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THE ROSES.

The sweetheart-roses linger and smiling deck the sod
 And the world is like a picture where the green hills smile to God!
 And life's sweet in the living, for no blessing He denies,
 And the soul's divine thanks giving floats in incense to the skies.

The sweetheart-roses linger; Though we wander far away
 God ever sends his roses for a memory of May;
 And the world is growing brighter with the morning and the night—
 We're going on to glory in the beauty of the Light!
 —Atlanta Constitution.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO TOWNS

The Corvallis Daily Gazette-Times said in a recent issue: "A likeness of Eugene's \$1200 electric fountain presented by the Ladies' Auxiliary of that city appeared in yesterday's Oregonian. That was a cheerful sight to Corvallis people who recall that the inactivity of the city officials has just lost to Corvallis a fountain that would have cost as much or more."

"While the Eugene women have been working their fingers off to get a \$1200 fountain, Corvallis people have carelessly let slip from their grasp a fountain that would have cost them nothing but some evidence of the appreciation of the gift. That's the difference between the Eugene and the Corvallis way, and the difference in the way of the two Willamette valley towns is largely responsible for the difference in the population and general progress of the two places."

The Guard today prints a long article written by Mr. A. B. Black, dealing with the subject of irrigation in the Willamette valley. No man has given the subject more study than has Mr. Black, and his views are entitled to serious consideration. The Guard believes that before many years have passed the entire valley will be under ditch, and that its productiveness will in this way be increased four-fold. Because we have a good country now is no reason why we should not labor to increase its fertility, and under a system of irrigation make it capable of supporting a much denser population.

Next Monday the soliciting committees will begin work on the Eugene-Siuslaw stock subscription. They should be able to secure \$50,000 the first day, an amount which will justify them in putting engineers in the field and beginning active work. Let everybody help.

Beginning next Saturday The Guard will print a new serial story, "The Man From Brodney's," by George Barr McCutcheon. Our readers will find it one of the strongest and most interesting novels this popular author has ever written.

Geel! Let's wrap our heads in cracked ice and try to keep cool. Here's General Otto, commander of Canada's joke military forces, saying that he could lick Uncle Sam out of his boots if we dared to go to war with Canada.

"Loeb likes politics" says a headline, referring to Mr. Roosevelt's former secretary. Well, pray, why shouldn't he? Politics has been mighty good to him—is paying him \$12,000 per right now.

And now they're claiming that a Frenchman, and not our Ben Franklin, invented the lightning rod. Next they'll be charging that Ben swiped all his paragraphs from the German "funny" papers.

The deposed sultan of Turkey desires to end his days quietly and peacefully, the cable informs us, and it is easy to believe, but that he will be allowed to do so is a feat of another color.

Collecting rent appears to be a dangerous job in St. Louis, where a woman killed a collector with a baseball bat for insisting on getting the cash.

Eugene has expended \$800,000 in the building of homes during the past fifteen months. And the next fifteen months will see a still greater number built.

Barnum is long dead, but the public is still being humbugged. Maybe he was right in saying that the people liked to be, provided it was cleverly done, but some of it is anything but clever.

Lane county has carried off first prize in the cherry fair—and deserved it, too. We grow the finest cherries in the world here.

Don't poke too much fun at the wise graduate; he may be a wise man one day and make you sweat for it.

WHAT IRRIGATION MEANS TO WILLAMETTE VALLEY LANDS

Land Owners of the Willamette Valley:

You should not only carefully note climatic conditions and the damaging effect, but you should also carefully and impartially analyze the official rainfall (Eugene and Albany) for the upper Willamette Valley. These records cannot be successfully contradicted, and they furnish the facts which positively establish the great necessity of irrigation in this valley. For fear that some do not understand how to correctly apply them, from the rainfall records to irrigation, I shall endeavor to herein assist in that line.

You must have sufficient moisture and heat combined at the proper time to be able to develop the maximum amount of valuable resources which are in the soil. Dry farming, which is the rule in the Willamette valley, when you have sufficient heat to grow crops, is but a lame excuse for irrigation when the results are measured by production. Many land owners in the Willamette valley have informed me, at different times in the last five years, that they are satisfied with the production they get from the soil under the present method. If you will correctly inform yourselves of the difference between dry farming under present conditions and scientific farming under modern irrigation, measured by the production, I feel sure you will arrive at the conclusion that it is time to cast off that satisfied feeling.

Said official rainfall records, for the last ten years, furnish positive proof and establish the fact that your fruit trees, hop vines and crops do not receive one-fourth the necessary amount of moisture when needed, and also that in some seasons there is less than one-fourth inch of rainfall in sixty to seventy days in the hot summer, causing even the sturdy oak to then struggle for life, and also causing stunted, dwarfed and inferior products from the field, orchard and vine. You do not pay sufficient attention to the official rainfall records, when copious rain again falls you first minimize, then forget, the damage done by the drought each year.

A large book of the strongest and most truthful data and undisputed evidence supporting irrigation could be furnished, but it is unnecessary. The time has come when there is but one side left to it, only one redeeming feature, viz.: irrigation. Cast your prejudice aside, view this subject in an impartial manner and you will be able to convince yourselves that what you need and must have is water to irrigate your land. It has already been demonstrated that irrigation in the Willamette Valley will double, treble and quadruple the production, also produce the second crop of alfalfa ready to harvest the 25th day of June. If you do not care to perform the necessary work it will be far better, also good business policy, for you to make equitable arrangements to have others irrigate your land, and thereby quadruple its present intrinsic value.

Take the arable land of the Willamette valley as a whole, excepting the orchards, hopyards and berry patches, which are only a bascule of the total acreage, and the production under present conditions, on an average, will not pay the land owners an farm, and enable the farmer to produce more from forty acres than he now can from one hundred acres. Diversified farming under modern irrigation, green feed all year, dairy cows, pigs, poultry and stock-feeding all combined will largely increase their owner's bank account, make him independent of the summer drought and enrich his land each year. The absolute certainty of profitable crops by irrigation in an arid or semi-arid climate make good irrigated land worth three to four times as much as the best rainfall land when measured by production. Capital is ready to construct, maintain and operate irrigation works in this valley whenever the land owners will guarantee to use sufficient water to justify such construction.

Property owners and business men of Eugene:—You are building an ideal city, the educational centre of the state, a city of homes, culture and refinement. You should at the same time endeavor to establish a solid and safe foundation that will guarantee the future prosperity of Eugene financially. You should develop, or assist to develop, all resources tributary to Eugene. It can be truthfully stated that you have neglected to act on that line, notwithstanding the fact that you have been advised time and again during the last four years to develop the most important factor alluded to herein. Public men have also, quite recently, warned you to develop the resources of your surrounding territory and Eugene would take care of itself. The press of Eugene have also published these statements. Reliable information from importers, wholesale and retail merchants, show that the money sent abroad for hay, feed, ham, bacon, lard, butter, sugar, canned tomatoes, canned corn, canned peas, potatoes, turnips, cabbage, beans, beets, onions, celery, canned asparagus and cold storage eggs imported into Lane county by Eugene, Springfield, Junction, Coburg, Goshen, Cottage Grove, Pleasant Hill, Dexter, Lowell and the McKenzie river section amounts to over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually. All the above mentioned imported agricultural products should have been, and can be, produced in Lane county with irrigation. (Continued on page nine)

LADIES' SPECIAL AUCTION AT EATON'S THURSDAY AFTERNOON

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