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### EARTH'S RICHES.

Never tell me that I'm poor—  
Trouble's star unfurled;  
Little one there, in the dock,  
Loves me all the world!  
All earth's riches at my touch,  
Since she loves me just that much!

Some sweet angel, in high place,  
(As all heaven knows,  
Dreamed of roses—and her face  
Blossomed like a rose!  
In her Love life's joys impaired,  
Since she loves me "All the World!"

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### IF WE CANNOT REDUCE THE DIVISOR LET US INCREASE THE DIVIDEND

A PORTLAND newspaper which by virtue of its size and location should be a great affirmative factor in Oregon development but on the contrary takes a negative attitude, accuses the East Oregonian of being a defender of high taxes. The facts are that the East Oregonian is neither a defender nor a critic of present public expenditures in Oregon. Like any other taxpayer this newspaper would like to see taxes lower, but how are they to be lowered? We do not know. Neither does the Oregonian. Despite all the space devoted to the subject the Portland paper has not offered a single constructive suggestion that could be of help to the legislature or any other tax levying body.

However, that shortcoming may be forgiven. To cut public expenses when state institutions are suffering from inadequate support and public employes are underpaid is not an easy task.

But the assumption that the wealth of Oregon cannot be increased because free public lands are no more is unpardonable. Away with such piffle.

Has the development of California in recent years been through settlement of free public lands? Have Washington or Idaho more public land than Oregon? Those states have been forging ahead while Oregon has all but stood still. What is the answer? Manifestly free government land has nothing to do with the subject. The good public land has been gone for many years. Public land is an incident of the pioneer era. It cannot be expected in this day and age. All over the nation progressive states have been increasing in wealth and population without the settlement of any free land. Why cannot Oregon go ahead?

Oregon has a larger sparsely populated area than California or any northwestern state. Two thirds of this state never hears the toot of a locomotive or factory whistle or the clang of an electric car. There is not a paved highway in Eastern Oregon outside of Umatilla county.

Now it is not necessary that this big region should go unused and unpeopled. There are opportunities galore for development. One meritorious scheme is the John Day project which can be made to reclaim 300,000 acres of land at a moderate cost. It is estimated that if fully developed the now desert land of that project could equal the Willamette valley in productivity.

The John Day project can be watered either through use of the John Day river water by means of a long canal, or by pumping from the Columbia, using the latent power at Umatilla rapids, to generate electricity for pumping purposes. Take your choice. Here is a chance to reclaim an empire and to vastly increase the taxable property in Oregon.

But not a Portland newspaper has gotten behind the move. Not a single organization in the metropolis of the state has taken of fits coat to work for this great cause. When a big booster meeting, attended by 2000 people, was held at Boardman last May not a Portland newspaper or Portland commercial organization had a representative present though special invitations were given. Portland was indifferent to a prospect of securing new agricultural territory that would rival the farming region between Eugene and Portland.

This is no attempt to arouse prejudice against the metropolis. The East Oregonian likes Portland and the Portland newspapers. Those newspapers are the best in the west in most respects. But they are dead with respect to the real development possibilities of Oregon—particularly in regard to irrigation and the tourist business. Washington and Idaho with no better advantages than Oregon, have distanced us in the matter of watering the desert and they are not stopping. In Washington a powerful move is underway to put over the Columbia basin project and \$100,000 has been raised for the preliminary work. Yet the Columbia basin project, meritorious as it may be, is by no means as feasible as the John Day project and will be much harder to swing. It will be noted, however that Washington is not quitting on that account and that they have even gone so far as to ask the president-elect to defer selection of a secretary of the interior until he can hear a delegation with facts as to the Columbia basin project. Mr. Harding acceded to their request and quite likely does not know Oregon has irrigation needs.

Oregon is afflicted with under development. We carp in campaign times about not getting enough reclamation money and during the rest of the four years make no real effort to get the money. We have more potential hydro electric energy than any other state and rely on outside coal and oil for fuel. Many Oregon newspapers are printed on paper made in Canada because they cannot get Oregon paper. We ship wheat to Michigan where it is converted into breakfast food and sent back to our tables. We send wool to New England where it is made into clothing and returned to us at high prices. We let hundreds of thousands of tourists go to California and rave about the climate and scenery while Oregon has California surpassed in both respects. All the world knows about Yosemite, Rainier park and Lake Chelan. No one knows about Wallowa lake and few about Crater lake. These scenic places need better roads and they need hotels. There is no hotel at all at Wallowa lake and the one at Crater lake has been a subject of unfavorable comment. We are at last getting some good roads at the auto owners' expense and important newspapers play up the highway expenditures as part of the taxpayers' burden in order to prove taxes are excessive.

As an empire builder Old Man Oregon is a first class loafer. He lets the ranch go unfarmed and complains at mother because she needs a new dress and thinks the children should have some shoes. Oregon was the first northwest state discovered; it has not yet discovered itself. We should wake up and the newspapers should be the alarm clocks. The Portland Oregonian would do well to hum a song of development and stop worrying because the public land is all taken and taxes have gone up. We cannot well reduce the divisor but we have a good chance to enlarge the dividend.

