

**A PERFECTLY AWFULLY LOVELY STORY.**

There was once a perfectly modern girl, with perfectly modern ways. Who saw perfection in everything That happened to meet her gaze. Such perfectly lovely things she said, And perfectly awful too. That none would have dared to doubt her word. So perfectly, perfectly true. The weather, she said, in summer time, Was perfectly awfully warm; The winter was perfect, too, when there came Some perfectly terrible storm. She went to a perfectly horrid school, In a perfectly horrid town; And the perfectly horrid teachers there Did things up perfectly brown. The lessons were perfectly fearfully long, But never perfectly said; And whenever she failed, as often she did, Her face grew perfectly red. The church she attended was perfectly mag— With a perfectly heavenly spire, And perfect crowds go there to hear A perfectly charming choir. The latest style is perfectly sweet, The last the perfectest out; The books she reads are perfectly good, (But here we raise a doubt). A ride she took was perfectly grand, On a perfectly gorgeous day, With a perfectly nobby friend of hers, Who happened to pass that way. The perfectly elegant falls she'd seen When on the way to the lake, And the graphic description she gave us all Was simply a modern mistake. The perfectly splendid foam dashed up In a perfectly killing style, And the perfectly terrible waves came down In a perfectly lovely pile. I might go on with the perfect poem, And write to the end of time; But fearing to wear your patience out, Will bring to an end my rhyme. —Louisville Courier-Journal

**The Good Old Way.**

The mossback is a peculiar animal. He is not confined to any particular locality, though he is especially numerous in the Northwest. His great forte generally is opposition to anything new, and entire satisfaction with the past. Any schemes for the encouragement of immigration, the construction of railroads, the development of the country, are certain to meet with his hostility. Liberality is confounded with extravagance, and stinginess with economy. All new enterprises which might encourage immigration or stimulate activity, are regarded with suspicion, if not positively discouraged. Attempts to keep abreast of the times in all important matters are stubbornly resisted. If a new school house is to be built which is to be a credit to the town, some objection is immediately urged on the score of expense. If such a building is finally erected, and modern systems of instruction introduced, it is held up as an instance of extravagance of the new fangled notions of the age. —[News.]

**Powderly Talks.**

In his recent speech in New York G. M. W. Powderly spoke thus: "You say the Knights of Labor do not meddle in politics. We are not in the habit of standing in a rum-hole-door asking for votes or for voting for this or that man because he is a good fellow. But in the sense of demanding good government by good men, irrespective of party, you may count on the Knights of Labor first, last and all the time. We mean to mark statesmen. That one who thinks vested rights of property stand above the natural rights of man must go. There are others who fail to come up to the demands of advanced statesmanship, and they will feel that we are American citizens, and that while we are not party men we are politicians in the new sense of the word. Three bridges projected and to be actually built across the Willamette! It never rains but it pours! Those projected are: The railroad bridge at north end of Portland; a bridge from Madison street in Portland to Y street in East Portland—capital stock \$110,000; the Morrison street concern—the stock holders of which say that the material is being produced in San Francisco as fast as possible, and that the building will be commenced when the river is at its lowest. Those under construction: a bridge across the Willamette at Salem—cost, \$50,000; bridge at Ray's landing, for general purposes and for the passage of railway trains—capital stock \$100,000. It is calculated that the construction of the five structures will involve the expenditure of \$500,000. This is lots of money for Oregon to expend in public improvements: perhaps it is that our citizens are awakening from their long sleep. —[Ex.]

An enterprising citizen in Idaho was elected a justice of the peace, and the only law book he had was a "Cushing's Manual." The first case before him was that of a cowboy, for stealing a steer. When the case was called the only lawyer in the little town was there to defend the prisoner. "As there is no counsel for the other side," he said, "I make a motion the case be dismissed." The justice looked over his manual. "A motion has to be seconded," he said. "I second the motion," promptly responded the prisoner. "The motion has been made and seconded that the case be dismissed," said the court. "All in favor will please say aye." "The prisoner and his attorney voted aye." "All opposed say no." Nobody voted. "The motion is carried, and the case is dismissed," remarked the court. "A motion to adjourn

is now in order." The prisoner made the motion and the court adjourned. —[Review.]

There are 74 weekly, 7 daily, 3 semi-weekly and 3 monthly newspapers in Oregon, one paper to every 2200 people, which means about one paper to every 440 voters, possible supporter of newspapers. To say that the paper printing business is overdone in this State is drawing it mild; it's actually butchered, murdered, outraged. If Oregon had about one-fourth the papers it has it would be possible for them to be newspapers, and not, as three-fourths of them are, mere travesties on newspaperism. You might argue that people will naturally patronize a paper that gives the most news, but people naturally don't do anything of the kind. The snidest kind of a 2x4 sheet spawned from a hateful of mortgaged type will and does receive patronage, that does not make its pilot anything but a miserable existence, and it is sometimes sufficient to hold back a half-way newspaper from becoming a splendid one. —[Ex.]

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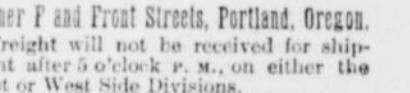
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