr. Raphael Ramond, a Canadian, this week filed his intention to become a citizen of the United States with the clerk of this county. Also Ed Russell, another of Victoria's subjects. Two more democratic voters added to the population of this county.

PRACTICE WEARING GAS MASKS



In order that they may become accustomed to breathing through gas masks while in strenuous action the Royal Fusiliers in the British trenches in France have taken to playing football in them. On these occasions when it becomes necessary to wear masks very quick action is required. Football is the nearest thing to the kind of action then practiced.

ow to know that history often repeats itself.
A man domiciled in a village boarding house has no use for the local newspaper.
A bad boy seldom inherits his badness from his father. The old man usually hangs on to all he has.
Taking a walk on an empty stomach is said to cure indigestion—but you should be very careful whose stomach you walk on.
Men are usually more polite to people they never expect to meet again than to those whose good will is really worth cultivating.
Hard Colds—People whose blood is pure are not nearly so likely to take hard colds as are others. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes the blood pure; and this great medicine recovers the system after a cold as no other medicine does. Take Hood's.—Adv.

28 Years Ago Today

(From the Daily East Oregonian, Jan. 12, 1889.)
Little Guy Wade was assaulted by two larger companions yesterday, deprived of his shoes and stockings and robbed of all the trinkets in his possession, the young highwayman escaping afterwards with their booty.
H. M. Rittner, a brother of Joe Rittner, has been in town for the last few days. He will return Monday to his home at Spokane Falls.
Miss Uena Kunzie is visiting Mrs. C. S. Jackson at her residence on Webb street.
Rev. Goss of Baker City is the guest of Rev. W. E. Potwine. He will conduct the services at the Episcopal church tomorrow morning and evening.
Billy Ward has made his appearance on the streets again, having recovered from a severe attack of neuralgia.
J. B. Wilson, the town surveyor, has moved his office from the Thompson and Barnhart building to the court house.
Letter boxes have been placed on the streets of Walla Walla and free delivery system established.
The \$15,000 point in the Hunt railroad subsidy has been reached without much trouble but there are \$35,000 more to raise.

THE ONCE OVER

The best jokes told about a man are those he never heard.
Many a would be poker player made a mistake in his calling.
Women are extremists; they are either better or worse than men.
The man who is fond of a savage dog has no business with a wife.
Few people care to be reminded of the little sins they like to commit.
When a periodical drinker begins to get loaded he should come to a full stop.
It ought to be consoling to the wid-



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There have recently been requests at the library for books that will help foreigners in learning the English language. Many others would probably use the books if they knew where they could obtain them. If library patrons should suggest this reading to any new Americans with whom they become acquainted, it will help along the cause of education and ideals of citizenship. The readers contain in very simple language information on a variety of subjects necessary in starting life in a new country. These books will be placed at the loan desk for the next week where all may see them.

- English for Foreigners.
Faustine—New readers for evening schools.
Field—English for new Americans.
O'Brien—English for foreigners, books one and two.
Voligi—How to become a naturalized citizen.
Wallach—First book of English for foreigners.
Wallach—Second book of English for foreigners.
Wilson—Naturalization laws of the United States showing how to become an American citizen.
There has been so much interest in Pendleton of late in the subject of psychology that students of the subject will be glad to know that the following books may be found in the county library. Many of these titles are specially recommended by Prof. Henri Deschamps.
Psychology.
Angell—Psychology.
Coriat—Meaning of dreams.
Durwin—Expression of the emotions in man and animals.
Dewey—How we think.
Ellis—Task of social hygiene.
Goddard—Kallikak family.
Goddard—School training of defective children.
Halleck—Psychology and psychiatric culture.
Holt—The Freudian wish and its place in Ethics.
James—Habit.
James—Meaning of truth.
James—Talks on psychology and life's ideals.
Kellicott—Social direction of human evolution.
King—Rational living.
Latimer—Girl and woman.
Munsterberg—The eternal values.
Munsterberg—Psychology and individual efficiency.
Munsterberg—Psychology and social sanity.
Oppenheim—Care of the child in health.

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Titchener—Beginner's psychology. The following new fiction were placed in circulation today on the seven day shelves.
Fleeson.
Bosher—People like that.
Brown—Prisoner.
Brown—Two college girls.
Buck—Destiny.
Hullen—Frank Brown, sea apprentice.
Burnham—Instead of the thorn.
Castle—The wind's will.
Coxon—Individual.
Davies—Over Paradise Ridge.
Day—Blow the man down.
Deland—Rising tide.
Dix—Battle months of George Dantella.
Duncan—Roberta of Roseberry Gardens.
Fisher—Real motive.
French—Susan Clegg and her love affairs.
Garland—They of the high trails.
Gogol—Tarus Bulba (Russian).
Goncharov—Oblomov (Russian).
Hough—Magnificent adventure (a story of the Lewis and Clark expedition).
Jepson—Terrible twins.
Kerr—Love at large.
King—Pleasant ways of St. Medard.
Lea—Chloe Malone.
London—John Barleycorn.
Lowndes—Good Old Anna.
Luehrmann—Curious case of Marie Dupont.
Wells—Mr. Brillling sees it through.

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