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## Reform.

A microbe in this town  
Is ranging up and down.  
The bug they call reform  
Has taken us by storm,  
One cannot get away  
From its contagious sway.  
In curbing vice and crime,  
We occupy our time;  
The day of graft is done  
The Devil's on the run.  
We've got a zealous mayor  
Whose one special care  
Is guarding the young and fair  
From sin polluted air  
And kick out satan's kin.  
The preacher's thund'rous voice  
Makes sanctity rejoice.  
The churches so they say  
Have gone into this fray  
And there propose to stay  
For ever and a day.  
In club, in car, in street  
Reform is all we meet.  
Although we hate to blame  
We hang our heads in shame  
To see the awful sin  
Our neighbors wallow in.  
Reform does not begin  
Like charity at home,  
To locate wrong we roam.  
Reform does not apply  
Unto the pronoun "I."  
Some say that change you can't  
With law, or shriek, or rant,  
The nature God gave man.  
But sure these persons can  
Not understand, for they  
Proceed to jeer and say—  
These insects so unblest—  
That they would like a rest  
From efforts to reclaim  
This town from horrid shame.  
But we the goodly know  
Where souls of knockers go.  
So onward to the fight—  
Hurrah, for us and right.

—Oregonian.

## WOODS FOR VEHICLES.

### Conditions in Manufacture and Trade Vs. Fallacies.

The manufacture of vehicles and implements occupies a rather curious position among wood-working industries, as is shown by a study of vehicle and implement woods lately made by the Forest Service. It appears that in spite of the fact that the more popular woods are becoming scarce enough to make the use of substitutes in some cases imperative, the trade is largely tied down by unfounded prejudices, in the minds of consumers against the use of substitutes. And these prejudices which manufacturers would now often be glad enough to overcome, are in some degree due to their own efforts, under the stress of competition, to create and strengthen a demand for the very woods which the depletion of supplies renders it more and more difficult to obtain. For years the maker of vehicles and implements made a point of the fact that his wares were constructed only of certain kinds of wood, and the consumer has been led to believe that these kinds, and only these, are the best. Now that other kinds must be used, the consumer, who has been an apt scholar, still insists on having the old favorites.

Under these peculiar circumstances many manufacturers have chosen perhaps the only course open to them—that is, they have used substitutes without taking the consumer into their confidence. And in so doing they have been justified not only by the pressure of competition and the scarcity of supplies, but also by the excellent results which have been given by the new woods. The consumer, however, who feels that he has been tricked when he discovers what has been done, is likely to be indignant. When he finds, for instance, that the box of his buggy or wagon, which he took to be poplar, is not poplar at all, but spruce, red fir, cypress, cottonwood, or red gum, he at once

complains to the retailer. In this way he learns for the first time that a large percentage of so-called poplar vehicle bodies are actually made of one or other of these unfamiliar species. In the implement trade similar conditions obtain, though not in the same degree.

To facilitate the introduction of legitimate substitutes it therefore seems necessary to put the matter to open trial, and, by removing popular fallacies, to enable manufacturers to offer in good faith a product which will bring a reasonable profit without falling short in utility.

### Oregon Salmon.

The board of fish commissioners held a meeting last week and considered the report of Fish Warden VanDusen for the month of January, from which the following facts are taken:

Complaints were filed in the justice court, Astoria precinct, by Walter Bailiff Settem, against the Clatsop Mill Company, Astoria; The Tongue Point Lumber Co., Astoria, and the Astoria Box Company, Astoria, for allowing saw dust and other lumber waste to be dumped on the bank of the river in such a manner as would permit the high waters to take the same into the waters of the Columbia river.

In the case against the Clatsop Mill Company the justice of the peace imposed a fine of \$50 and costs, which was paid.

The cases against the Tongue Point Lumber Co., and the Astoria Box Company are pending a ruling of the court upon demurrers that were filed in each case.

For fishing for salmon with a net in the waters of the Siuslaw river, above the town of Mapleton, Linn county, Levi Hollenbeck entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$50 and costs which he paid.—Statesman.

### Favorable Comment.

Dr. James Withycombe, the director of the experiment station of the Oregon Agricultural College, came down from Junction City yesterday morning, where he attended a farmer's meeting and delivered an address on the subject of diversified farming. He has a number of meetings to attend during the next few weeks, where subjects in which farmers are interested are to be the themes for lectures, and he is kept busy with these and those duties devolving upon him as a director of the experiment station.

Dr. Withycombe, who is a prominent candidate for the republican nomination for governor, has thus far been given little opportunity to look after his political fences, his duties at the college taking up his time, but so well is he known in the state and so popular has he become that his campaign is practically taking care of itself and he is steadily growing in the estimation of his fellow republicans, while support is coming to him from all classes of citizens without regard to party affiliations.—Albany Herald.

