



ARBOR DAY GEMS.

Woodman, Spare That Tree.

Woodman, spare that tree!
Tough not a single bough!
In youth it sheltered me,
And I'll protect it now.
'Twas my forefather's hand
That placed it near his cot:
There, woodman, let it stand,
Thy ax shall harm it not!
That old familiar tree,
Whose glory and renown
Are spread o'er land and sea,—
And wouldst thou hack it down?
Woodman, forbear thy stroke!
Cut not its earth-bound ties;
Oh, spare that aged oak,
Now towering to the skies!
When but an idle boy
I sought its grateful shade:
In all their gushing joy,
Here, too, my sisters played.
My mother kissed me here:
My father pressed my hand—
Forgive the foolish tear:
But let that old oak stand.
My heart-strings round thee cling,
Close as thy bark, old friend,
Here shall the wild bird sing,
And still thy branches bend.
Old tree, the storm still brave!
And, Woodman, leave the spot;
While I've a hand to save,
Thy ax shall harm it not.—Morris.

What Do We Plant When We Plant the Tree?

What do we plant when we plant the tree?
We plant the ship which will cross the sea,
We plant the masts to carry the sails,
We plant the planks to withstand the gales,
The keel, the keelson, and beam and knee,
We plant the ship when we plant the tree.
What do we plant when we plant trees?
We plant the houses for you and me.
We plant the rafters, the shingles, the floors,
We plant the studding, the lath, the doors,
The beams and siding, all parts that be,
We plant the house when we plant the tree.
What do we plant when we plant the tree?
A thousand things that we daily see.
We plant the spire that out towers the spire,
We plant the staff for our country's flag,
We plant the shade from the hot sun free;
We plant all these when we plant the tree.—Henry Abbey.

When the Green Gets Back on the Trees.

In the spring when the green gets back on the trees,
And the sun comes out and stays,
And your boots pull on with a right good squeeze
And you think of your barefoot days;
When you ort to work and you want to not,
And you and your wife agrees
It's time to spade up your garden lot—
When the green gets back on the trees.
Well, work in the least of my ideas,
When the green, you know, gets back on the trees.
When the green gets back on the trees and bees
Is buzzin' aroun agin,
In that kind of 'lazy-go-as-you-please'
Old gait they hum roun' in;
When the groun's all bald where the hayrick stood
And the crick's ris and the breeze
Coaxing the bloom in the old dogwood,
And the green gets back in the trees,
I like, as I say, in such scenes as these,
The time when the green gets back on the trees.
When the whole tail feathers o' winter time
Is pulled out and gone,
And the sap it thaws and begins to climb,
And the sweat it starts out on
A feller's forrerd, a-gitten down
At the old spring on his knees—
I kind o' like jes' a loafin aroun
When the green gets back on the trees—
Jes' a-potterin roun as I-durn-please,
When the green, you know, gets back on the trees.
—James Whitcomb Riley.

Letter From Kake, Alaska.

Alaska, now called the golden North, is a wonderful and great country whose resources and extent are but slightly understood by the majority of people. Once considered the home of the polar bear, of icebergs and nothing but

frozen extents, it is proving to be as habitable and as productive in many ways as other sections of the country. Vegetables and flowers of beautiful colors and hundreds of varieties grow in abundance in many places here. The climate at Kake is not unlike that of the northern and central parts of the United States. Snow falls occasionally but not to any great depth. The mildness here is due to the Japan ocean current.

Kake, one of the most interesting native villages of Alaska, stretches along the beach with its background of mountains covered with pine, fir and spruce trees. This island on which it is located is said to be eighty miles in length and sixty miles in width. On every side are islands and the snow capped crests of Buranoff Island are quite plainly seen from here—making a panorama of ever changing views for the clouds and atmospheric effects are ever beautiful while the sunlight and moonlight have a quality about them that is different from that in other places. The stars also have a clear brilliancy that is very beautiful while the Northern Lights add to the beauty and wonder of the skies at night.

Of the natives much that is excellent is found in their lives and characters. Susceptible to training and eager to improve they are found to be apt pupils and very intelligent. They are proud people—like good qualities in clothing and dress and in many of their homes one sees, too, the effort to adopt white people's ways. They much resemble the Japanese in features and they dress entirely as white people—all the old Indian blankets and Indian ways of dressing having been displaced by cloth suits, silk waists and dresses. Many are also building individual homes—giving up the old way of a number of families sharing one house.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the Friends Mission which has been the pattern home and the elevating influence which has changed Kake from a typical Indian village into a modern and good little town. The girls who were trained in the mission go back to their homes and carry the excellent influences of the mission into them. The mission becomes "the leaven that leavens the whole lump." While to some it may appear that the work of the mission is less needed, to one who studies the situation it is apparent that the mission still has a great work to do. It must keep what it has obtained. It must still be the example and pattern—the center for good to which the natives will always look for direction and help. The Salvation Army which has been established here may be termed an out growth of the mission for almost all of its members are also members of the Friends church. It only gives greater scope to religious teachings and is consequently a benefit and good in all ways. The present residents of the mission Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smith and Jay Mills, of Newberg, have won many loyal friends among the people here. They are kind and good to all and their example of the attractive home life has an excellent effect. Meetings have been held each Sunday although but few are now in the village. Yet those few seem very appreciative of the privilege of attending the meetings. There is a quality in the testimonies and prayers of the natives that one feels very strongly when they are interpreted. They are very reverent and their great kind

hearts seem to go out in the most earnest pleading to the Great Father of all in their prayers. And they are wonderfully kind to their children.

