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THE CHILD TOILERS.

(Edwin Arnold Brenholtz in The Public.)

O Children caught beneath the burdened wheels
Of modern Business! soon the unpurchased breath
Of God shall move the greedmist which conceals
Our baseness that we profit by your life-long death.

Then shall we see ourselves as Justice sees;
Blood-guilty of these stunted lives, these graves.
Then shall we ask ourselves: What profits kneec
Bent in God-worship while these live and die like slaves?

Then shall we know the doom that has denied
Soul-growth to us while satisfied with this.
O ye child-toilers! curst is wealth, and pride
Of place and power, so purchased by the things ye miss,

The greed-mist lifts; for those who see, thank God!
Loud voices now, uplifted 'gainst this wrong!
Ye are avenged, O Children, for the nod
Of Business stays the souls that else were justice-strong.

Avenged are ye; the final loss is ours.
Base slaves to Business, believing we are free,
Constrained to close our eyes continually,
Greed hath one gift for us—and with the hard heart dowers.

Avenged are ye!—since, sowing, we must reap.
Accurst the tall-worn coin accumulates,
Blood-strained to bloodshed bring. The end relates
To those who make their souls like Child's forced labor—cheap.

But Business sha'l not blast Child-lives for aye.
Men shall be Masters o'en of Business, soon,
Decreeing your release from toll. The boon
Ye pray for now shall come in Man's sane Justice-day.

THANKS TO MANAGER MEREDITH.

The manager of the Grand Opera House probably saved the taxpayers half a million in one night.

The political play, "The County Chairman," was shrewdly advertised in The Capital Journal.

Free copies were put on the desks of all the members of the legislature, WHO ARE NOT ALREADY SUBSCRIBERS.

Both houses held very short sessions after supper, and adjourned to attend in a body. THE BILLS SLATED FOR PASSAGE IN THE EVENING WERE LOST SIGHT OF.

Many of the members were accompanied by their wives and daughters, and many of the committee clerks and members of the third house. The boxes were filled in a very effective manner. President of the Senate Haines had a box with a party of senators.

Hon. B. F. Jones and some of the free locks leaders had another box. Speaker Vawter and house and senate leaders and their wives had seats in the bald-headed row.

As new groups of the legislators sauntered in their were cries of "Speech," "Speech," "Call the of the house," "regular order," etc.

Reading of The Capital Journal was called for, and an indignant member of the normal school combine MOVED TO DISPENSE WITH READING IT.

The sergeant-at-arms and forty doorkeepers could not have held the jolly crowd down. All care and anxiety about their little measures were forgotten, AND PURE ENJOYMENT REIGNED SUPREME.

The sharp bits of the leading actor—The County Chairman—were enjoyed, and went home as each member recalled his own experience in his own individual campaign.

It would have been a good thing for the whole state IF THERE COULD HAVE BEEN ABOUT THREE GOOD PLAYS A WEEK all winter, but the public has enjoyed the farces enacted at the big theatre up at the capitol building quite as much as the members enjoyed the satire last night at the Grand.

KUBLI SHOWS GENERALSHIP.

Representative Kubli of Jackson county showed some leadership in defeating the machine irrigation code.

It had the state engineer, the reclamation department, THE OFFICIAL PUSH OF NEARLY ALL KINDS BACK OF IT.

Kubli is an earnest speaker, vigilant and fearless, and he had the rest of his delegation and the speaker against him.

He fought nearly all one afternoon in committee of the whole to keep the house from reporting the bill for passage.

Mr. Kubli has always been a Republican leader in southern Oregon. HE WAS SEVERAL TIMES COUNTY CHAIRMAN.

He was heartily congratulated on his successful fight in securing the final indefinite postponement of the bill.

YOUR GAWKY BOY.

That gawky boy of yours—ungainly, gaunt, shy, unprepossessing, as he is,—writes Henry A. Shute in The March Delinquent. You nag him. You laugh at him and ridicule him. DID YOU EVER REALIZE HOW IT HURTS? You ought to realize it for it is not long since you knew how it felt. You would have stood pale like a man and so does your boy. You would have borne privations like a stoic, and so does your boy, and there would have been a grim sort of enjoyment in it for THE JOY OF RESISTANCE IS FULLY AWAKE AT FOURTEEN.

But you could not bear ridicule and he cannot, and yet there is scarcely a day when you do not cause him sharp discomfort.

