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RAIN ON THE ROOF.

When the humid shadows gather over all the starry spheres,
And the melancholy darkness gets weeps in rainy tears,
'Tis a joy to press the pillow of a cottage chamber bed
And listen to the pattering of the soft rain overhead.

Every tinkle on the shingles has an echo in the heart
And a thousand dreamy fancies into busy being start,
And a thousand recollections weave their brightness into woe,
As I listen to the pattering of the rain upon the roof.

Now in memory comes my mother, as she used in years ago,
To review her darling sleepers she left them till the dawn;
So I see her leaning o'er me as I list to the refrain
Which is played upon the shingles by the pattering of the rain.

Then my little seraph sister, with her wings and waving hair,
And her star-eyed cherub brother, a serene angelic pair,
Hover round my peaceful pillow, with their praise and mild reproof,
As I listen to the murmur of the soft rain on the roof.

And now another comes to thrill me with her eyes celestial blue,
And I mind not, musing on her, that her heart was all untrue;
I remember but to love her with a passion kin to pain,
And my heart's quick pulses vibrate to the pattering of the rain.

There is naught in art's bravuras that can work with such a spell
In the soul's mysterious fountain, whence the tears of rapture well,
As that melody of nature, that subdued, subduing strain
Which is played upon the shingles by the pattering of the rain.

MR. GEER ON FACTIONS.

That faction is undertaking to read every man out of the party in Multnomah county who does not in advance pledge himself to support Mr. Mitchell for re-election—Salem Statesman Feb. 14, 1904.

The above occurs in the course of a long editorial in the Sunday Statesman, under the head, "The Republican Factional Fight in Oregon." The above paragraph does not fully explain the situation in Multnomah county, which when stated will probably remove the objections of all true republicans.

ALL UNDERSTAND THAT THE HOLDOVER SENATORS CHOSEN THIS YEAR WILL IN 1907 VOTE ON AN UNITED STATES SENATOR TO SUCCEED SENATOR MITCHELL.

Now it is natural that Senator Mitchell's friends should be interested to the extent that candidates for the State Senate be friendly to Senator Mitchell, if he should desire to be a candidate for re-election.

Marion county has no holdover Senators to elect until two years hence. Then if T. T. Geer is a candidate for Senator his friends in this county will be naturally interested in having his friends nominated.

Nobody should then jump up and say that was factionalism and that the Geer men were trying to read every man out of the party who was not for Geer for Senator in Marion county.

Now in justice to Senator Mitchell, isn't that about all there is to the situation in Multnomah county?

ISN'T THAT ABOUT ALL THERE WOULD BE TO IT IN MARION COUNTY TWO YEARS HENCE UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES?

The Republican state convention will probably send delegates to the national convention who are for Roosevelt and who are also in hearty sympathy with the present delegation in congress.

PRESIDENT AND SULTAN.

The Sultan of Morocco has sent President Roosevelt six Arabian stallions. They arrived last week, in splendid condition, from the royal stables at Fez, accompanied by four men and two boys.

One of the horses has been ridden by the Sultan himself. All of them are said to be very beautiful creatures. Saddles and bridles also, richly inlaid with gold and silver, are on the way to Washington for use with the Arabian horses.

It is said that this gift to Mr. Roosevelt is reciprocal, as he has presented to the Sultan one horse, one mule, five dogs and two goats. This presumably, means that no gift has been received by the President; simply an exchange has been made.

Further it is said that, by reason of the horses' pedigree, which extends back hundreds of years, they will not pay the duty of 20 per cent ad valorem, with the additional specific duty for all imported horses worth \$150. The theory of the law is that they are sent here to improve the breed of native horses.

NEWS OF THE DEATH OF HANNA.

The Journal was the first evening paper to announce the death of Senator Mark Hanna, of Ohio.

His death took place at 6:40 p. m., Monday evening, and was wired to The Journal at 3:45 p. m., in time for its last edition.

