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THURSDAY, JUNE 27.
SENATOR GEARIN MADE
"A PRETTY FAIR TALK."

A member of the state university graduating class remarked in the Guard office yesterday that ex-Senator Gearin's address to the class was a "pretty fair talk." No doubt it was in the opinion of the young man who has examined all the knowledge of the world into his head during a six years' college course, and to whom all things are naturally commonplace and easy. Probably if Mr. Gearin were also fresh from college, with the accent on the fresh, he might feel complimented by this moderate expression of approval, but at his time of life he is more likely to be amused than otherwise if it should come to his attention.

Senator Gearin is an orator who has few peers in this country and is at his best on an occasion like that of yesterday. Certainly many of his auditors will never have the pleasure of listening to a more able address than this one,—the finished product of many years of thought and labor combined with the rare ability and natural graces of oratory which few men possess, for real orators like real poets, come into the world endowed with the attributes of genius that no artificial training or art was ever able to produce.

Because a brand-new college graduate should have recognized in this oration a "pretty fair talk," we may find much reason for encouragement and hopefulness. It may be taken to mean that some of the older generation have not entirely failed to make good, even from the viewpoint of the young man, who, having garnered all there is of human wisdom in school book lore, goes on to rejuvenate the world and re-adjust those things and conditions that are undeniably as they should not be.

WHY EUGENE DOESN'T SECURE THE RAILROAD.

Eugene is a long time raising \$60,000 for a railroad to the coast that will mean emancipation from the grasp of the S. P. Co. Probably the long-suffering people have not yet reached the point for an actual revolt against the monopoly that is collecting tribute from them and throwing their petitions for relief into the waste baskets. After ten years more of pleading for a new railroad depot for train service on the Wendling branch, adequate shipping facilities and just rates they may conclude to spend a few dollars and exert themselves moderately in their own behalf. That \$60,000 necessary to secure the first thirty-mile section of the Siskiyou railroad should have been pledged in twenty-four hours, and it would have been in a community where the larger property owners are alive to the interests of the town. Here in Eugene a large number of men, whose property would be greatly enhanced in value by the building of the road, are holding back in order to force businessmen of smaller means to bear more than a fair share of the burden. This is a lamentable condition but it probably cannot be remedied as long as this class of men keeps out of the clutches of the undertaker. There is no law that will prevent a human being from cultivating some of the attributes of the lower animals, and the great American hog has earned a world-wide fame.

Naturalists assert that every living animal and insect, no matter how apparently obnoxious and useless, fills some necessary place in the economy of nature, hence we should not be too harsh in our criticism of

the typical Oregon Mossback. He is useful as an example of all that a desirable citizen should not be.

At Roseburg the doctors and lawyers have combined and organized a baseball club with which it is proposed to defeat a nine composed of the city's merchants. This harmonious co-operation of the two professions seems eminently fitting, for after the doctors get through with a man, the lawyers attend to the administration of his estate,—but that has nothing to do with baseball except as illustrating their ability to put a fellow out for good.

Fairbanks is here, there and everywhere, with the glad hand for everybody; yet he seems to be nowhere in the presidential race. They are complicating things by mixing the race and gun questions, in Washington, where a negro seamstress had a society woman arrested for threatening her with a gun. Sort of needle gun, we suppose.

That high sense of honor which the country has been taught to believe existed in the army and navy must have slipped a cog, as a major in the army and a captain in the navy have recently been caught smuggling.

The trust-busters have got around to the ship trust, which is charged with a whole lot of law-busting. The price-busting, in which everybody is deeply interested, is still in a state of innocuous desuetude.

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As long as Secretary Loeb continues to laugh at rumors of war with the Japs summer pic-nickers may safely continue to use Japanese paper napkins.

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