### Mrs. MacSwiney Returns



Crowds of singing children, wearing sashes of Sinn Fein colors, and scores of Irish sympathizers were at the pier to say goodbye when Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, wife of the late mayor of Cork, sailed for Ireland on the U. S. ship Panhandle State.

### LEGION RECOMMENDS DIFFERENT SYSTEM IN REHABILITATING VETS

"Suffering, Shameful Neglect, and Injustice" is Charged in a Memorial to be Presented Wilson, Harding, Congress.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(A. P.)—The system of rehabilitating disabled war veterans is denounced by the American Legion as a "failure which should be remedied by consolidating under a single head the three government agencies engaged in that work." This change and the remedial suggestion will be presented by the legion to President Wilson, President-elect Harding and to every member of congress in a memorial directing attention to the "suffering, shameful neglect and injustice" which the legion asserts marks administration of the affairs of the war veterans.

Colonel F. W. Gallbraith, Jr., national commander, will personally deliver a copy to Senator Harding at Marion. The legion asserts that the function of the three agencies which deal with soldiers, the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, the federal board for vocational education and the United States public health service "must be coordinated, their machinery decentralized and all three placed under the common control."

"To do this," the memorial says, "there must be a new law which shall place the unified organization under a single administrative head," for this new organization, the legion asks an appropriation sufficient to buy, build, equip and enlarge hospitals. Bills providing for this have been introduced in congress.

The memorial asserts that the United States has been more liberal than any other nation to disabled soldiers, but that it has failed, in a large measure, to make its provisions available. This is attributed to "an astonishing state of divided responsibility and wasted effort among the government agencies."

METHODIST BISHOP TO SPEAK AT U. OF O. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Jan. 10.—Dr. William O. Shepherd, bishop of the Methodist church for the Washington and Alaska division, will be in Eugene January 13 to 16. A committee composed of faculty students will be chosen to make preparations for the bishop to meet all Methodist men and women on the campus. He will speak at the next student body assembly and to the women of the university at the Y. M. C. A. meeting Thursday afternoon.

### ARGENTINE LIKELY TO RETALIATE IF TARIFF BILL PASSES SENATE

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 10.—It is the belief of American Commercial Attache Freely here that passage of the proposed emergency tariff measure by congress, now apparently assured because of Senator Penrose's attitude, will "quite probably be followed by a discriminating prohibitive tariff on American goods, imposed as a retaliation by the Argentine country." "I do not believe, however," Freely added, "that the damage to Argentine as a result of the emergency bill will be so great, but certainly it will cause European business interests to rejoice, due to the effect passage of the bill would have on Argentine-American business relations."

### PIGS DRAW ATTENTION DUGOUT

MONTESANO, Jan. 10.—The county farm head two fat pigs and Robert Muir has started an 87-day jail sentence all because of a little moonshine. Muir is the man who escaped a few weeks ago when the sheriff's force raided his place near Montesano. Noley pigs drew the attention of the deputies who were searching for a still, and it was discovered that the pigpen concealed the entrance to a cave dugout. Muir went out another entrance as the officers entered. They took possession of a complete home brew outfit. He was unable to pay a fine of \$250 and costs assessed by Judge Lewis Bismold.

### NEGOTIATIONS NOT ALL ENDED.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(A. P.)—The peace conference between Lloyd George and Father O'Flanagan, acting president of Sinn Fein, is broken off. Negotiations are not altogether ended, says the Daily Mail, but O'Flanagan will not be party to further exchanges.

My favorite Movie is a close-up of myself eating POST TOASTIES —says Bobby Superior Corn Flakes

### Elks Dance

The third of the Winter's informal dances will be on Tuesday, January 11th at the Elks Temple.

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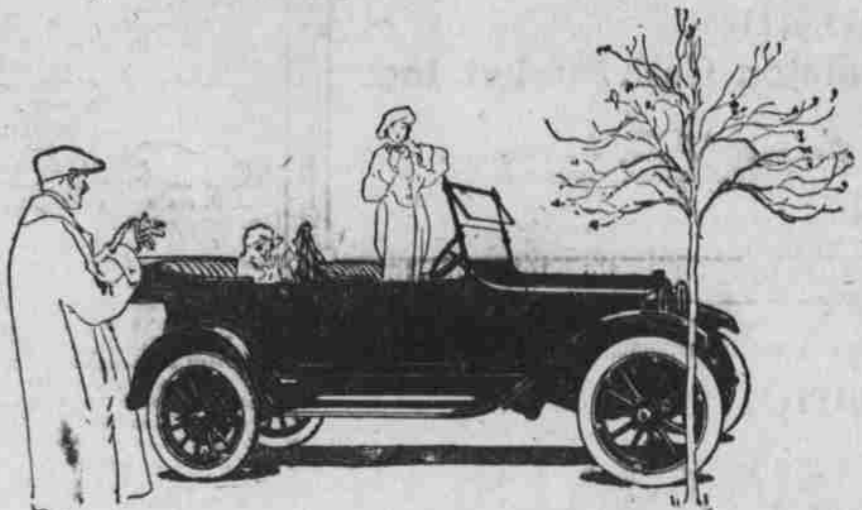
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