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MOTHERS AND MOULDERS.

Born of Revolt, with Justice for a Sire,
All young Republics glow with freedom's fire,
But half way to the promised land they tire.

The glorious motto, "Equal Rights for all,"
No longer echoes like a bugle call,
And greed drives Purpose, weeping, to the wall.

There is no land of Freedom on the Earth,
Boast not to me our great Republic's worth,
Nor yet vaunt Kings degenerate from birth.

Decked out in silly crowns and robes of state,
Monarchs are merely puppets animate
Who pauperize their subjects soon or late.

When "all for self" becomes a National thought,
When power is purchased, or opinion bought,
Lo, then the ruin of the land is wrought.

The old conditions are no more to be,
So near the change prophetic eyes may see
But men, not laws, must keep a country free.

Not change of systems do we so much need,
As men no system can corrupt with greed,
Mothers and Molders of mankind take heed!

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

GOOD NATURED AND PERSISTENT.

By good natured and persistent reiteration of the proposition on its merits, a way was found to pay the school children their deposits in the Gilbert Bros. bank in full.

That was a clever thing to do and there was a farther beneficial effect—a savings bank was established at Salem.

SO THE DEMAND, OR RATHER SUGGESTION, THAT THE ADULT DEPOSITORS IN THE GILBERT BROS. BANK BE PAID IN FULL WILL WORK OUT SATISFACTORILY IF THE SUGGESTION IS PERSISTED IN.

It may take six months or more but it is almost certain to be brought about. The preliminary controversies are all settled. Between a long-winded receivership that will give the depositors little or nothing, the square, flat and just proposition of paying in full, ought to and we believe will win out. A way will open for what is right. The depositors should be paid because it is right and will be found cheaper in the long run.

There is no necessity of charging that there has been any collusion in the management of the suspended bank, nor necessarily any dishonesty.

It is universally conceded that suggestion to pay has an element of

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fairness and justice and no one has appeared in print or personally to controvert the position.

There is such thing as an honest and righteous general public consensus of opinion among fair-minded people as to what is right under any given circumstances.

IN SPITE OF COURTS AND STATUTES AND OPINIONS OF LAWYERS AND OF ALL LEGAL TECHNICALITIES THERE IS A HIGHER LAW DECLARING WHAT IS RIGHT AND TO GET ONE HUNDRED CENTS ON THE DOLLAR IS CLEARLY A MERE MATTER OF COMMON JUSTICE TO THE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS OF THE GILBERT AFFAIR.

EMBRACE IN PUBLIC ON THE STAGE.

Nothing said in this paper will affect the general character of dramatic presentations commonly dished up to the public.

But there ought to be a protest entered against almost every act of the modern society drama winding up with a hugging match.

As the curtain hustler gets about ready to drop the fire-proof land or water scene of the Venetian canal, the lovers start for each other.

With a wild whoop of passion they rush into each others arms and proceed to publicly enfold each other until there is nothing left but a wriggling twisting mass of men and women's clothing wrestling about on the stage.

Anon the curtain goes up amid applause and they rush at each other again and again and sometimes several couples at once.

It seems to the horse editor and dramatic critic of this paper the thing is overdone. There is nothing original about it. It has been the common experience of humanity for centuries.

It ought to be prohibited by a general law against chestnuts being palmed off on the people at an price—an improper public performance.

WIPE OUT THE REGISTRATION LAW.

Enough men of common sense should go to the next legislature for the specific purpose of wiping out the obnoxious provisions of the present registration law.

UNDER THE OPERATION OF THAT LAW EACH YEAR THERE ARE LESS AND LESS VOTERS REGISTERED AND MORE AND MORE ARE SWORN IN ON FREEHOLDERS BLANKS, THUS DEFEATING THE VERY PURPOSE OF A REGISTRATION LAW.

A registration law that keeps hundreds and hundreds of honest citizens from voting in each county is a fraud and a menace to good government.

Some will say, well why don't they think enough of their vote to go to the court house and register every two years. But many conscientious men and good citizens are shut out of voting under that law unjustly.

Under the law citizens born in this country must produce their father's citizenship papers. If they have lost or mislaid their naturalization papers they cannot register.

If a man is a resident of the state and a good citizen and has been a voter under the laws for many years a legislature has no right to enact an ex-post-facto registration and shut him out.

The new laws enacted by the special session raising the fees for declaration of intention to become a citizen from 50 cts. to \$1.50 and for full naturalization from \$2.00 to \$5.00 IS ALSO AN OUTRAGE.

Unnaturalized citizens are mostly poor men who have come here to make a home. There should be no obstacles laid in their way to keep them from becoming American citizens.

Who asks for the enactment of such laws? They were never asked for by anyone and are contrary to public policy. Then where does the folly that enacts them originate?

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY SHOULD GET RIGHT ON THIS MATTER AND ENACT AN HONEST REGISTRATION LAW AND REMOVE UNUSUAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY OF ALLOWING CITIZENS TO BECOME NATURALIZED AND TAKING THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

CONDEMNING THE MAN INSTEAD OF THE BUSINESS.

The Journal wishes to be absolved from all responsibility for the condemnation of individual saloon keepers in the communication to this paper recently by Mr. Jory.

He is doubtless sincere in expressing radical Prohibition views and condemning everyone engaged in the saloon business, but he is wrong in his inference that a saloon keeper is necessarily an immoral man, and that therefore the city has no right to issue a license.

The United States recognizes the liquor traffic and the state does now until that fact ceases to be a fact, and until there is no longer any demand for liquor for beverages there will be those to supply it.

