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Youth's eager life and changeable lot,
Nor sterner manhood's grave toys,
Nor trembling age himself, can blot
The memory our earliest joys.—J. H. McIlvane.

They had a revolution down in Guatemala one day recently, but it was all over so that the people could go to the theater the evening of the same day.

An endowment of good common sense and good character is worth more to any young person or adult than an inheritance of millions of dollars.

The noble horse is far from extinction. There are some 20,000,000 of him in the United States. The automobile has not backed him into the last ditch.

Santa Claus aways the hearts of all by love and good will. He who rules with love and good will is a king among men.

A Society for Prevention of Cruelty to the English Language would have more work than it could do.

Stop, Look, Listen!
The board of inquiry in the investigation of the crossing accident near Gerber, Calif., Nov. 30, which caused the instant death of ten Red Bluff high school students and fatal injury to four others, in its report just announced, finds that the driver of the bus, a seventeen year old student, in attempting to cross in front of a Southern Pacific train, had failed to take any precautions to see if any train was approaching.

The board included in its findings a recommendation that a law be enacted requiring drivers of automobiles, both family cars and passenger-carrying busses, to stop before attempting to cross railroad tracks at grade crossings. It was also recommended that the drivers of the Red Bluff high school busses be instructed to stop before crossing railroad tracks and to have one of the passengers get out and look up and down the track, and not proceed until the signal is given that the track is clear.

ODE TO THE ASHLAND HILLS

Lift up thine eyes unto the hills!
Masses of green . . . fields of gold,
Steep on steep . . . height on height,
All proclaim . . . all unfold
The prevailing power of the Infinite.
Oh! Lift up thine eyes!

Lift up thine eyes unto the hills!
These giant peaks with dignified mein
Greet at morn the royal orb of day;
And clad in shimmering coats of green
They sing their glorious roundelay.
Oh! Lift up thine eyes!

Lift up thine eyes unto the hills!
The effulgent moon in stately grace,
Attended by her stellar lights,
Sweeping across Heaven's face,
Lends enchantment to these heights,
Silhouetted against the dome of night,
Majestic, mount on mount,
They rise,
Symbols of the Omnipotent found.
Oh! Lift up thine eyes!

Lift up thine eyes unto the hills!
Peaks powdered with Winter's white
Softly sifted by the lift'ning hand;
Garbed in splendors of Spring so bright,
Redolent of flowers throughout the land;
In Summer's days the mountains blue
Seem lull to sleep by the songs of Time;
Though ages old, are always new
With the iridescent Autumn wine.
Oh! Lift up thine eyes!

Lift up thine eyes unto the hills!
Now comes the mighty king of storms
With lightning's quivering flash
And thunder's vibrant clash,
Heralding his wondrous forms.
From peak to peak the echoes ring,
While attuned to the oncoming gale,
The monarchs of the forest sing
From mist-clad top to deepest vale,
Voicing the trills
Of the evanescent beauty of the hills.
Oh! Lift up thine eyes!

Lift up thine eyes unto the hills!
Eternal mountains by God made fair,
By conscious mind Man does tell
That here, there, everywhere,
All is Good . . . all is Well.
From the heart the anthem thrills,
Oh! Lift up thine eyes to the grandeur,
The freedom of the Ashland hills!
—W. T. S. Hoyt.

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Ashland Traveler Complains of Cold in Eastern Cities

H. H. Leavitt, Chestnut and Luna Vista streets, returned yesterday morning from an extended trip to Minnesota, Oklahoma, Colorado and California. Numerous friends and relatives were visited, most of whom Mr. Leavitt had not seen since he came to Ashland twelve years ago.

Arriving at St. Paul, the Oregonian found it necessary to wear all his clothes and to buy additional apparel as a protection against the snow and zero weather. After a few days and dollars spent in the Minnesota capital, Mr. Leavitt visited at Mankato, Crystal lake—his old home—and Tracy. At the second place a chicken pie supper was in progress at the Methodist church when the Ashlander arrived and for some of the white meat, please. At Tracy his daughter, Vera, was discovered with nine children, all of whom seemed glad to see Grandpa.

Business conditions in Minnesota are very bad, reports Mr. Leavitt. A number of closed banks were observed. Land which sold for \$200 and upwards per acre is now slow sale at \$75. Corn in down to 25c a bushel and other farm products relatively cheap.

Oklahoma City, where Mr. Leavitt's married son Harvey, a newspaper advertising solicitor, lives, is a thriving, rapidly growing city of about 100,000, its prosperity being largely due to nearby oil wells. Much cotton is also grown, ginned and baled there. Whites and blacks occupy separate schools, churches, cars and railway stations. Land in Colorado owned by Mr.

Leavitt was next visited and then the sights of Los Angeles and Long Beach viewed. Although several days were spent in that vicinity, nothing was seen of Mac Sennett's bathing beauties nor of Doug and Mary. A new oil district was visited, in company with Smooth-tongued land agents. Mr. Leavitt does not know the distance or direction from Long Beach where the wells are located, but is certain they are not towards Hawaii. The last stop was made at Lancaster, near which place Mr. Leavitt's daughter, Alice, is employed on a big stock ranch. He is glad to get back to Ashland and sorry to have missed the Winter Fair.

MALIGNANT TUMORS AFFLICT JACKSON COUNTY SHEEP MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 17.—A disease that has been causing trouble among sheep in various parts of Jackson county is diagnosed as malignant oedema, or dropsical tumors, by Dr. Derflinger, deputy state veterinarian, who has been in this section for a few days making an investigation. It is a new disease in this territory and steps will be taken to check the disease before it gains a foothold. There is also a possibility that there is some hemorrhagic septisemia in some of the flocks.

CARLOAD SHIPMENT OF Fencing from Eastern mills just in. Considerable drop in prices on same. GOOD CEDAR POSTS New prices on implements and repairs. New and used sewing machines for sale or rent. Peil's Corner

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