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## Modern and Classic Reading

We note with considerable interest in the New York Globe of how Mayor Gayor sought to relieve the tedious hours of his period of convalescence. He read "Paradise Lost." Particulars are not given as to how thoroughly his honor read and digested the great classic, but with an assassin's bullet imbedded in his cranium, and the sense of heavy official responsibility resting upon him, he was still able to become deeply interested in the poem, the incident is worthy of note. It also raises the interesting question as to what extent the people of the present generation have lost interest in the great literary creations of the fast receding period which was proud to claim Milton as one of its own.

Our impression is that Milton is very little read in these modern times. Of course everybody reads Shakespeare, at least it is popular to so pretend, even as people who have the opportunity go to hear Wagnerian opera, because it is the thing to do. But the verdict of higher literary criticism is that "after Shakespeare comes Milton" in the order of literary greatness, and people would do well, and indeed do a creditable thing if they would intersperse their Shakesperian devotion by occasionally paying a bit of attention to Milton.

Every community boasts of its clubs which make pretense at least of literary study. In the list of subjects considered, we find the names of Omar Khayyam, Walt Whitman, and Ella Wheeler Wilcox, but the names of Milton, Chaucer and Dante are neglected. We do not claim this to be true of all literary societies but it is the impression gained from observance of reports from many of them.

If Mayor Gaynor can enjoy classic reading in such a trying time as he has just experienced, other people of today, undisturbed by mental anxiety or physical pain, can certainly find it profitable intellectual exercise to return now and then to those "purest wells of English undefiled" for refreshing.

To change the metaphor, Students of astronomy would have a most superficial knowledge if they confined their observations to the meteors which flash across the sky and ignored the fixed stars of the firmament.

And in this connection it might be added that the world would be much better off today if people paid more attention to literary work, and not so much to commercialism. It would be of infinite benefit, if in our mad race for supremacy in the financial world, we would halt now and then to reflect upon the finer and more elevating things of life. The idea, that some people have, that money is all, is a dream and a delusion, and is doing more to stagnate the morals of the country than any other one thing. If people could but see beyond the confines of commercialism for a short time, and really drink in the beauties and elevating precepts of literary thought and study, they would be much happier and much more useful in the world.

## Decreasing Railroad Earnings

July returns on railroad earnings are far from encouraging to the people who have money invested in that class of securities. They are not of a nature to inspire confidence in the future. The monthly compilation made by the New York Financial Chronicle discloses a total which will do much toward bolstering up the railroad contention that some advance in rates is a necessity. The Chronicle presents July earnings on 680 roads, embracing 221,164 miles. In the gross earnings an increase of \$11,322,306 is reported. This increase is more than absorbed by an increase of \$15,964,347 in the operating expenses. As these compilations are based on the returns made by the railroads to the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, there are no padding or extraneous items included in these operating expenses. The reports show a slackening in the gain in gross earnings, which, up to that month, had kept far enough ahead of the increase in operating expenses to make a good showing in net earnings.

In July the tide turned and there was a decrease of \$4,642,941 in the net earnings, or 6.36 per cent as compared with July, 1909. In the first six months of 1910 there was a gain of \$28,000,000 per month in the gross revenues of the road. In June this increase was only about \$23,500,000, while in July, as stated, it fell to \$11,322,306. Meanwhile operating expenses have increased. Unless some method can be found for extracting dividends from decreasing revenues and increasing expenses, the railroads will have a much stronger argument for higher rates than they have yet produced. The presence of two railroads where there was previously only one has apparently caused trouble for the Northern Pacific, as the gross earnings of that line in July decreased more than \$450,000. This heavy decrease was undoubtedly due to the coming of the Milwaukee road, which, by its location, could not well avoid taking business away from the older road traversing practically the same territory for many miles. The San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake also lost \$122,000 in gross earnings.

