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## How Minnie Morang Lost Her Voice

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Minnie Morang had vowed that she, If spunk could do it, would sometime be An opery singer of wide renown And bring some credit to our old town. She pitched right in, s'r good and stout An' squealed and hollered like all git-out. She said that the experts all agreed 'Twas about like workin' a hoss for speed, This trainin' a voice; an' the truly great Vocalists practiced early an' late. So she tooted 'er up—hurroo, hurray; She squealed an' she squalled blame nige all day. She said she done it to fill her tones But 'cordin' to notions of old Bill Jones It warn't no voice that ye'd want to fill: "I sh'd hev' the darned thing out," says Bill. But, Land o' Goshen, Min Morang Just minded nothin' but sang an' sang. She never tried to sing a tune, But morn an' ev'nin', night an' noon, She practiced run and scale an' trill With squalls like the saws in Hobson's mill. So time slipped on till her uncle Sile Invited her up to his farm awhile. Now he went to bed right after tea, "I'm plumb an' square beat out," said he. 'Twas a blame slick night in the month of June, Warm an' nice, with a lovely moon' An' Minnie concluded that voice of her'n Needed some air. So she took a turn Around the garden beneath the stars An' yowled her scales an' notes an' bars. She'd just got started in that 'ere style When up to the window come Uncle Sile, 'Twas a dretful hoorah for Goffstown Flats, An' he durned the haslets of them 'ere cats. He reckined they'd started an all night fight An' he wouldn't git a chance to sleep a mite. An' jest as mad as mad could stick He throwed his boot where the squalls were thick. It went as true as a ten-inch bumb An' it knocked her stiff an' straight an' dumb. Now the doctors vow her voice's a wreck, For the kink won't ever leave her neck. They tried at first to blame old Sile For doin' her up in that 'ere style, But Sile braced up, all hot and pert, Says he, "She's lucky to be jest hurt. My usyal style when cats ker-whoot Is don't throw nothin', but up an' shoot. An' if folks play pussy in Goffstown Flats They take the same resks as reel old cats."

### ONE GOOD THING.

The provision for a single board of regents incorporated in the successful millage tax bill is a wise one if for no other reason than that it will legislate out of office the member of the board of regents who also presides over the destinies of Eugene's evening rag. With the board thus renovated, both schools will make progress that would be impossible otherwise.

Regents of a school of learning should be men of learning and refinement, and in this way this highly desirable result is likely to be achieved.

### PETITION PEDDLING.

The present method of getting initiative bills on the ballot is in urgent need of revision. To get 9,000 or 10,000 signatures to a petition is merely a matter of having the price to pay from 3 cents to 5 cents a name. Not even the staunchest friends of the initiative will claim that such a method serves any good purpose, nor that it fulfills the intent of the law.

The provision that a certain per cent of legal voters should sign the petitions was meant to keep off the ballot bills for which there is no demand on the part of the voters. Is there anyone to say that the petitions that placed 38 measures on the recent ballot were signed because of a genuine demand for those measures? Is there anyone to say that over 10 per cent of the signers knew what they were signing?

To make larger the required percentage of signatures might serve the purpose of keeping some measures off the ballot because of lack

of funds on the part of the promoters, but it would only work to the disadvantage of the people for the reason that those with vicious measures to propose usually have a well-supplied barrel.

Sufficient money being the only requisite, it would be better to do away with petitions entirely and require a deposit of a specified sum with the secretary of state to assist in defraying the expenses of election.

### INGRATITUDE.

Not long ago a well-to-do farmer of 60 years was touched by the story of a waitress in a restaurant where by chance he took a meal. She was comely and vivacious and fretted under the yoke of drudgery. He was old and lonely and had plenty for both. It was the most natural thing in the world that such thoughts should lead to a proposal of marriage.

They were wed. A few months later he was taken to the hospital to die. He sent for his wife to come to him. In what he believed to be his last few days on earth she could be such a comfort to him and partially repay him for all he had done for her.

But the messenger brought back word that she whom he had given so much had flown with a younger man. She could not wait for death to part them. She could not wait for his property to become hers by right of widowhood. She had sold chattels and real estate and with the money was paying the expenses of a "honeymoon" with another.

The tenderness that should have been given him who had been so good to her, was given to a libertine. Words of love were spoken to one who had taken her because of what the other had provided her. The one who had lifted her from poverty, she left to die with not enough to pay his hospital expenses. And the old man only said: "Forgive her, for she knows not what she is doing."

We can but express an inward hope that somewhere such ingratitude is suitably rewarded.

### APPRECIATION

Cottage Grove has a warm place in its heart for the Portland press, especially The Oregonian, in its support of the County Division Bill. When the measure was first drafted in Portland The Oregonian and Journal editorial departments declared it to be the fairest bill of the kind that had ever been devised and The Oregonian and at all times consistently backed up that opinion, giving the measure highly flattering editorial mention on the day of election.

The Spectator, a highly influential weekly and the Labor Press, a power with the labor vote, also lent considerable influence.

The support of The Journal was confined to a favorable review of the measure.

