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PROPOSED RAILROAD BILL

No bill that has been introduced at this session of the legislature has caused a more widespread interest than the one of which Representative W. H. Chapin, of Multnomah, is the author, and a battle royal is expected when it comes up for final passage, says the Salem Statesman. It is for the creation of the much talked-of railroad commission of Oregon. An appropriation of \$50,000 is also asked with which to carry out the provisions of the act. The bill is voluminous, covering 36 pages of printed matter. The bill in brief contains the following provisions:

To regulate the transportation and commerce and common carriers in this state and for that purpose to create a railroad commission of Oregon, to fix the qualifications, salaries, powers and duties of the commission, and the members thereof, and authorizing them to make their rules and regulations, and to provide for demurrage and reciprocal demurrage, and for penalties for failure to furnish cars, and to regulate the manner and mode of establishing, making and maintaining railroad crossings, and connections, and to prevent unjust rates being imposed and unjust discrimination by the carriers subject to this act, and to insure adequate service by them, providing penalties for the violation of provisions of this act, prescribing the penalties for the violation of this act, prescribing the procedure and rules of evidence in relation thereto and making an appropriation to carry out the provisions hereof.

WORK FOR AN OPEN RIVER

No matter what else is done by the Eugene commercial bodies toward advancing the interests of this city, the open river movement should never be lost sight of. This should be the great object for which we should strive in season and out of season, and in the fullness of time our efforts will be crowned with success. It is not an impossible achievement, or even a particularly difficult or expensive movement, compared with many other government projects—and it may be made a government project by sufficiently interesting our delegation in congress to push it along.

The Portland Journal, which is doing good work along this line, says: "For 37 years the Willamette region has paid 50 cents per ton on every pound of freight shipped in or out because of the lockage at Oregon City. It has cost the region in extra freight charges a possible \$5,000,000, enough to have bought the locks a dozen times. The Jones bill starts in the direction of relief. It is permanent, substantial improvement with direct and lasting benefit for wide areas and indirect benefit to all Oregon. It would stimulate congress to more generous dealing with other Oregon projects, and would, as sure as death, mean congressional aids in large amounts for a navigable Willamette to Eugene."

There is nothing extraordinary about Andy Carnegie's expressed willingness to pay \$200,000,000 for a ten years' lease on life. Unless his profits from the steel trust should take a slump he would be largely ahead

financially, to say nothing of the additional fun he'd have seeing communities hustling to keep up his library.

In demand, the suppression of pistol tongs in Texas, the editor of the Houston Post has become a candidate for the Carnegie hero medal. But he can't get it unless he can prove that he was no merely tattling side swipe at "Joe" Bailey.

Who's grieved at the departure of my friend, His purpose of retiring common. This might have been written by "Teddy" or Shaw, but was really written about two thousand years ago.

Even if Walsh, the Chicago millionaire, should be found guilty of forgery, he will hardly be sentenced to the 1820 years' imprisonment the indictments make possible.

If the Bellamy Stokers expected their announced intention to live in France hereafter to arouse any protest in this country they have drawn a big disappointment.

When a man really believes that he is being aided by a star of destiny, he is not apt to be led astray by moonshine.

As a destroyer of property the Ohio river, on a rampage, comes pretty near to ranking in the earthquake class.

Salem's city council has ordered several blocks paved at once. The Capital City is moving steadily to the front.

Lane county seems to have an unusually active delegation in the legislature this year.

Big and Busy Senator. (Salem Journal.) Big Busy the Bingham is the most sought after man in the senate.

Noticed in Seattle. (Seattle Evening News.) The Eugene, Ore., Daily Guard, in its issue of December 8, presents an illustrated supplement containing a comprehensive reprint of Lane county, Oregon. It is excellent advertising, and is a scheme that could be advantageously adopted by the papers of the counties of this state. The Guard's edition spells prosperity and happy homes in large letters.

When I Go Home Again. It comes to me often in silence, When the freight spotters loiter— When the black, uncertain shadows Seem wriths of long ago; Always with a throbbing ache That thrills each pulsing vein Comes the old unquiet longing For the peace of home again.

I'm sick of the roar of cities, (and of faces, cold and strange; I know there's warmth and welcome, And my yearning fingers raise Back to the dear old homestead With an aching sense of pain. But there'll be joy in the coming, When I go home again.

When I go home! There's music That may never die away, And it comes that (and of angels On rustic harps at play, Have touched with a yearning sadness, On a beautiful, broken strain, To which is my fond heart wording When I go home again.

Outside of my dawning window In the great world's crash and din, And slowly the autumn's shadows Come drifting, drifting in, Sighing, the night wind murmurs To the plash of the autumn's rain; But I dream of the glorious greeting When I go home again.

Cured of Lung Trouble. "It is eleven years since I had a narrow escape from consumption," writes C. E. Boyd, a leading business man of Keshaw, S. C. "I had come down in weight to 135 pounds, and coughing was constant, both day and night. Finally I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery and continued it for about six months, when my cough and I was restored to my normal weight, 170 pounds." Thousands of persons healed every year. Guaranteed at W. L. DeLano's drug store, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Breaking a Compact

By BELLE MANNING

Tom Dalton paced the blue gravel road in front of the palatial home waiting for Dorothy. Waiting for Dorothy had been his normal condition this summer.

