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NOTES AND COMMENTS

My Auto 'Tis of Thee

My auto, 'tis of thee,
Short cut to poverty,
Of thee I chant.
I blew a pile of dough
On you two years ago,
Now you refuse to go,
Or won't, or can't.
Through town and countryside,
You were my joy and pride;
A happy day.
I loved thy gaudy hue,
Thy four white tires, so new,
Now down and out for true,
In every way.
To thee, old rattle box,
Came many bumps and knocks,
For thee I grieve.
Badly thy top is torn,
Frayed are thy seats and worn,
A cough affects thy horn,
I do believe.
Thy perfume smells the breezes,
While good folks choke and wheeze,
As we pass by.
I paid for thee a price,
'Twould buy a mansion twice,
Now all are yelling "Ice"
I wonder why.
Thy motor has the gripe,
Thy spark plugs have the pip
And woe is thine.
I, too, have suffered chills,
Ague and kindred ills
Trying to pay my bills
Since thou wert mine.
—Exchange.

A lady friend observes that the mail order catalog wears out three times as quickly as does the Bible.

The mysterious stranger is a man who comes to town and do sn't tell you what his business is.

Laura Jean Libby says young people should love sensibly. Would that be extracting about half the joy from it?

The latest medical opinion is that cancer is caused by high living. Then most of the people will be safe for some time to come.

Someone has figured out that everything is divided most unevenly in this world. The rich men have twin sixes and the poor man six twins.

A Zanesville, Ohio, paper states that Miss Maytyle Collins has sued John L. Nelson at Columbus for \$5,000 damages as the result of an accident on the bathing beach toboggan at Buckeye Lake last July. Miss Collins says she picked up a splinter while sliding down the toboggan, severely wounding her dignity.

On page five of this issue is a very interesting article, set in small type and signed by Sheriff Applegate. It is headed "Notice to Taxpayers" and tells you when you must pay your taxes if you hope to escape penalty and interest. The county pays for publishing this notice, so read it.

The eastern people are a great deal more alarmed about the signs of the times than those in the west. They have cause to be, especially in New York and the east coast cities. There are so many millionaires in New York that they can easily spend half they are worth for coast defense.

Two weeks ago the Express made some comments not at all complimentary to the editors who went to Salem and asked the legislators not to repeal the expensive tax list publication law. The shoe evidently pinched the lonely Twin, for he whines and intimates that newspapers which

publish foreclosure notices are as bad as those which publish the delinquent tax lists. Possibly. But there are a lot of editors, even those of "little" papers, who have too much dignity to go begging to the legislature for a chance to rob their friends and subscribers. What the Express complained of was that the editors who went to Salem were trying to make the legislators forget their promises of economy, made before election. The good Lord knows the average legislator is extravagant enough, without a lot of flesh-hungry grafters hanging to his coat-tails asking for a bite at the swag. So please remember, Twin, that, while the Express accepts the full legal rate for publishing legal notices, its editor does not try to bulldoze or bribe lawmakers to do what they know is wrong.

CHANGE THE TUNE, WILLIAM

"You shall not bury the Democratic party in a drunkard's grave!" declared Mr. Bryan to Illinois Democrats.

Pure waste of wind, William. When they feel like interring the Democratic party in Illinois, they don't dig no graves. They just go out and pile about 800,000 votes on it. Filling him with good liquor and putting him in a real grave would sure mean happiness to an Illinois Democrat.—Portland News

He only kissed her on the cheek;
It seemed a simple frolic,
But he was sick in bed a week,
They called it painter's colic.
—Town Topics.

JUST FRIGHTFUL

It costs \$29,000 a year to support 4-year-old John Jacob Astor, according to his mother's report to the New York courts. Among the items are, toys, \$5750; doctors, \$6524; lawyers, \$4000

It's something awful! The way they're starving that poor little fellow in the matter of doctors and lawyers is a shame. To be sure, doctors and lawyers have gone up on account of the war, but just think of a child struggling along on only \$5750 worth of toys!

This is Washington's birthday anniversary

Hillsboro Defeats High School Bonds

The proposal to float bonds in the sum of \$14,000 for an addition to the high school and equipment for a gymnasium, was defeated at an election at Hillsboro Saturday, 160 to 150.

The chief cause of the defeat was opposition from the south part of the city, where the old, antiquated wooden building serves as a grammar and primary school. The measure was indorsed by the Parent-Teacher association.

Less than one third of the vote of the district was cast.

Abraham Lincoln

Following are a few extracts from a speech delivered by Judge Beach on Feb. 12 at the Forest Grove High School:

"This is a good time to think about our country. We Americans do not think about our country as often as we should. We are too busy and too prone

to criticize. It is easier to find fault than to work to eradicate the imperfections of which we complain.

"We should study our history with greater zeal and fix more firmly the national ideal. I am indebted to Judge Wanamker of the supreme court of Ohio for this fine idea: 'Let the American high school teach at least one year of Lincoln in place of Caesar, Cicero or Virgil, through which nine out of ten high school pupils blunder and forget within a few years.'

