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Just Folks by Edgar A. Guest

IF I WERE RICH

"If I were rich," said my Uncle Jim, And many a lesson I've learned from him, "I'd spend a part of my golden pool Sending a few poor boys to school; And never could folly lay me flat Or ruin my future for doin' that.

"If I were rich, with a heap of gold I'd warn a few houses that now are cold. I'd give away what I didn't need Buy books for some invalid to read, Or scatter a little happiness An' that wouldn't ruin my life I guess."

"If I were rich I would keep away From the scariest haunts where the lights are gay; An' where some boy shame I would try to buy A grateful look in a mother's eye. With the extra coin which I had to spend, Somehow I'd willingly play the friend.

"A fool in he," said my Uncle Jim "Who lets his money bring shame to him. He can scatter it here in a thousand ways Which would bring him glory an' words of praise; An' his gold, if only he understood, Is his greatest chance for the greatest good."

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UMATILLA COUNTY'S WISHES SHOULD BE RESPECTED

If the Portland chamber of commerce would devote more time to study of and promotion of the Umatilla rapids project and less time to exploitation of the gold brick scheme generally called the Wallula cutoff the state of Oregon would be the gainer and more amicable relations would exist between the Rose City and the people of Umatilla and neighboring counties.

This is no complaint on what the Portland chamber has done in behalf of the Umatilla rapids project. A commendable degree of cooperation has been given though that attitude may be credited mostly to the personal work of Whitney L. Boise. It is safe to say that the rank and file of chamber members in Portland are not awake as to the opportunities open in connection with the project. For that matter the average Portlander probably does not know what the Wallula cutoff means. If he understands the matter he would insist that the Portland chamber forego further endeavors on the subject.

The Wallula cutoff proposal is very offensive to Umatilla county people. First because they know it would be a waste of good money. The 15 or 20 miles the cutoff would save on a trip from Spokane or Northern Idaho to Portland would mean nothing, particularly so when it is considered that the present paved highway is through a rich and interesting farming country whereas the cutoff would be through an unoccupied waste region.

Secondly, it is a very nervy proposal to expect local people to sanction the use of state money, raised partly in this county, on a road that would injure the county when they are not able to get sufficient funds for use on roads that will help the county. It is likewise a source of offense that anyone in Portland should assume to know more about Umatilla county's road problem than do the people who live here, who pay the taxes and who use the roads. The people of this region are not trying to dictate regarding road construction work in Multnomah county and they are within their rights in asserting that the wishes of the people of Umatilla county be respected when it comes to road work in Umatilla county. They are not using this prerogative to block any move that would be for the benefit of the state. In opposing the Wallula cutoff they oppose the use of state funds on a road that is being promoted for private reasons rather than for the public good. An investigation will bear out this contention and will show that Umatilla county's position is correct and justified.

OUR PROFESSIONAL MENDICANTS

At the last meeting of the Progressive Business Club a very interesting subject came up for consideration—that relating to mendicants on the streets of Pendleton during the Round-Up and at other times. Here is a matter worth considering. It has several angles but perhaps the most important one is that the majority of men who beg for alms on our streets are professionals. Often they have bank accounts and the hardships they face are not what people are led to believe. At times some of these men have amassed comfortable fortunes and they have no moral right to impose upon people by begging as they do. These remarks apply of course to regular mendicants and not to hungry and penniless men who may at times ask for money with which to procure food.

In cases where men are incapable of self-support they should be cared for at public expense and not forced to beg. This brings up the subject of poor farm management in which field also there is room for improvement. Each county in the state maintains a poor farm. Usually the per capita maintenance cost is high. It could be made lower and at the same time better treatment be provided for the unfortunates if the various counties would pool their interests. If all the counties of Eastern Oregon would cooperate in conducting one poor farm for the whole district the overhead expense could be reduced and the inmates would receive more satisfactory treatment. When Oswald West was governor of Oregon he suggested such a farm for the entire state, the expense to be borne proportionately by the counties.

In the meanwhile many people who are lacking in humanitarian instincts believe the city could very properly forbid regular alms seekers from operating on the streets.

Now that the world "serious" is over we can look forward to some real sport on the gridiron.

Ordinarily this would be a "million dollar rain" but under present market conditions that promise may be subject to discount.

We already have one railroad strike, by the public, and do not need another by the employees.

Pull progressively for Pendleton.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

GO TO CHURCH (Portland Oregonian.)