### Jingle-Jangle.

"I asked her to marry me,  
'Go to papa,' she said,  
Now she knew that I knew  
That her papa was dead,  
And she knew that I knew  
The bad life he had led,  
And she knew that I knew  
What she meant when she said,  
'Go to papa.'"

When a cyclone struck the place  
Gentle Jane was whirled through space.  
"It's all right," said Jane, "I know,  
But it was an awful blow!"

Bob fell in with Bill one day,  
But promptly they fell out.  
Yet by the lake they stopped to play,  
And thus it came about  
They both fell in, alackaday,  
And never more fell out!

## PLAN EXTENSION.

### Pacific State Telephone Company Planning to Invest.

At the annual meeting of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, held at the main office on Alder and Park streets Thursday afternoon, officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Henry T. Scott, of San Francisco, named as president last month to succeed John I. Sabin, who died, was reelected without opposition, with Louis G. Glass, of San Francisco, as vice-president; Fred W. Eaton, San Francisco, secretary and treasurer; J. C. Ainsworth, Portland, assistant secretary and treasurer.

The board of directors was chosen as follows: Henry T. Scott, Percy T. Morgan, E. S. Pillsbury, Timothy Hopkins, Louis Glass, F. W. Eaton, and F. G. Drum, of San Francisco; J. C. Ainsworth, J. H. Thatcher, R. W. Schmeer, J. P. McNicholas, G. B. McLeod, E. H. McCracken, H. S. King, C. E. Hickman, C. H. Chambreau and P. Bacon, of Portland.

The Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company is a corporation doing business under the laws of Oregon, hence the annual meetings are conducted in this city. The Sunset Telephone & Telegraph Company is a California corporation, but in no other states are there any companies of the system, all branches being governed from Portland to San Francisco.

Just what improvements will be made on the system in the future has not been decided.

"There is only one object, and that is to place the system in first-class shape," said Mr. Scott, Thursday. "Changes contemplated cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but will be on an extensive scale. When the plans are ready announcements will be made from the different offices. The telephone business is at present like that of western railroads three years ago—patronage has grown beyond reach of facilities. The railroads had to build more equipment and make cars larger with engines heavier and more powerful. The West has progressed more in the last three years, in my opinion, than it did in 10 years previously."

"What do you think of the underground system with reference to telephone wires," was asked.

"The underground system to a certain extent is a benefit, and after that it becomes a detriment. I am speaking from the standpoint of a patron. We can give better service on aerial cables than with the underground, outside of crowded districts. It is good for use in business districts, but then it is a system that must be handled with judgment."

Visiting officials will leave Portland this evening for Salem, arriving at San Francisco Sunday morning.

The above is from the Telegram. Since the appearance of this article we have interviewed Charles Shenefield, local manager for the above-mentioned company, to ascertain if any improvements were planned for this city. Mr. Shenefield said that for more than a year plans and specifications for a great improvement of Corvallis service have been on file at headquarters and all that was necessary for the company to get busy here was an evidence of a desire on the part of the Corvallis public. Should the people give evidence of support great improvements in the local system would be made at once.

### Nomadism and Home-Making.

It is sometimes difficult to separate the land-speculating element from the home-making element among settlers in new countries, when planning legis-

lation for the home-maker says Maxwell's Talisman. It will remain difficult so long as there are any new lands to occupy between the Atlantic and Pacific. Land speculation began with the first discovery, by the Jamestown and Plymouth men, that after occupying and improving land for a while it could be sold for a good price, even though nothing was paid for it in the beginning. This discovery was the origin of the nomadism which has characterized so large a portion of the settlers whose steady advances have built up the country. But, viewing the matter in its larger aspects, it is not the man who has "moved on" who has done the "building up" as is held in a popular creed, but the man who has stayed. It is he who has created the permanent homes, the fruitful farms, the smiling villages, the busy factories, the great cities. It is he who has made the business for the railroads.

It is only as nomadism is eliminated from our population that the highest civilization is attained. The nomad has learned to grab larger and larger areas for speculation. The big land holdings of the West, which block improvement, are his. He has become innumerable cases, too, the proxy of rich speculators in the older states, whose holdings mark unimproved areas scattered all along civilization's line of march across the continent. It is mainly to the land-speculating settler that we owe whatever is crude and rough, ill-compacted and garish in our national development.

### Faces Grave Charges.

Charges of conspiracy have been made against the United States Minister to Bolivia, William R. Sorsby, of Mississippi. It is alleged that he aided in a plot to destroy a mining company in Ecuador by means of fraudulent bonds. Minister Sorsby was placed in the diplomatic service through the influence of Senator Quay. It was said that Sorsby sold letters and papers to the republican Congressional Committee which were of use in the campaign. Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania had Sorsby named for the Bolivian post.

Accompanied by a half-tone cut of Minister Sorsby the above write-up appeared in the Oregonian of Friday. In past years this gentleman has visited friends in Corvallis. On each visit he added to his list of friends and acquaintances here and it is hoped that there is some mistake regarding this affable gentleman.

### Spraying.

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