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A SONG OF PRAISE

By A. R. Housman, from the April McClure's.

Levelled of trees, the cherry now Is hung with bloom along the bough, And stands about the woodland ride Wearing white for Easter-tide.

Now, of my three score years and ten, Twenty will not come again, And take from seventy springs a score, It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom Fifty springs are little room, About the woodlands I will go To see the cherry hung with snow.

THE PAVING QUESTION.

The subject of paving the business streets of Salem has been uppermost in the public mind to such an extent the past two years that it seems like Banquo's ghost, it will not down. The business men of the town, who are paying the rents, feel that they are entitled to a permanent improvement of this kind, and there is a disposition on the part of the property owners to meet the demand. Representatives of the different paving companies have looked over the situation, and their agitation has had its effect. Everybody demands that we should have better streets, but the only question seems to be "what kind shall we have." The graveling movement, who really wants nothing in the way of improvements, and is ever seeking to raise rents, takes advantage of this situation, and pits the friends of one kind of paving against those of another, and tries by this, and other methods of procrastination, to hold down the situation.

The system has been adroitly worked from time immemorial on the variety of needed improvements, but the time has come when the city demands some positive action for the public betterment. Many of the most conservative property owners now admit that they are willing to have the streets paved, and only want an assurance of good work and fair treatment, but the methods of the ultra-mossback are such as to even make those people dissatisfied. Whenever they agree upon in their better judgment as the proper thing, it is some where by some minion of some mossback pointed out as no good, and thus, between fear and suspicion, the well-meaning citizens are kept from doing the sensible, business-like thing. The only result of this situation can be that, eventually, extreme measures will be adopted, and the people, in their desperation to have a respectable town, will accept anything, and submit even to corrupt methods to gain a little profit.

THE ASTOR FORTUNE.

Activity is so much the national watchword that we can hardly conceive of a great fortune accumulated by slow and easy stages. In "The Astor Fortune," in the April McClure's, Burton J. Hendrick traces the growth of this, the biggest fortune in America, which in less than a century has grown from old John Jacob Astor's modest \$2,000,000 to approximately half a billion, and this great increase is neither the creation of enterprise nor chance; as the story shows it is, in effect, a gratuitous bonus, the tribute paid by New York to the incubus which the "little fur trader" suckled on the city when he established his system of land leasing.

This man who began life as a baker boy had one great claim to genius, "he realized that America was to be a great and populous country, and that New York was to be its capital." His

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Imagination peopled the sweeping fields and forests and swamps of the Kaibackerboom yeomanry with a teeming population and he saw how he could discent the future. He believed that, owing the land, a man need only sit down and wait; he need make no improvements, he need not build, he need not even pay his taxes; the city's growth must inevitably make him rich. This was his dream and he lived to realize it. He bought great blocks of land and year after year he compelled his fellow citizens to improve his property, pay the taxes and supply him with cash for new investments. It is a wonderful story of the power of patience and unchanging purpose. The building of the Astor fortune is followed step by step. The background is a panorama of old New York.

By Astor's method the increase piles up automatically. It is the father of all "unearned increments;" it is the product of the activities of all but Astor. All the economic and social forces which made New York the metropolis, added their quota to the Astor wealth. Astor did nothing but acquire land. He contributed nothing to the city's growth, which converted his golf-farms and swamps into the richest rent bearing soil.

For all that, Astor built his fortune on sorer ground than the really great creators of wealth. He established an aristocracy of riches on a foundation that cannot crumble. "There is no accident except confession which can make the Astors poor. Whatever industrial revolutions there may be, the land itself will be perennially useful. John Jacob Astor took out a first mortgage on fate itself."

OUR BOOZY DIET.

All Americans have indigestion. Certain baking powders are 30 per cent ground rock. That is what we eat. Diseased beef gives us something worse than indigestion. Even peas have copper coloring. Living on poison cannot strengthen us as a nation. When we quite realize this, the senate and our state legislature may be forced to act. It is agreeable to get on in the world, and there is more profit is poisoned than in genuine food. If the beef trust fulfills the law of hygiene, perhaps it would be deprived of even that paltry two per cent. "So long," says Mr. Ghent "as gelatin, timothy seed and aniline remain at their present low prices, the supply of red raspberry jam is likely to be equal to all demands," and he quotes Tennyson aptly: "Chalk and alum plaster are sold to the poor for bread. And the spirit of murder works in the very measur of life."