Three hours difference in time between the Atlantic and the Pacific, and five minutes lost in transmission explains it all.

This is the great advantage of evening journalism on the Pacific coast, and enables evening papers, if they wish, to print all important news a day ahead.

The news of The Journal is not subordinated to any morning edition, nor to the political aspirations or personal interests of the publishers.

DOING ONE'S BEST.

There are situations in life when inactivity is fatal. Oliver Goldsmith refused to give up when, though poor, he said that want was pursuing him "like an armed man." Had he not resolved to write ballads the world might never have heard of him.

William Wilberforce, had he not been armed with great purposes, would have heeded the decision of his physician, who told him that he had not two weeks to live, and even John Wesley advised him to leave his work unaccomplished. But he was not that kind of person. He was a moral ironclad.

Our own Franklin was taken around among the carpenters and masons by his father to see what could be made out of him. But the still,

small voice within him told him that he was yet to "stand before kings." Suppose that he had given up.

So Carlyle, Huxley and others might be mentioned. The habit of never being satisfied with anything less than one's best is a good one. The inner consciousness is generally the best guide. The person who has the courage to follow it will generally succeed.

It is singular how many men have achieved great things by acting in opposition to those who might be supposed to be their best friends, but who did not know them.

It is the inner consciousness that speaks with authority. Do not be afraid to follow it.—Boston Globe.

THE RECEIVERSHIP ONCE MORE.

The principal in the handling of the Gilbert Bros. suspended bank receivership keeps filling the morning paper with ridiculous, anonymous communications.

The Journal does not consider these matters from a personal standpoint at all, and does not blame the receiver in any way.

He is but a figurehead of large capital that is plucking the estate on a gigantic scale, that he cannot protect creditors against.

The Journal has simply said, and still says, the advisers of that receivership were making a mistake in prolonging it unnecessarily.

There may be method in it. The collection of the claims has not been much pressed—it may be out of humanity—it may be out of a desire to dump them all at ten cents on the dollar, and enable some big capitalist to make \$10,000 profit on those assets.

It should be remembered that there were \$68,000 of piano notes besides what notes were turned over by the Gilberts privately to secure preferred creditors.

It should be remembered that if the estate had been thrown into bankruptcy, all those collaterals would have been surrendered, and all the private dispositions of property would have been exposed.

It should be remembered that Timon Ford fought to prevent having the Gilberts declared bankrupt, and said if properly handled under a receivership the assets would pay out in full.

The Journal still believes that was the truth, and still suggests that the decent and proper thing to do is to pay the innocent and helpless depositors in full, and wind up the tangled affair in a creditable manner to this community.

THE CHARACTER OF SENATOR HANNA.

Senator Mark Hanna, who died Monday, was national chairman of the Republican party through two very trying campaigns.

He was the storm center of political attack, and the head and front of a national organization at a time when few others could have gained a victory.

As the Warwick of the Republican party he was modest and tactful, never asserting himself as a boss, but always ready to set the pace, and declare the plain purposes of the hour.

He was the greatest man produced by the age of commercialism and financial expansion, and yet his demonstrations and expressions were salutary to the interests of labor as well as capital.

A large employer of labor, a large capitalist, having the confidence of both, he was able to hold a just and statesman-like balance, and he developed broad and humane views, as he reached the maturity of life.

His death will be a great loss to the nation, and his place cannot be filled by the Republican party.

Unless his place is well filled the party will suffer, and the wonderful qualities of his character and leadership will never be as fully appreciated as after he has been gone for some time.

JOURNAL X-RADIUMS

Let us be grateful that there is even one lawyer in Oregon who follows Abraham Lincoln's practice in taking cases for poor people and not always asking in advance whether they are able to pay the fee or not. **EVEN IF HE DOES LIVE IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY.**

The Japs have certainly made the first impression.

The Japanese may never reach Moscow, but it looks as if the Czar were still less likely to reach Tokio.