Therefore within the eye of the law the manufacturer and wholesaler and retailer are mere caterers to the consumer, and have their legal rights to exist and be considered respectable citizens.

CANDIDATES FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE.

The exchanges in this district are bringing out some very good men for the office of circuit judge to succeed Messrs Boise and Burnett, the present incumbents.

Both the sitting judges have served long terms and are in personality and ability men of marked individuality.

There is always a pressure on the part of the younger men in the party for places on the bench.

Among the younger members of the bar mentioned for the honor are Russell Wyatt of Linn county, B. L. Eddy of Tillamook, Jas. McCain of Yamhill, and several other worthy and able lawyers. County Judge Scott and Loring K. Adams of this city are also mentioned by their friends.

There are a number of other gentlemen whose names will no doubt come up later for these positions.

AGAINST PARCELS POST.

The State Grocers Association of California is another body that has come out strongly in opposition to the new parcels post law.

ALL THE SMALL MERCHANTS THROUGH THE COUNTRY FIND ON INVESTIGATION THAT THEIR BUSINESS WILL BE AFFECTED ADVERSELY BY THIS BILL.

The movement is the work of two large catalogue houses in New York. Each of which gets out a million catalogues a year. These catalogues weigh nearly four pounds each, and the new bill would save for them at least 20 cents postage on each catalogue.

This means a saving to these two firms alone of more than \$500,000 a year. How many Oregon merchants, in small towns, would it take to make up this amount in the entire profits of their business in one year?

When the United States Government, in addition to this saving, also pays the bulk of the freight of the goods sold from these catalogues it is easy to see where the business of the country merchants will go to.

OUR MERCHANTS SPEND MONEY IN OUR TOWN, AND HELP US PAY OUR TAXES. LET US HELP THEM BY DENOUNCING THE BILL.

HEROISM IN THE ARCTIC.

Over the grave of Sergeant Frederick, a survivor of the Greely Arctic expedition, who died at Indianapolis, they passed this tribute:

"He was a plain and simple man; and a hero, every inch of him."

Let us see the stuff that was in this plain and simple man. The exploring party was starving at Cape Sabine. One hundred miles away some English beef was cached, and Frederick and Sergeant Rice gathered together a very scanty supply of provisions and started after the food.

Picture the worst storm you ever knew; remember the bitterest cold that ever penetrated your clothing; add to it wolfish hunger, and you will have a faint conception of what these two men endured.

They faced the blasts, slept in the snow, and day by day Rice grew weaker. His feet were frozen, and Frederick wrapped them in his jumper. Rice died in his arms, and the goal was still miles away. Frederick knew that he must return to his comrades. He had traveled

ten miles when he felt that he must go back and give his frozen comrade burial. He did it. Every mile was anguish; every step was pain. He placed the body of Rice under a snowdrift, and then started for Cape Sabine, where the little food left by the dead man might mean life. Days later he staggered into camp, almost dead from cold and hunger, and said:

"I HAVE BROUGHT BACK ALL OF RICE'S RATIONS. I DID NOT TOUCH A MOUTHFUL OF THEM."

It was true, and he was starving.

In the face of heroism such as this, words seem small. Pity for his sufferings and admiration for the simple grandness of his nature find an outlet in tears.

Of the man who died in his bed, and of that other who found his tomb in an Arctic drift, we can only quote:

"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS."

JOURNAL X-RADIUMS

The Journal takes pleasure in welcoming editor Geer back into the Republican fold.

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The Baker City Herald declared war on Russia last Thursday. That paper is always in the lead in enterprise.

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In the case of a gentleman once prominent in the Republican party getting back into the party, the X-Ray man can say: "After you Alphonse."

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How fond we are of thinking about what we have not, instead of about what we have! It has been well said that "some people's cast-off happiness, like cast-off clothes, would make some other people very happy."

The cheeriest lives are not those that have the most, but those that appreciate the most.—Sundayschool Times.

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The Journal cannot sympathize with the movement to give the President of the United States a larger salary. He now gets \$50,000 a year, free turkeys on Thanksgiving, free special trains and free government vessels to carry him back and forth to his summer home. He gets more free things and emoluments than an editor of a country newspaper.

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Well, Mrs. Dunnway will have nothing to keep her busy until the legislature meets when she will probably be up with another constitutional amendment. Well, we admire her persistence if it does make us tired.

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In the testimony on which Mrs. Maybrick was found guilty it was stated by one witness that the meat juice given to Maybrick was tasted by witness and it was bitter! Then the wisecracker declared it contained arsenic. A taste of arsenic would have disapproved that assertion.

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The Pacific Monthly presents a full page half-tone entitled "An Oregon girl who expects to go on the stage in the near future." As a suggestion simply—the line from Shaniko to Prineville is better equipped than that from Whitney to Canyon City, and the road is not so rocky.

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An exchange speaking of a married woman who left her husband and "took up" with another man, modestly alludes to the latter as the "unlawful husband."

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The pope's doctors first diagnosed his trouble as disease of the optic nerve liable to produce blindness, but a second and more critical examination showed he had a sore toe. Those physicians should be good authorities on typhoid fever.

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Whalebone is becoming very scarce and will soon be among the "has-beens" yet it was a great "stayer."

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The residents of Zion City are just now in doubt as to whether to classify Dowie as prophet or loss.

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The Newcastle Presbytery of Delaware has just completed the trial of Rev. Robert A. Elwood, whose sermon, entitled "Should the Murderer of Miss Helen Bishop Be Lynched?" it was claimed led to the burning of George White, a negro, who murdered her. He was found guilty, and as a punishment, was solemnly cautioned "to be more careful in the future." He took his punishment stoically.

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