The Telegram did good work.

And all this support was without hint of reward, pecuniary or otherwise.

The Eugene Register, while not very energetic in support of the bill, nevertheless deserves considerable credit for its genuine attempt at fairness. The less said about the unspeakable Guard the better.

### EVERYBODY SATISFIED

No doubt Roosevelt has by this time learned that he really did mean it when he said he would not accept a third term.

He can now view with complacent satisfaction the wreck he has made of the party that honored him as it has no other man. His enemies can view with the same satisfaction the wreck of Roosevelt.

Wilson can thank Teddy for his election and many Taft people will thank Wilson for being elected because that was the only way to crush Teddy.

Taft is no doubtful thankful that enough left his standard to elect Wilson, although it made his own showing a miserable one and by no means indicated what his strength would have been in a fair fight.

The Eugene Register says: County Commissioner R. J. Hemphill is preparing a tabulated statement showing the amount of work done by men, men and teams and the number of loads of crushed rock or gravel used in each road district this year under the supervision of each supervisor. It will give the taxpayers some idea of how much money has been spent for roads in each district.

We trust that the table will plainly show where Cottage Grove's road money went to.

The Goat says that comparing The Guard's editorials to those of The Appeal to Reason is too high a compliment. Now, what does the Eugene prevaricator think of that?

If all newspapers had portrayed sentiment in their home cities as clearly as did The Sentinel, the result would have been different. The Sentinel feels endorsed at home.

The full page cigarette ads. in the big dailies fit those papers as choice reading matter to take into the homes and give to the children for perusal.

With the harvester trust reporting profits of 1,000 per cent in five years, we relent somewhat towards some of the Socialist ideas.

As The Sentinel predicted, there was no third party vote. It was a Roosevelt vote pure and simple.

Lest you forget, a few more members will still be received by the Commercial Club.

Many a good man was beaten at the polls Tuesday and will be all the better for it.

It's time to begin talking increased pay rolls for Cottage Grove.

The Socialist vote is getting to be something to reckon with.

Whether we won or lost, we're all glad it's over with.

Of course you knew just how it would come out.

We've had politics enough to do for some time.

### Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

Cannibals must have easily-satisfied palates.

An optimist is a man who believes two can live as cheaply as one.

The man with an unlimited amount of courage is hard to discourage.

Rheumatism may make a person stiff but it does not give him dignity.

It beats all where some men get the face to wear the whiskers they do.

Some men's idea of being a leading politician is to head the band wagon.

You can not prick a man's conscience if it isn't big enough to make a hole in it.

There is no good reason why a small man shouldn't fill a big place in the world's affairs.

A pessimist is a person who believes divorce to be the happiest part of married life.

The foot that rocks the cradle isn't the same one that is kicking for woman's rights.

The man who doesn't trust too much to Providence is usually Providence's favorite.

The man contemplating suicide is usually the first to throw up his hands in the face of danger.

The jar a man receives when he slips on a banana peel usually breaks one of the commandments.

Esperanto hasn't any swear words. This is probably the reason it is shorter than other languages.

If you really want to flatter a person and make it stick, just tell him that he is not easily flattered.

The person who always scatters sunshine along his or her way need have little fear of the day of judgment.

For an animal with so many corsets stays concealed about its person, the whale has a very poor form.

There is no reasoning with a girl who has made up her mind to get married. She has passed that stage.

When attending a theater, a big hat in front is not nearly as offensive as a whiskey perfumed breath behind.

Flour and lard are getting so high that bakers have found it necessary to reduce the size of the hole in the doughnut.

It is getting so there are nearly as many people mortgaging their homes to buy automobiles as there are to buy eggs.

Some men are so light in the upper story that they have to part their hair in the middle to preserve their mental equilibrium.

Two Irishmen recently died, aged 119 and 120. The former smoked, the latter did not. See what an end smoking may bring you to.

When meeting a woman these days with "Mrs." affixed to her name, it is the part of wisdom to learn if it is present or past tense before inquiring too particularly about her hubby.

We have never yet seen a man so loyal to party that he would refuse votes from the other side.

"Language was made to conceal thought." Some people are keeping a lot of things to themselves.

Every man gets to the front sooner or later. If in no other way, he always heads his own funeral procession.

We feel like offering a prize to the aviator who will soar above the high cost of living and drop a bomb on it.

### Talks on Seed Growing.

At the meeting of the Lane County Horticultural Society at Eugene Saturday afternoon, R. W. Gill, of the firm of Gill Bros. Seed company of Portland, talked to those present on the advantages of growing seeds in this section for profit. He showed conclusively that the Willamette valley is better adapted to growing good seeds than any other section of the country and that it might be made a very profitable business.

### Egg I. W. W. Speaker.

An egg or two struck an I. W. W. speaker at the corner of Eighth and Willamette streets Saturday night. A large number of students were listening to his harangue and when the speaker began to abuse them someone in the crowd, whether a student or an outsider, it is not known, threw a bunch of hen fruit at him. One of the eggs struck him in the face.—Guard.

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