If all the farms in Ohio had maple orchards, they probably could not, in the opinion of the dairy and food commissioner, supply the so-called maple sugar sold in that state. Most lemon extracts are made from coal-tar dyes. Butter is made over into temporary salability, from what the Ohio reports call "stale, rancid, dirty and unsalable butter in various degrees of parefaction." Not one sample out of fifty analyzed in Ohio, in 1899, met the standard. Adulterated milk furnishes the youthful body strength. At the annual meeting of the National Consumers' League, about three weeks ago, it was pointed out that not only is flour adulterated frequently, but there are two mills, one in Ohio and one in Kansas, which turn out a certain grade of Indian corn flour used only to adulterate wheat flour. Adulteration and poison are a large part of the sustenance of every stage of life. How long shall we endure it?—Collier's for April.

MUSIC IN THE AIR.

They are now teaching the fiddle in the public schools of England, and lads by the thousand are sawing away on cheap violins and dreaming of the days when they will become Paganinis and reap fortunes on American tours, says the Seattle Star. Oh, these fads! America will have to go John Bull one better. In the mad chase for accomplishments there can be no halt. Will you have your boy learn to play the cornet, or the clarinet? Oh, perhaps his talent runs to the welting of the head of a big brass drum or the creaking of the keys of a bassoon. England has set the pace, and it is only a question of time when some scientific sharp will be able to show that the salvation and health and general moral welfare of the average child can best be secured and retained by an hour or so a day spent in squinting wind through an E-flat cornet in a public school.

Then we shall the A Grade brass band and the B Grade fife and drum corps, while the big girls in the back seats can organize a mandolin club.

Of course there will be drawbacks. It will be necessary to place the average school far from the habitations of mankind. Be it known that one little yellow clarinet in the hands of a beginner is a greater curse to a community than war is to Manchuria. Then think of a nest of yellow clarinets and all the rest of the musical ills that infest the world, and you will realize that if the English

What Time Proves. This thing of being sick and looking for a cure is a mighty serious business. People are not given to joking even at the first symptom of the approach of the Grim Destroyer. They do not want to be the subjects of experiment, but want medicine that has had the test of years behind it. A medicine that has been made and used for 20 years gives assurance of its worth, and can be taken with a faith that they have the very best cure the world affords. All this can be said about Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills as a remedy for sick headache, dyspepsia and indigestion, it begins right at the source of the trouble and removes the cause. Sold by all druggists for 25c per box. One pill a dose. For sale by Dr. S. C. Stone, druggist.

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idea is presented to its fullest extent most of us will have to move into the cellar and wear cotton in our ears. Meanwhile those little Britishers are sawing away, and America may well tremble.

STATE NEWS

Ashland's sewer system is to be extended.

The Albany driving club has organized for the summer.

Portland has no law compelling use of lights on automobiles.

Eugene's new vaudeville theatre is expected to open Thursday.

The new water system for the town of Mouthmouth has been completed.

Down at Eugene the county clerk of Lane county issued 17 marriage licenses in March.

An ordinance is to be introduced by the Astoria city council taxing vaudeville theatres \$30 a month.

Company G, of Albany, will give a celebration on April 14th, the fifth anniversary of the Oregonization.

During March the three mercantile houses of Halsey shipped out 10,590 dozen of eggs. The farmers received an average of 17 cents a dozen.

According to a government expert the Umatilla land district has 14 days more sunshine than Los Angeles.

A company has been organized to open the Kramer mine, on Whiskey creek, a tributary of Bogas river.

The orioles have reached the Willamette valley. They are earlier this year than formerly, and their coming is a sure sign of good weather, say the old timers, who have kept track of weather signs for years.

Evangelist H. W. Stough, while preaching at Portland, said in his sermon that "half of Portland is headed for hell."

