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Better to strive and climb,
And never reach the goal,
Than to drift along with time,
An aimless, worthless soul.
Ay, better to climb and fall,
Or sow, though the yield be small,
Than to throw away
Day after day,
And never strive at all.

Words are mighty, words are living;
Serpents with their venomous stings,
Or bright angels crowding round us,
With heaven's light upon their wings.
Every word has its own spirit,
True or false that never dies;
Every word man's lips have uttered
Echoes in God's skies.
—Adelaide A. Proctor.

THE RICH ARE RARELY HAPPY

John Burroughs, the naturalist, who is now visiting New York, has given out an interview in which he states that it is his candid belief that very few millionaires are really and truly happy. His belief in this respect is shared by a great many others, some of whom speak from actual experience, and others from observation. A certain amount of money—enough to provide comfortably for loved ones and secure some of the luxuries of life—is to be desired, and it is commendable to strive in every legitimate manner to gain this end, but beware of the money-lust, the securing of wealth for the mere satisfaction of money-getting and hoarding. It dwarfs human nature and is damning in its influence. Burroughs is quoted as saying in the interview:

"I do not believe in the doctrine attributed to John D. Rockefeller—that if you want to make your wife happy all you have to do is to give her plenty of money. I do not believe the possession of money and happiness are synonymous. If Mr. Rockefeller is quoted correctly he is making a declaration that, I believe, American women and women all over the world will resent. They want love first of all, if they are provided with the right instincts.

"I sat behind Jay Gould in school, and once he wrote a composition on a slate for me when I needed ideas. That day he needed 70 cents, and I gave him the sum for two old school books. I saw him later in life, when he was worth $70,000,000, but I do not think he was happy. The money fire was blazing in his eyes, and I am sure it reached his brain and consumed his life, sending him to an untimely grave.

"The great problem of today is the making of money. It is unquestionably the occupation that engages the minds of the vast majority of people. But from what I have seen of the life and those leading it, when one has obtained a competency, money is superfluous, just like an excess of what is not needed to round out the figure and give it a handsome appearance. Piling up wealth then becomes like piling on flesh and greatly hinders the enjoyment of the best things of this life.

"I know millionaires and know very few happy ones. True, Mr. Carnegie seems to be an exception because he is different from many other rich men. He is trying to get rid of his money and he is taking a keen delight in doing good with it.

"But even when one disposes of wealth if there is the consciousness that in acquiring it the weaker creatures have been overcome and saddened, I think there must be a tinge of regret in helping others with this very fruit that has been obtained at such cost.

"Money, of course, is necessary to provide for the comfort of existence, but cultured people—I say cultured people, mind you—can doubtless be contented with books when they cannot buy automobiles."

The city of Boise, Idaho, known everywhere as "Boise the Beautiful," a town of 20,000 people, has laid fifty miles of cement walks in the past two years. While Eugene has been going some during that time also, we must take off our hats to the metropolis of the sagebrush plains. This spirit of enterprise has built up Boise from a town of 5000, in a semi-arid country and off the main line of railroad, to a beautiful city of fully 20,000 people, which boasts of the finest homes of any similar city in size in the entire West. Eugene has started on the right track in making good streets, laying permanent walks and building good buildings and beautiful homes, and perseverance is all that is necessary to make a still greater showing than Boise, because our surrounding resources are greater in all respects.

Senator Kelleher, of Multnomah, who introduced the Nesmith county bill, is also sponsor for the bill making the legal length of hotel bed sheets nine feet. Should both these measures become laws Lane county will be so narrow that all our hotels will have to extend the long way east and west in order that landlords may comply with the law without spreading their bed sheets in two counties.

So the new trial of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana has been set for February 23 by Judge Anderson, who will preside.

Once more it is bound to be proven that 23 is a hoodoo, though we need not say who it will hit this time.

The big national Lincoln memorial is not in sight. But we are to have Lincoln 2-cent postage stamps to commemorate his 100th birthday, probably on the theory that a 2-cent memorial is better than none.

Some newspapers are talking about the probability of Oregon people not having to pay any taxes this year. All nonsense! We'll be fortunate if they are no higher than last year.

And those silver dollars with which the Waters-Pierce branch of the Standard Oil trust will pay its big fine will not be considered "tainted" by the Texas authorities.

