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## GOOD BYE

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SOON or late we shall turn away  
From some golden path of the rainbowed  
year,  
Leaving alone in the Yesterday  
Friends and dreams that the heart held dear;  
One last look at the olden door  
That opened in to an old delight,  
And then with a love that clings the more  
We watch it fade from our aching sight.

Though the feet may wander wide and far  
From the day that held a sad goodbye,  
The heart still laughs where its memories are,  
And love knows never an alien sky.  
The dream that waned with morning wings  
The hope that blossomed in skies of blue,  
Drifts through a twilight peace that sings  
The lovely joy that the Homeland knew.

Some shall wander and some shall stay,  
But the same sweet world will hold us all,  
The same glad sun shall thrill the day,  
And the same dreams lure and the same hopes  
call;  
And many the paths, but the goal is one,  
And over the hills and ocean foam,  
We come at last, with the journey done,  
All parting ended in Love and Home.

### CURBING AMBITION

A SACRIFICE of ambition to duty is so rare in these days, especially in politics, that a marked example calls for comment. Not so many years ago an archipelago in the Pacific became the property of a great nation after a short war with a tottering European monarchy.

The inhabitants of this archipelago had been plundered so long by grafting officials and priests that they had come to distrust all foreigners. It was necessary to give to these islands a new government—a government under which they could receive a square deal. It was necessary to send to these islands a man not only capable of formulating such a government and putting it into operation, but one capable of getting and retaining the confidence of the islanders.

A man who has since himself become president said to the then president of this great country, "There is only one man for that job; there is only one man big enough for that job; there is only one man with the diversified talent for that job; with the delicate finesse, the knowledge of laws and government, the necessary sympathy for the downtrodden, the necessary perseverance to stick till the work is done, and combining therewith the honesty and integrity required to gain the good will of a suspicious people."

The man spoken of was William Howard Taft. The speaker was Theodore Roosevelt. When the latter became president he had forcibly brought home to him the correctness of his estimate of his Cincinnati friend.

A writer in The Continent, who was in the Philippines with Taft, says: I went in to see him a day or so after he had received from President Roosevelt the offer of an appointment as associate justice on the bench of the supreme court at Washington. The streets were full of Filipinos shouting in their language, "We want Taft!" They had banners, too, with that inscription on them. It was an immense demonstration of a mighty real feeling, for those Filipinos knew Taft would stand by them, and they didn't think anybody else would. Those poor islanders didn't then believe there was any other American they could trust as they could Taft. And they were determined not to let him go. They were making it emphatic in every way they knew how. But I walked in and said to the governor bluntly:

"Governor, you had better take this offer from Washington. You have told me yourself that your ambition is to sit on the supreme court of the United States. Now's your chance; vacancies on the supreme bench do not happen to suit one's convenience."

"Yes, I know," he replied seriously; "that's my ambition, true enough. But I can't take it."

"Why not?"

"I can't leave these people. You hear them outside. I promised McKinley I'd stay by these people, and as long as they think they need me I'll stay."

His little son passed through the room and the governor looked at him tenderly: "Anyway," he murmured, "the boy will be glad to remember his father was once thought worthy to receive the offer of a place on the supreme bench."

This was the same Taft who a few years later when he knew that if he signed certain measures, passed by congress for political purposes, he could again be president, refused to betray a trust to satisfy an honest ambition.

He probably deserves no particular praise for such action, but it is rare enough to attract attention.

### DEVELOPING THE SMALL TOWN NEWSPAPER

Wonderful strides have been made in the country newspaper business within the last few years. The country editor with baggy trousers and ragged, presiding over paste pot and shears; the country newspaper office with vegetables received on subscription filling the corners; the famous office towel; all exist today only in the imagination of the comic artist.

The country newspaper that runs editorials from the first page to the last is almost as scarce as the one that mixes its editorial and news in one item. The newspaper that wished every newly married couple a life of wedded bliss, is now little more than a memory, as is also the one that extended sympathy to all in their sorrows. They filled the field well in a day that is past, but the newspaper of the day recognizes its function to be the giving of news and it leaves congratulations and sympathy to the imagination of the reader. As a certain sign of the progress of the country press, the newspaper that used large sizes of type to fill space rapidly, is now seldom found anywhere except in the smaller towns, and there are few even there. News is so plentiful that it is no longer necessary to resort to subterfuge to fill space.

All these changes for the better come about because readers are not as easily satisfied as formerly. They demand that even a country paper shall measure up fairly well beside the big dailies, and only the paper catering to this demand can hope to make a marked success.

### THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY

The city of Cottage Grove should make it a task for the coming year to get the route of the Pacific Highway deflected so as to bring tourists through the main part of the city instead of steering them through the outskirts as is now the case. Automobiles making no stop here, or not leaving the Pacific Highway, get an opinion of the city that is harmful. They do not get a glimpse of the main part of the city.

To get the course of the highway changed, it will first be necessary to surface a street from Main north to the bridge. After that is done, it will probably be easy to get the Pacific Highway commissioners to make the desired change, but the paving season will soon be here and the time to get busy is right now.

In times past, The Sentinel has criticized the antiquated method used by Lane County in sending out tax notices. This year the notices come out in a form that is sensible, simple and business like. If Sheriff Parker is responsible for the change, we bespeak his reelection at once. A few more such innovations are needed at the court house.

Copies of the Coquille Sentinel, edited by Lew A. Cates, have been received in the city. Those who have received copies say that Cates exhibits his old time vigor and eighteen months on a ranch has only better fitted him for the strenuous job.

The value of a paper to a city can be accurately gauged by the impression it makes with outsiders. The Sentinel is pleased to be measured by this standard.

A co-operative body is as strong or weak as its personnel. If you feel that you could help things any, it is your duty to get in.

Send your Sentinel to eastern friends after you have read it. It is a messenger that will get results.

The land of promise and performance, is a good title for the Grove country.

Inquiries about Cottage Grove are increasing every day.

### Things We Think

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

A cheap way to get a start in the poultry business is to take out a second class road show.

You never enjoy a vacation half as much as you expect to.

Your neighbors don't think you lick your children half as much as they deserve.

It takes a young married woman quite a while to get used to being left out of the unmarried people's doings.

The little, meek husband and the bossy wife do not occur half as often in married life as they do in fiction.

A man's friends are seldom as loyal to him as he thinks they should be.

You sometimes imagine that you would like to know what folks are thinking of you, but you are mistaken.

It is believed that the mound builders played base ball. Some of the undecipherable hieroglyphics are probably the base ball slang of that day.

The most discordant music is family life out of tune.

Ambitious statesmen should have seismographic means of communication with Oyster Bay.

Hamlet may have been crazy, but he was not as foolish as some of the people who try to take the part.

There's nothing more angelic on earth than the smile of the little babe who knows not why it forms its innocent mouth into that pleasing shape.

The man who is a burden to himself usually does not stop there.

How much morality would there be in this old world if no one cared for the opinion of others and had no fear of punishment?

It is better to be criticized for what you do do than for what you don't do.

It is pitiable to hear the lamentations of the corporations because they can no longer contribute to campaign funds.

A job left undone gets harder to do every day.

With world wide peace, where on earth are the colonels to come from?

The man who tries to steer a middle course is protected from neither side.

A homely man thinks he is bright enough to make up for his looks. Well, anyway, it was a wise precaution on the part of the creator not to confine brains to the good looking people.

The man who gives a \$5.00 bill without any sentiment attached does more material good than the person who gives sympathy in big gobs and stops there.

Going to school does not give girls and boys an education.

When your competitors imitate you, it's frank acknowledgment upon their part that you've got 'em going.

Some folks worry more about getting time to do a job than it would take to do it.

It just naturally exasperates a man to have his time wasted by a friend telling of the smart things his children do, when the man being bored wants to tell of the smart things his own children do.

You can tell a man's character by the appearance of his desk and the decorations on his walls.

Between explaining the cartoons to his wife and telling her of the business that kept him away from the office when she called, a married man's evenings never get lonesome.

It is human nature to doubt the veracity of a man who brags about how he talked up to someone about twice his size.

Let the sunshine into your breast. It will drive out hate, rancor and selfishness.

The person never lived who was not imposed upon. If he allowed no one else to impose upon him, he imposed upon himself.

You never impress anyone with your smartness when you tell about it yourself.

Around about time for the assessor to appear money doesn't make much noise.

It's not so much the hours a person works as the way he spends the hours he isn't working that wears him out.

Buying shoes for a half dozen youngsters makes it hard for some fathers to keep on their feet.

It's worth more to live 60 years now than it was to live 900 in the time of old Adam.

A woman won't allow you to convince her in a logical way—nor in any other way.

After a father has told his children how easily he got his lessons when a boy, he is put in a bad position when his boy hands pater familias a problem he can't work to save his neck.

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