"Teaching the English language is one of the prime objects of public school instruction. Lincoln was one of the masters of English: His simple, luminous sentences, which go as straight as bullets, are models for the pupils that cannot be improved upon.

"I cannot think of anything more sure to engage the imagination and quicken the pulse of American youth than the study of Lincoln. It is the heart of America's story, red and warm.

"He saw the human side of the politics of his time, and that is all there is to progressive politics. It is all that democracy, as a political movement, involves. The boy or girl who thoroughly knows Lincoln's life has received a liberal education in the political history of the United States—and something of even higher value than that.

"It is an education, moreover, that would attract and not repel youth, for it vividly breathes the life which youth finds about it outside the schoolroom.

"Since history began, power has been always intimately allied with haughtiness, harshness and dire cruelty; authority with arbitrary selfishness; war with spoliation and vengeance.

"No Asiatic despot or military chief ever held in his hand the absolute power wielded by Abraham Lincoln; yet no man was more humble before the Lord and the meanest of His people. Authority, in Abraham Lincoln's hands, was determined justice, ever swerving toward mercy. Every hour of Lincoln's life saw some deed of mercy, some act of forgiveness, not one of hate or vindictiveness. Not since the Divine Tragedy on Calvary has mankind seen such an exaltation of the soul as in Abraham Lincoln."

PUBLIC UTTERANCES OF WASHINGTON

"Refrain from drink, which is the source of all evil."

"Arms should be the last resource, the dernier resort."

"Perseverance and spirit have done wonders in all ages."

"Envious of none, I am determined to be pleased with all, and this being the order of march, I shall move gently down the stream of life until I sleep with my fathers."

"For my part, I never did, nor do I believe I ever shall, give advice to a woman who is setting out on a matrimonial voyage: first, because I never could advise one to marry without her own consent; and, secondly, because I know it is no purpose to advise her to refrain when she has obtained it."

"A good moral character is the first essential in a man."

"I would wish anything and everything essayed to prevent the effusion of blood."

"I also give it in charge to you to avoid all disrespect of the religion of the country and its customs. Prudence, policy and true Christian spirit will lead us to look with compassion upon their errors, without condemning or insulting them. We should be very cautious not to violate the rights or consciences of others, ever considering that God alone is the judge of the hearts of men, and to Him only, in this case, are they answerable."

"One fault overlooked begets another, that a third, and so on."

"My policy has been to cultivate peace with all the world. I most sincerely and devoutly wish that the exertions of those having this object in view may effect what human nature cries aloud for—a general peace."

"Pursue a wise, just policy toward one another and keep good faith with the rest of the world."

Oregon Prohis Are Happy

"Oregon now has one of the most drastic bone dry laws in America. The state Anti-Saloon League has sent copies of the law to 24 states which asked for it for the purpose of attempting to pass similar laws," said R. P. Hutton,

Blossom Time in the Golden State

A friend just back from Southern California says: "The weather was fine, in fact, too warm for heavy clothes. Many were bathing at the beaches. Oranges were ripe in the valleys, while the mountains nearby were covered with snow."

With warm, sunny weather, it will not be long before the blossoms on the trees will be everywhere announcing that springtime is here.

Take a vacation trip now, where life is different; where climate, surroundings and amusements are out of the ordinary. Spend a *different* February.

Three Trains Daily

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Ask the agent.

John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent
Portland, Oregon

Southern Pacific Lines

state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of Oregon, who was a visitor in the Grove Saturday.

"The Anti-Saloon League will change the nature of its work now. They will direct attention locally to the enforcement of law and will also give aid to the national bone dry amendment. Rev. E. J. Moore, who was in Portland Tuesday, said he was coming to focus pressure on congress for this measure. The prediction is that it will pass the house, but it is feared that it will be delayed to its death by filibusters in the senate

"The Oregon legislature memorialized the congress to pass this measure and 17 of the 20 members from Multnomah county voted for this memorial. In view of these facts, coupled with the fact that the people voted "bone dry," it is hard to see how Congressman C. N. McArthur can longer justify his refusal to vote for this measure. We hope that he will now vote for it."

Three eastern states have been inquiring as to the possibility of securing Mr. Hutton's services, but he says that the Oregon climate offsets salary advantages, so far as he is concerned.

The Express prints butter wrappers with non-poisonous ink.

A Frances Willard Meeting

The usual parlor meeting of the W. C. T. U., held on Friday, the 16th, took the form of a Frances Willard memorial day with a program fitting to such an occasion.

The exercises opened with devotional services, led by Mrs. Burns, followed by a responsive roll call, after which Mrs. Showers read a paper on "Frances Willard and her World-wide Way," taken from the Union Signal. Margaret Jones rendered a solo and Mrs. Burns gave some account of the purpose and meaning of the annual memorial day. Mrs. Walker read of "Christmas at Ellis Island" and Mrs. Penfield spoke of Miss Willard as she knew her, with special reference to her democratic ways, giving instances of the same. A collection was taken for the memorial day fund and the program closed with a recital by Lois Livingston on "Frances Willard."

Refreshments were served by the social committee and a large gathering of women, which filled the rooms of Mrs. Marsilliot's home, departed full of plans for another occasion.

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