The Portland Federation of Churches in designating October 16 as Go-to-Church Sunday, brings to bear the fact that of Portland's population no fewer than 100,000 persons are unclaimed by any religious organization. Obviously these do not often attend church. Quite as obviously there is in such a circumstance nothing whatever for the city to plume itself about. Not all of these perhaps, echo that despairing cry of the unbeliever, "I am alien, I am alien to the faith my mother taught me." But all of them are, nevertheless, alien to a phase of community life that we could not, and would not, dispense with.

A movement that has for its purpose an increased church attendance is richly deserving of every assistance, individual or official. It is conceded that the churches hold, as they have held, the fortifications of moral and religious faith, and their direct and indirect service is beyond all computation. The citizen who does not go to church, if he be well informed, will ungrudgingly admit this truth, and lay his own generous tribute to esteem and confidence at the threshold. For a variety of reasons, largely in the category of trivial pleasure and selfish inclination, he delegates to others the responsibility of expressing approval in its only concrete and beneficial form—that of attendance. Yet a personal duty is not to be shirked, nor performed by proxy. Who will saluam, either from the standpoint of religious belief or from another of citizenship, that it is the duty of the good citizen to manifest his approval definitely and in person?

In the modern sense, and wholly without sacrifice of religious tenets, the churches are more and more becoming the forums of civic morality. There faith is linked with the great event of the day, with the perplexing problems of our social and economic life, and by moralistic analysis the truth is made known. Those who believe that sermons hold nothing for them, who agree that churches are all well enough for others, are losing touch with a vitality of unselfish progressive purposes that might well quicken their understanding. The principle and plea of Go-to-Church Sunday are sound and commendable. A response in keeping with this religious idealism should be manifested by the people of Portland.

ROCK PILE JOB IS PREPARED FOR HOBOS

BY CHARLES E. HUGHES, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14.—A great barrier will soon be spread around Southern California by public and railroad officials to check the influx of hoboes, box car inmates, wanderers with radical inclinations and criminals.

The unusual steps to be taken by the officials will be formulated at an early conference to be called by Chief of Police Charles A. Jones, of Los Angeles.

Representatives of the district attorney's office, railroad special agents, police and public officials of cities and towns throughout Southern California and agents of the government will be requested by Chief Jones to gather and outline a plan to halt a flow of hobo reported en route to this section.

According to Jones, the migration of hobos and other undesirables has started unusually early, and from reports received by the police executive an unprecedented situation will confront some officer this fall.

"To check the migration at once and spread word that Southern California is a poor place for undesirables to stop for the winter," said Jones, "I shall urge that rock-piles be instituted in every Southern California town and city and seek the co-operation of every official to make this section the turning-back point for wanderers."

JACK RABBITS OFFER NEW FANGLED DISEASE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(U. S. S.)—Ever heard of Tularemia?

No, not a French pastry, but a new disease recently discovered by the United States public health service. It isn't as bad as it sounds, seldom resulting fatally to man. It is a disabling septic fever, and is transmitted to man, according to the health service, by a round-about manner. It originates among Jack rabbits and is transmitted to man and other rabbits by a blood sucking horsefly, which obtains it by biting the rabbit and passes it on by biting the man or another rabbit.

28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, October 14, 1893.) Miss Ida Waffle left on last night's train for Portland to visit friends and attend the exposition.

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Robert C. Mays, of Elgin, was over last night on a short visit among Pendleton friends. He is now engaged in grain buying at Elgin.

Bill Harrison, the expressman, is being pushed forward for the office of mayor. Last evening there were forty five signers to Mr. Harrison's nominating certificate.

G. W. Matthews, who now resides at Montavilla, Or., has been up looking after his ranch interests here. Mr. Matthews carries in his pocket a sample apple grown nine miles northwest of this city, where he has a thrifty orchard of about 100 trees, that has prospered without any irrigation whatever. He thinks it will pay any-

one to visit his place and see what can be done in the fruit line on our "Dr. hills."

A pleasant evening's entertainment for a large audience was afforded by the Demorest medal contest Thursday evening at the M. E. Church. There were entertaining recitations by the young contestants, who were Myrtle

Crockett, Ethel Thompson, Grace Beagle, Ethel Garfield, Clementine Worcester, and Louis Despain. Mrs. S. A. Lowell, Mrs. J. F. Robinson and Miss Bertha Hexter were the judges and awarded the medal to Ethel Garfield. Mrs. Lowell made the presentation speech. There were several pleasing selections by the choir.

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