The school here is also an element of great good and is taught and kept in entire sympathy with the church. The education which ignores the importance of the religious in the nature of those taught is not true education. Church and school alike need to keep in view the highest good of those taught—the development of true characters in which religious integrity has as definite a place as the fundamental elements of education.

To those who "lend a hand" in the support and maintenance of the Friends Mission it can be said a noble work is being upheld and carried forward here. Everything that adds to its usefulness does that much more good. And it is hoped that the mission may grow and expand as the village improves and grows and that it may remain the center of all that is best and noblest, uplifting and blessing the lives of these natives.

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Kake, Alaska,
March 24, 1908.

Tyrollean Queen—Duncan's Hall

Prof. Carrick's singing class will render the opera "Tyrollean Queen" in Duncan's Opera House on Thursday and Friday evenings, April 16th and 17th. Scene I—A shady rock bound grove. Scene II—A wayside Gypsy camp. Scene III—A gloomy forest. The music is bright, pretty and catchy, and consists of solos, duets and choruses. Special features. Beautiful costumes, Gypsies in their ring drill, special light effects, splendid setting, beautiful music. A full description of the play will be placed in the hands of the audience so that all can follow the action intelligently. Seats on sale at both drug stores on Monday morning April 13th. Reserved seats 35c, general admission 25c, children 15c.

Cake or Fulton, Which?

It will be well for republicans to study carefully and well the peculiar situation now confronting them in the selection of a candidate for United States Senator at the April primary. The candidacy of Gov. Chamberlain on the Cake platform adds new complications to the situation. If the three were to race for the June election it would certainly add material strength to Mr. Fulton, as both Mr. Cake and Mr. Chamberlain are committed to Statement No. 1, or the election of a Senator by direct vote of the people, while Mr. Fulton is on record as opposing it. But at the April primary, either Mr. Fulton or Mr. Cake must step aside. We have studied the situation carefully and draw the following conclusions:

1st. Should Mr. Cake receive the republican nomination it will place Mr. Chamberlain "between the devil and the sea" without a platform to stand on, he having voluntarily assumed a non-partisan, happy-go-lucky gait going the whole hog on Statement No. 1 and telling his democratic brethren he recently loved so well that he has become infatuated "with most of the Roosevelt policies"—until after the June election—after which time the probationary state will cease and be again permitted to exercise his conscience by voting for democratic measures in the Senate, if elected.

2nd. That as Mr. Cake has

firmly stood for, and manfully defended Statement No. 1 for the past two years, there would be no just cause for republicans to prefer a new convert from the democratic ranks on this question of vital importance to the state and nation which will come up during the Senatorial term.

3rd. That in the light of past history, with legislative holdups, corrupt use of money to "influence" senators and representatives, men seeking election to the legislature on Senatorial years to see the fun; special trains running with all other corrupting influences in connection therewith, thus bringing shame and disgrace on the fair name of our state, our people will never return again to the old system of election by the legislature.

4th. That a very large majority of the newspapers of the state are first, last and all the time in favor of the people electing a senator.

5th. That nearly every grange in the state has declared by resolution that they will not support candidates for the legislature who are opposed to election by the people.

6th. That it is a republican measure passed by a republican legislature.

7th. Nearly every candidate that has announced for the legislature has subscribed to Statement No. 1, at least in modified form and those who tailed had to come back and take their medicine.

8th. With 30,000 republican majority behind Mr. Cake, would it be possible for Mr. Chamberlain to jump sideways into the United States Senate by using a little soft soap on weak-kneed republicans? We think not.

9th. Should Mr. Fulton be nominated the conditions would be entirely reversed, thus placing Fulton on the defensive instead of Chamberlain which would at least greatly reduce the republican majority.

In view of these facts as we see them, we must say that to our minds the safest, surest and best thing for republicans to do is to vote for Mr. Cake for United States senator.—Corvallis Gazette.

A Special Word.



Unless the delicate, exactly adjusted parts of a watch are kept clean and lubricated, they are certain to become worn to a greater or less extent and the movement will surely lose its accuracy. Tiny particles of grit are bound to work into the best protected movement; the oil will become gummy in time and these combined will serve to cut and grind the pivots and cause friction.

Every watch should be thoroughly cleaned and oiled at least once in eighteen months, and if yours has not been cleaned within that time, it should have immediate attention. We will clean your watch precisely as it would be done in the best watch factories—take the movement entirely apart, clean each wheel, cog and pivot separately, assemble and regulate it—and when you get it back you may depend upon it being in "perfect shape."

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