The people who want to wear diamonds are standing in their own light when they listen to the Oregonian and do not take a guess on The Journal Free diamond Guessing Contest.

If Landlord Stark, of Independence, makes as good a senator as he does a hotel keeper, Polk county will be well represented.

It makes a whole lot of difference whether factions come together with open arms or open knives.

It isn't very hard these days to get yourself mentioned for congress.

Congressman J. Adam Bede, the new Minnesota humorist, says he once knew a man who claimed to have had more kinds of hard luck than any other man in the world. This was what happened him:

His horse went dead and his mule went lame,
And he lost his cows in a poker game,
Then a hurricane came on a summer day
And blew the house where he lived away.

And an earthquake came when that was gone
And swallowed the land that the house stood on.
Then the tax collector, he came 'round,
And charged him up with the hole in the ground.

The accident insurance men will be calling upon Col. Hofer of the Salem Journal. Not content with expressing views contrary to those of the eminent women who desire to vote, he is now dealing with the size of the shoes worn by the Salem ladies. Ajax evidently has his nerve with him to defy the particular brand of lightning that must be about to strike.—Medford Mail.

The man who scolds like a sparrow generally has the brain of one.

The Portland political savages always celebrate their triumphs with a war dance.

Salem can't easily have any too good public schools—not for several years at least.

What have the Republicans to gain by making a war on the present delegation in congress who are on fairly good terms with the President?

On the first of March the brewery trust of Wisconsin will advance prices of the product. Well, we have the Salem brewery left us.

Judge E. P. Morcom, of Woodburn, is being mentioned as a candidate for circuit judge to succeed Judge Boise. Mr. Morcom would make a strong candidate. He is well liked, strictly honest and one of the ablest attorneys in the state.—Aurora Borealis.

A New York statistician has figured that there are more dollars in the capitalization of the United States Steel company than there have been minutes since the beginning of the Christian era.

One of the orators at the late Manhattan club banquet, gotten up to give Judge Parker's boom a little boost, said of the judge, admiringly: "His back is toward dead issues, and his face toward a living and tri-

umphant future." If this is so, the judge can hardly be seeking the Democratic nomination.

The cars to be used in the new underground railway in New York will be made of steel, lined and finished in aluminum. There will be no wood about them; even the seat frames will be of metal.

Chicago is proposing to publish its list of real estate assessments as a means of equalizing them and of forcing its tax dodgers out of their holes.

Justice Harlan, of the supreme court, distinguished himself in Baltimore during the big fire by helping one of the fire companies to save the library in the court house, with the old and valuable paintings it contained, some of which were of great historic interest. He worked for several hours, sometimes directing the operations of the firemen and sometimes assisting with the hose. The library and most of its contents were saved, and Judge Harlan is being praised for his excellent work.

A large frame building known as the Ogden residence escaped destruction in Chicago's great fire, though standing in the middle of the burned district. An old building erected in 1835, and now used as a government warehouse, escaped destruction in a similar way in the Baltimore fire.

The basket ball playing girls in the East are distinguishing themselves in a muscular way of late. Two of them put a Chicago "masher" to ignominious flight a few days ago, capturing his umbrella and giving him a sound drubbing with it. Three Hamlin university girls, on their way home from church in St. Paul last Sunday, came upon four men fighting. They stopped the fight, called the police and sent three of them to the lockup.

County Committee Meeting.

The Marion county central committee is to be called for Saturday, February 27th. A number of vacancies are to be filled and the time for the primaries and county convention fixed. The basis of apportionment will also be made by the committee.

Paid State Taxes.

County Treasurer W. Y. Richardson today paid to State Treasurer Moore \$29,000, on account of the state tax levy for 1904. Marion county's state tax for the year 1904 is \$73,560, and Agricultural College tax \$1532.50, making a total of \$75,092.50, an increase over last year of \$28,504.50.

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