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I AM NOT OLD.

I am not old-I cannot be old, Though three score years and ten Have wasted away like a tale that is told, The lives of other men

I am not old-though friends and foes Alike have gone to their graves: And left me alone to my joys and my woes, As a rock in the midst of the waves.

I am not old-I cannot be old, Though tottering, wrinkled and gray; Though my eyes are dim, and my marrow is Call me not old to-day!

For early memories round me throng Of times, and manners, and men; As I look behind my journey so long. Of three score miles and ten.

I look behind and am once more young, Buoyant, and brave, and bold: And my heart can sing, as of yore it sung. Before they called me old.

I do not see her-the old wife there-Shrivelled, and haggard, and gray; But I look on her blooming, soft and fair, As she was on her wedding day.

I do not see you, daughters and sons, In the likeness of women and men; But I kiss you now as I kissed you once, My fond little children then.

And as my own grandsen rides on my knee Or plays with his hoop or kite, I can well recollect I was merry as he. The bright eyed little wight!

"Tis not long since—it cannot be long, My years so soon were spent, Since I was a boy, both straight and strong, But now I'm feeble and bent.

A dream, a dream-it is all a dream! A strange, sad dream, good sooth; For old as I am, and old as I seem, My beart is full of youth.

Eve hath not seeen, tongue hath not told, And ear hath not heard it sung. How buoyant and bold, though it seems to Is the heart forever young! grow old,

Forever young though life's old age Hath over nerve unstrung; The heart, the heart is a heritage, That keeps the old man young!

A fellow in Portland called Dr. Vanmonciscar receives a rather severe handling at the hands of the East Oregonian.

Apparently the K of L have resolved to go deliberately about the business of their session. If they permit this thing of having so much trouble among themselves it will liable to disrupt the organization at any moment. It takes strong adhesive principles to hold men together in civilized America. Ambitious leaders work themselves to the front, and soon corrupt political organizations, and all others united on the basis of self-protection. The K of L have had an unprecedented growth since their organization. The body is becoming unwieldly, and questions are arising that are disturbing the unity of its members. It is going to take good statesmanship to hold it together from this time.

The collection of mineral specimens exhibited at the mechanics' fair by J. W. Virtue, of Baker city, is calculated to direct the attention of people to a field which they have long and strangely neglected. This exhibit is a demonstration of the wealth of the gold district east of the Blue mountains; a district which Mr. Virtue claims to be the largest and richest in the world. Not a single mine nor a single locality is represented in the collection at the fair, but a hundred mines and every section of a district 120 miles long by 80 miles wide, covering a considerable part of Baker, Grant and Union counties. The specimens include ores of various kinds, nuggets of pure gold in great number, pans of gold dust; all displayed conviently and marked with the name of the mine from which they were taken. A huge gilded pyramid six feet or more in height and about three feet square at the base, represents the yield of the district up to the present time, in round numbers, \$29, 500,000. Capital is needed to sink shafts, to bring water, to buy machinery to employ labor and for a hundred other uses; and without it the district languishes. The direct profits of mining, large as they are often times, make a small part of the advantage accruing to a city which makes of itself a mining center. The greater and more general benefit comes from the trade of the camp.



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