The Continental mine, near Myrtle, is working three shifts, in order to put out as much ore as possible for the summer hauling.

Barnum & Bailey's and Ringling Bros.' circuses will visit the coast this year, and take in the cities in the Willamette valley.

Klamath county has raised \$80,000 of the \$100,000 bonus for the Weed railroad extension to Klamath Falls, and has obtained an extension until May 1st to raise the balance.

Rose thieves are stealing roses at Corvallis, and the people there want the council to pass an ordinance making such actions a misdemeanor.

The Hood River city council has purchased a cold water spring seven miles from the city. The spring is 85 feet above the highest point in the city limits, and a good pressure will be obtained, for both fire and commercial uses.

The Harrisburg city council has voted for the issue of \$3000 of bonds, and for a special 5-mill tax for an electric light plant, to be built and owned by the city. The plant will cost about \$7000. The council also voted for a city water plant.

Dr. Neil O'Leary, a physician who registered from Woodburn, at the Perkins hotel, in Portland, went to the Journal office, and wanted a notice of his death printed. He said the paper would not be out before the next day, and that he would be dead by 6 o'clock that evening. Officers were notified and the doctor taken into custody.

Jack Smith, of Sardine Creek, in the northern part of Jackson county, recently found gold to the value of 60 cents lodged in the internal apparatus of a duck he killed on his ranch, says the Ashland Tidings. He has gold in the gizzard of every chicken he has killed for some time, in greater or less quantities. Now he is busily engaged in hunting the source of this supply on the hills surrounding his ranch, and a big strike may be expected from that region at any time.

CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS

Judge Burnett's court consumed all day yesterday in hearing the testimony in the case of aOlin & Linn vs. E. W. Jones. The action was for damages over the failure of the defendant to deliver 15,000 pounds of hops to the plaintiff on October 15, 1904, the date agreed upon.

This morning the case was again resumed, and a verdict given in favor of the defendant.

In the case of Burdick & Doe vs. the Citizen's Light & Traction Co., the defendant moved for a non-suit, which was sustained. The case was accordingly dismissed.

The case of the State vs. Lou Wah Lee, the Chinaman who stole liquor from Eskerlen's cafe, was heard this morning. Lou was found guilty of the charge. He waived time, and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Erik Larson vs. O. Marsh, an action for money, came up before the court this afternoon.

GRANTED RIGHT OF WAY

The county court yesterday afternoon granted the General Electric Co., of Portland, the right to erect and maintain poles and wires on the county roads county roads in Marion county. The petition was presented by Attorney Frank T. Griffiths, of Oregon City, and was not opposed.

Very few people were aware that the petition would be presented at this term of court, and very little interest was taken in the matter. It is rumored that this is a forerunner of an electric road, but Mr. Griffiths said that he did not understand the matter that way. It is probably an effort of the Portland people to extend their line, so that they can in the future carry power over their wires from the Scantiam and other upper valley points.

The General Electric Company is one of the strongest in the West, and has large interests at Portland and Oregon City. Whether it will ask for a franchise from the city council for the purpose of entering Salem and competing with the local company in furnishing light, remains for the future to determine.

Young Hobo Dead. Walter Haynes, the young transient, who was so horribly burned by rolling into a fire in the "hobo camp" near the Roseburg Brewery, Tuesday morning, while in an epileptic fit, died at Mrs. Ketchell's hospital this morning. He was buried here at the county's expense this afternoon. This is in accordance with the desire expressed by him prior to his death, that his father, who resides at Ollie, Iowa, should not be notified of what had befallen him until after he had been buried here.—Roseburg Review.

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CHILDREN CRY FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA.

Brig-Gen. Moore Retires. Washington, D. C., April 6.—Brigadier-General Francis Moore, recently in command of the Pacific division, with headquarters at San Francisco, was placed on the retired list today, having reached the age limit for active service. He is succeeded in command of the Pacific division by Brigadier-General Frederick Funston, while the vacancy caused by his retirement in the list of brigadier-generals is filled by the promotion of Col. James A. Buchanan, of the Twenty-fourth Infantry.

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