In the Pacific Northwest the roads continue to make very good showings. Increasing expenses have not yet overtaken the increase in gross earnings. The Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, not being entangled with other lines in its reports, offers a good illustration of railroad prosperity in this part of the country. In the month of June there was a gain of \$22,024 in gross earnings, the passenger business alone in that month increasing from \$33,515 last year to \$50,415 this year. For the year ending June 30, the Astoria road showed gross earnings of \$767,987, an increase of \$145,912 over the preceding year. Some of this increase was absorbed by increased expenses, for the net earnings for the year were \$279,210, compared with \$161,176 for the preceding year. The Corvallis and Eastern for the

month of July showed a gain of \$11,046 in gross and \$5,015 in net earnings. In railroading, as in all other branches of industry, the West seems to make a better showing than the East.—Oregonian.

Stockholders of the Oregon Short Line, which is controlled by the Union Pacific, will be asked to approve a proposition to increase the capital stock of the company from \$27,500,000 to \$100,000,000. The matter will come up a meeting to be held in Salt Lake, October 12th. Usually there is much unfavorable comment over heavy increases in the capital stock of the big railroads, but in the present case such comment is forestalled by the statement that the stock will either be held for emergency purposes, or used for new construction. Most of the anti-railroad feeling that was created in the old days, was over the enormous amount of watered stock that was put out for the purpose of enriching the manipulators without in any way improving the service. The Oregon Short Line with its projected extensions down the Snake river and across Oregon, can spend a great many millions in the next few years, and can secure these millions only through stock issues.—Oregonian

## \$250,000 Graft Admitted.

New York, Sept. 21.—The admission that the Metropolitan Street Railway Company has not only had made contributions to the campaign funds of both the Republican and Democratic state organizations, but that its president had been called on repeatedly to take up stock accounts of \$20,000 and \$30,000 carried by certain individuals, inferentially legislators, was made today by H. H. Vreeland, ex-president of the company, before the committee now in investigating legislative graft here. Mr. Vreeland thought he had taken up in this fashion accounts aggregating \$250,000, but could not remember for whom.

## Benson Improving.

The following dispatch from the Oregonian of September 16 will relieve the anxiety regarding the health of Oregon's Governor to a considerable extent:

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Governor Frank W. Benson, of Oregon, when seen today in the office of his physician, Dr. Geo. Culver, said to a representative of the Oregonian that he expects to leave for his home shortly after the primaries. In the meantime he will visit relatives in San Jose. Governor Benson has improved rapidly, but it was on the advice of his physician that he decided he would not go to Oregon for the present primaries.

The governor has also secured from Dr. Culver the following signed statement as to his condition and his improvement. The report that covers his case in detail, is as follows:

"I have seen Governor Benson at my office today and dressed his wound. The local condition is steadily and rapidly improving and his physical condition is practically 100 per cent better than it was one week ago which means a great deal, as he has been making steady progress for the last two months."

"Our only reason now for keeping the Governor here is to get him in such shape that he will be physically equal to any amount of strain that may be put upon him when he goes back to his work."

"The many reports in reference to his eyes being in danger are all false, as his eyes are perfect and as clear undoubtedly as they have been for years. The fact is Governor Benson is getting well and is getting well rapidly, and he is going to be a perfectly well man, fully capable of holding the most difficult position."

GEORGE D. CULVER.

The RECORDER for Job Work.

## At Coquille Schools

The enrollment for the city schools at the end of the first week is 274. Of this number thirty-five are in high school. Miss Jessie Sweet is teaching the fourth grade. The fire drill was practiced in the high school building and will soon be used in the academy, also.—Coquille Herald.

## Will Favor Big Cities

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 22nd.—Governor Stubbs, of Kansas, at the interstate rate conference today declared the railroads of the country have combined to advance the freight rates on a scale never before known. Governor Stubbs deplored the tendency of the railroads to favor the large cities in the adjustment of rates at the expense of the rural communities, which he declared is "crime against civilization."