MINSTRELS AT THE THEATRE THIS EVENING

Everybody is going to the Eagles' minstrels tonight at the Eugene theatre. It is safe to say that there has never before been such an entertainment here outside of the professional ranks as will be given tonight by the jolly birds of Eugene aerie No. 275.

Director Harry Holmes, who has had large experience with such work, says in all candor that he has never directed a minstrel aggregation that pleased the people better than he thinks the Eagles will tonight. The program is said to be rich and rare and some excellent talent will be produced—talent that lay dormant before but has just been brought to light by Mr. Holmes. There will be a crowded house tonight—every seat has been taken.

The parade pulled off on Willamette street this afternoon was a corker. It was witnessed by big crowds that lined the street from end to end. After the parade the minstrel aggregation repaired to the courthouse steps, where they were photographed.

The show will be repeated tomorrow night and indications are that there will be a good house that night, too.

RACE WAR CAUSES DEATH OF TWO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

Cincinnati, Jan. 28.—Race feeling is said to have inspired a battle between white boys and colored youths last night which culminated in the death of William Wiebold, aged 17, (white), and the probably fatal injury of Chas. Ralf, aged 18 (white). The alleged murderer as Atlas Telford, aged 20 (negro), is a high school student and declares he cut the white boys in self-defense.

LIVESTOCK GROWERS ADOPT RESOLUTIONS

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free list and restriction of the forest service to the growth and protection of timber.

Next Meeting At Denver

Denver was selected as the next place of meeting of the National Livestock Association, and the following officers were unanimously re-elected: President, H. A. Jastro, of Bakersfield, Cal.; first vice president, Murdo MacKenzie, of Trinidad, Colo.; J. M. Carey, of Cheyenne, second vice president, succeeding M. K. Parsons, of Salt Lake. The other officers will be re-appointed by the executive committee.

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$250,000 TIMBER DEAL IS BEING MADE HERE

A deal for the sale of a large acreage of Siuslaw timber land and involving $250,000, is being negotiated in Eugene and a payment of $150,000 has been made, a check from the Merchants' National Bank of Portland having been received by Fred Fisk, who is negotiating the sale, a day or so ago. The name of the purchaser is not given out, neither are the names of the holders of the land. This sale indicates the beginning of the resumption of activity in the timber market.

RUSSIAN PRISONER IS GIVEN LIBERTY

Chicago, Jan 28.—Christian Rudewitz, who was saved from extradition to Russia when Secretary of State Root on Monday ruled that the crime with which the Russian government accused the prisoner was political in character, was released from jail today.

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Edward Holzheimer, of Pocatello, Suddenly Disappears From Capital of State

Boise, Jan. 28.—The police are unable to locate Edward L. Holzheimer, of Pocatello, a member of the Idaho house of representatives from Bannock county, for whose arrest a warrant was issued yesterday on the charge of forgery. He is charged with forging the name of D. G. Brannon to a chattel mortgage property valued at three thousand dollars.

Not in Portland

Portland, Jan. 28.—The local police have been asked to watch for Holzheimer, but so far no trace of him has been found in this city.

DAN CALLAHAN SEES MANY WONDROUS THINGS

B. J. Callahan, of Seaside, Or., and Dan Callahan, of Fairbanks, Alaska, arrived in Eugene this afternoon to visit their brother, D. R. Callahan, who resides here. This is the first visit of Dan Callahan to the states for many years, being engaged in business at Fairbanks that would not permit of his getting out of that country before. The following press dispatch in yesterday's Oregonian tells of his arrival at Seattle:

"Seattle, Wash., Jan. 24—Dan Callahan is out from Alaska for the first time in 27 years. Callahan is known as the chief of the Burch Creek Indians, but he is not an Indian. When he stepped off the Yucatan his eyes fairly bulged, for when he last saw this section of the country Seattle was hardly worthy of being called a city. He had never seen an electric car, much less an automobile. He could not be induced to enter the latter vehicles, so a couple of old-time Alaska friends put up a job on him. As they came out of a cafe one of them stole away and explained the situation to a police sergeant. The arrest of Callahan immediately followed and he was taken to police headquarters in an automobile patrol, only to be immediately released.

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