He was a man whose well made shoulders alone marked him as man of action. This new role of his was not consistent with his principles and habits.

He consulted his watch frequently and saw things under his breath, but the instant he caught sight of the fair young girl in the doorway he forgot his impatience.

When Dorothy's ingenious, dazzling eyes looked into his he drew a quick breath and told himself she was well worth the waiting, however prolonged. "Time was made for slaves, not for Dorothy. It did not even occur to her to ask him if she were late or if he



had been waiting long. She was the only daughter and had been subjected to no rules or regulations.

Her father, William Lloyd, had been perceptibly troubled when approached by Tom on the subject of his love and desire for Dorothy.

"I don't know of a fellow anywhere I think as much of as I do of you, Tom, and there is no one else whom I would like to have for a son-in-law, but you haven't said anything to her yet."

"No. Still, of course, she must know I love her."

Lloyd smiled. "Very likely. But I don't want you to say anything to her until you have known her longer—until you are as truly sure you care enough."

Tom stared. "Do you think any one could know her at all and not love her?"

"I must admit," replied Lloyd, "that we have done all we could to spoil Dorothy, and yet she is not spoiled—she has always had her own way, but it has been a witching, sweet way, we were glad to give it to her. It is our dearest wish and hope that she may always continue in her princess role."

"She has many little characteristics that we can laugh at, but to a conventional, practical, systematic nature like yours I fear will prove distracting. Her oblivion to the flight of time, her responsibility and utter disregard of anything approaching a system will be wearisome to you. I fear, after the glamour of courtship and honeymoon is over, you must take her as she is, with no thought of alteration."

Tom protested that he loved Dorothy as he loved her, but Lloyd would have him change, but Lloyd had seen his looks of impatience and their sudden vanishing this morning.

"There'll come a time when his impatience will linger after Dorothy's arrival on the scene," he reflected, with a sigh.

Meanwhile Tom was mildly remarking to Dorothy that he feared they would be late for the starting of the regatta. Dorothy joyfully rejoined that she had never seen the starting of anything.

"I'm awfully unpunctual," she added, with a little sigh. "It's inconvenient for my friends, but I can't help it. I'm late in the morning and nothing has begun. I've never seen the first net of matinee yet."

new leaf and get up to breakfast, will you do something for me?" His face glowed with enthusiasm and something else.

"There's nothing in the world I wouldn't do for you, Dorothy." "Well, I'll get up to breakfast and make an effort to be on time if you will part your hair in the middle."

"What?" "Yes; it's the only flaw I've discovered in you, Tom. I can't bear hair parted on the side. It's so old-fashioned."

"But I'd look perfectly idiotic with my hair parted in the middle," he protested, appalled at the prospect.

"Now you can see," she cried in triumph, with dancing eyes, "how strange it would seem to me to get up in the morning."

Tom saw that this was his hour, and he met it unflinchingly. "It's a compact, Dorothy. I'll part my hair in the middle or anywhere if you will get up in the morning and occasionally consult a timepiece."

That same evening Dorothy received the first piece of advice ever bestowed upon her by her adoring father.

"You are quite grown up, Dorothy," he suggested gently, "and don't you think you should be a little more systematic or punctual in your mode of life?"

"Et tu, Brute!" she thought, saying aloud: "Say no more, papa. I have promised Tom to get up to breakfast every morning and that I would try and be on time generally."

"You have?" he exclaimed in surprise and with the thought that she surely must love Tom.

"Yes, for a consideration. He is to part his hair in the middle." "Tom Dalton part his hair in the middle? I'd as soon think of Abraham Lincoln dressed as Little Lord Fauntleroy."

This comparison amused Dorothy, and she began to wonder how Tom would look.

"I've invited him to breakfast with us tomorrow, so we will have an opportunity to see how his hair becomes him."

Dorothy did not face the next morning in a spirit of buoyancy. She came into the dining room listlessly and with a feeling that life was a desolate waste.

Her father and mother were already at the table, and Tom soon entered, looking sheepish and conscious. An unwilling smile of amusement was forced back by Dorothy as she looked at his hair and expression. It was incongruous, but she was not going to admit it.

Her words were few, her voice sad, her manner martyred throughout the meal. When later Tom came to take her for a drive she was patiently and dejectedly waiting for him. In the evening she was again on schedule time.

Three days of methodical life dragged on, and then Tom felt that he could no longer endure the new life and the surprised glances at his head.

"Dorothy," he said impetuously, "you seem unhappy. Will you tell me why? Is it coming to breakfast?"

"No, Tom," she replied, with a little laugh that was more like a sob. "I think it's your hair. I can't bear to look at you," and she burst into tearful laughter.

"Dorothy, darling," he said, "I am glad you can't. Let me, too, make a confession. I have learned that your most delightful trait was your blissful disregard of time. To come in from the city where man, woman and child were on a mad rush for trains and see your delicious oblivion to the twelve figures on a timepiece was most refreshing."

"Then shall we go back to our old life?" she cried joyfully. "Yes—or will you begin a new life with me, Dorothy?" "Without breakfast?" she asked enigmatically. "Without breakfast?" he replied solemnly.

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