## Colonist Travel is Heavy

Portland, Sept. 24th.—That the colonist travel westward for the first few days of the low rate period has exceeded all expectations was the news received by the Great Northern office yesterday from S. J. Ellison, general passenger agent of the road. Mr. Ellison telegraphed that an exceptionally good showing was being made in travel to Oregon. Extra equipment is being put on the through trains. "You may look for heavy immigration to your state," he says. O. R. & N. officers in Portland also received telegrams yesterday giving an encouraging account of the colonist travel. Trains out of Omaha are hauling extra tourist cars to care for the rush.

## Kerbyville is Dry After Fifty-Four Years

Medford, Or., Sept. 22.—Kerby is without a saloon and for the first time in 54 years the thirsty in that pioneer mining town are forced to take water straight, for the last saloon has closed its doors and the keeper has departed for a more congenial location. In the days when Kerby, then known as Kerbyville, and named for Jim Kerby, who founded the place by establishing a department store where he sold everything from a miner's pick to a bottle of whiskey, was the rendezvous for the miners of Illinois Valley, it had four saloons. The place has the further distinction of being the largest and oldest town in the United States that has never had a church building. But now this record is to be broken, for Kerby has a flourishing religious organization and plans have been made for the erection this fall of a commodious church edifice.

## Game Warden Loses Out

About a week ago Deputy Game Warden Morgan, of Bandon, made complaint before Justice Cox, against Ad Gross, of Bandon, for killing deer out of season. The trial took place last Saturday at Langlois before Justice Cox. The defendant called for a jury trial which was granted him. All of the state testimony was to the effect that the witnesses thought Gross was camped at the place where he was charged to have killed the alleged deer, though they had not seen him nor had they any testimony that he had killed anything. After hearing the testimony the jury ordered his discharge for lack of evidence. The county has been put to the expense of a nonsensical trial when there was no cause for it. It is such prosecutions as the above which make the game law a farce, as the people gather the idea that all the warden cares for is the fee of \$25 or more which he gets for each conviction, and on acquittal the county gets a lemon, so to speak.—Lakeport Banner.

## Overheard Conversation

Doctor—"What is your name?" Patient—"John Smith." Doctor—"Age?" Patient—"Forty-two." Doctor—"Business?" Patient—"Rotten."

## Man Revives After Fall

Walla Walla, Wash., Sept. 21.—Arthur Wassil, an electrician, had a brush with death this afternoon, but escaped with only a few bruises. Wassil fell three stories in the Baker seven-story building, now being built, and was picked up for dead, but soon revived. He had been on the job only two hours when he lost his footing and fell from the top of the third story to the ground. Save for a few bruises he was unhurt.

## Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued from the office of the county clerk the past three weeks: A. G. Nodde, Marie Pearce. Charles E. Montgomery, Margaret Cone. Robert F. Gebhardt, Susan Marie Eickworth. Henry Vincent Moffatt, Anne Harriet Flaunagan. Zeno H. Gatchell, Eva R. Lee. James J. Noster, Myrtle I. Colver. Emery C. Goble, Lucina Knight. Andrew J. Hatcher, Inez N. Bushnell. Charles A. Holverstott, Myrtle I. Benham. W. M. Coney, Sadie Fry.

## Notice to Taxpayers.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization for the County of Coos, State of Oregon, will attend at the office of the County Clerk of said County, at Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, on the 17th day of October, A. D. 1910, the same being the third Monday of said month, at the hour of nine o'clock a. m. of said day, and publicly examine the Assessment Roll and correct all errors in valuations, descriptions, or quality of lands, lots or other property. Petitions or applications for the reduction of a particular assessment shall be made in writing, verified by the oath of the applicant or his attorney, and be filed with the Board during the first week it is required by law to be in session, and any petition or application not so made, verified and filed shall not be considered or acted upon by the Board. Dated this 12th day of September, A. D. 1910. T. J. THRIFT, Assessor of Coos Co., Ore.

## The Pacific Monthly's Special Introductory Offer

The Pacific Monthly, of Portland, Oregon, is a beautifully illustrated monthly magazine which gives very full information about the resources and opportunities of the country lying West of the Rockies. It tells all about the Government Reclamation Projects, free Government land and tells about the districts adapted to fruit raising, dairying, poultry raising, etc. It has splendid stories by Jack London and other noted authors. The Price is \$1.50 a year, but to introduce it we will send six months for fifty cents. This offer must be accepted on or before February 1, 1911. Send your name and address accompanied by fifty cents in stamps and learn all about Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California. Address, The Pacific Monthly, Portland, Oregon. 37 14x

FOR SALE.—Eighty acres choice bottom land on Sixes river, 5 miles from Port Orford, 1/2 mile from county road. Address Alex Turner, Langlois, Ore. 35 51x

## Port Case is Advanced

The case of the Bennett Trust Company against H. Sengstacken and others, which is the suit to test the constitutionality of the existence of the Port of Coos Bay, has, by the Supreme Court at Salem, been advanced on the docket, and will be tried in November, immediately after the court returns from Pendleton. The port attorney petitioned that the case be advanced and the plaintiff opposed it. The advancement of the case on the docket means that a definite time is set for its hearing, while otherwise it took the regular place on the docket it would be a year in coming to trial as the court is behind a year in its business.

## Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, Sept. 19, 1910. A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Noah M. Davison, contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 13645, Serial 03779, made July 1, 1904, for S.W. 1/4 Section 20, Township 29 S., Range 13 W., Willamette Meridian, by Benjamin Perry, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Benjamin Perry has never resided upon or in any way improved said land since making said entry, but has abandoned said land for over five years last past; said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond, and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on November 1, 1910, before A. D. Morse, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Bandon, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on November 15, 1910, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roseburg, Oregon. The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed September 19, 1910, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication. BENJAMIN F. JONES, Register. 38 15

## Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, at Roseburg, Oregon, September 14, 1910. Notice is hereby given that Albert N. Treadgold, of Cass City, Michigan, who on September 3, 1909, made Timber and Stone Entry No. 05456, for Lots 2, 3 and 4, Section 2, Township 30, S. Range 14 W. W. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Timber and Stone Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. D. Morse, United States Commissioner, at Bandon, Oregon, on the 29th day of November, 1910. Claimant names as witnesses: Robert Walker, of Bandon, Oregon. Harry Walker, of Bandon, Oregon. G. T. Treadgold, of Bandon, Oregon. Pearl R. Walker, of Bandon, Oregon. BENJAMIN F. JONES, Register. 37-10t

## Notice of Street Improvement.

Notice is hereby given, that on September 7th, 1910, the Common Council of the City of Bandon, Coos County, Oregon, at a regular meeting thereof, by resolution ordered that Spruce Street in Azalea Park be graded and sidewalked from the North line of Spruce Street, in Azalea Park, to the South line of said Azalea Park. This notice is published 3 times, pursuant to Section 57 of City Charter, the last on September 29th, 1910. Unless written remonstrance against this improvement above designated by owners of two-thirds of the real property upon this street, be filed with the Recorder on or before Sept. 29, 1910, there at the earliest convenience thereafter and within six months, the said Council will pass an ordinance directing that such improvement be made as above described and the cost thereof assessed to the adjacent property owners. Dated Bandon, Oregon, Sept. 15, 1910. 36-13 E. B. KAUSRUD, Recorder.

## Notice of Street Improvement.

Notice is hereby given, that on September 7, 1910, the Common Council of the City of Bandon, Coos County, Oregon, at a regular meeting thereof, by resolution ordered that 6th street be improved from the East line, commencing at the West line of Fern Street, running Westward, including therein Randolph Ave., to the West line. Said improvement to consist of grading and sidewalk on both sides of street. This notice will be published 3 times, the last on September 29th, 1910. Unless written remonstrance against this improvement above designated, signed by two-thirds of the real property owners upon this street and avenue, and the same be filed with the Recorder on or before the 29th day of Sept., 1910, then such improvement unopposed at the earliest convenience thereafter, and within six months the said Council will pass an ordinance directing that such improvement be made as above described, and the cost thereof assessed to the adjacent property owners. Dated at Bandon, Oregon, Sept. 15, 1910. 36-13 E. B. KAUSRUD, Recorder.