THE BOY'S MOTHER NEVER DOES THIS. She loves every awkward movement of her boy. She loves his long legs and she loves to bear his raucous voice. She smiles at it, too, and at him, and it is a smile of genuine amusement, but there is love in the smile, and love in her eyes, and HE KNOWS IT, AND ADORES HER FOR IT.

If he becomes depressed and despondent, he confides his troubles in his dog, which sits in front of him gazing at him WITH AN ALMOST HUMAN EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY and put his paw on his master's knee.

A bit unfortunate, isn't it, that your own boy is obliged to depend on his mother and his dog for sympathy and affection? HE GETS NONE FROM YOU and but little from his brothers and sisters. It is true, isn't it?

My friend, if you paid as much personal attention to the proper development of your boy AS YOU DO IN RAISING THE TWO-MINUTE TROTTER, or the blue-ribbon Guernsey, or the Black Strain Jubilee of Oregon, or in beating boggy, or in your game of what, you would be astonished at the results.

THE STRENUOUS MONTHLY.

The March Everybody's preserves its customary fair balance between information and entertainment.

The informing articles are of unusual significance and timeliness. In accordance with cable instructions, Vance Thompson undertook to

interview Cardinal Merry del Val, papal secretary of state, on the church question in France, and succeeded far beyond his expectations.

"War Against Christ" is the title of his remarkable resultant article.

"The Needless Slaughter by Street-Cars," by John P. Fox, is AN EX-CEP-TIONAL CONSIDERATION OF AMERICAN STREET-RAILWAY CON-DITIONS. Its conclusions are eye-opening.

"The Shadow of High Finance," by David Ferguson, is an account of the entrance of detectives into present-day financial operations.

Olivia Howard Dunbar writes of the woman's rights movements of the world in an article entitled "The World's Half-Citizens."

THE MACHINE IN OREGON POLITICS.

The editor of the Statesman, who is also the speaker of the house, takes needless offense at the comments of The Capital Journal about machine politics.

The Capital Journal tried hard to exonerate the Marion county representatives from the charge of machine methods. They have been IN THIS LEGISLATURE CONSPICUOUS FOR THEIR ABILITY AND IN-DEPENDENCE.

But it has been a legislature dominated by machine influences, and even independent members have had to bow to machine methods almost from the beginning.

The reform influences that were set at work CAME FROM THE VIG-ILANT PRESS OF THE STATE. Reduction in clerk hire and re-fraining from junkets were made in deference to public threats.

They have made a necessity of virtue in small ways and enlarged the big grafts in the way of appropriations, new offices, commissions, salaries and institutions.

For instance, doubling the appropriation for the higher institutions of learning was purely the result of machine methods. The State Uni-versity already had a fixed income of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR.

This was increased without show of needs of justification or expen-diture to \$138,000 per annum.

The Agricultural College appropriations, that gets enough from the federal government to run it, was shoved up to nearly \$200,000.

Under threat of a veto the machine managers went to Governor Cham-berlain and cut this down to about fifty thousand dollars, and SAVED THEMSELVES THE TROUBLE OF PASSING IT OVER A VETO.

There is one redeeming feature about this grab on the treasury—it will be expended mostly for new buildings. The machine will make the same generous provision for the normal schools—all four of them.

But the presence of a machine Republican Governor would have been the signal FOR TAKING TWICE AS MUCH MONEY FOR THESE PUR-POSES.

When this paper calls attention to these things it is charged with printing Democratic editorials in a Republican newspaper.

Well, we can only say a great many of their Republican editorials are copied into Democratic newspapers. THE MACHINE KNOWS NO POL-ITICS.

The Oregon political machine is brainless and conscienceless. It has no cry but that of the hold-up when it is given power.

IT IS STAND AND DELIVER. YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE.

The Marion county delegation, under this system, simply did the best they could. They had to vote for a great deal they did not like to get what they agreed among themselves to demand for this county.

The people must realize that there is but one thing can come from man-ifestation of machine methods, whether it be in the city council, the county government, the state or national legislation—increased taxes, more offices, more salaries, MORE PLACES OF PROFIT FOR THE MA-CHINE.

The counter tendencies to hold down predatory officialism can come only from the people regardless of party. The machine fattens on the false cry of loyalty to party, when it is loyal only to plunder.

DANGER OF THE TAX COMMISSION.

There has been a commission at work for the past two years at an ex-pense of \$9000 drafting an entirely new set of taxation laws for us.

No one knows what this commission has done for us. Their bills have gone through the legislature ALMOST WITHOUT READING BY THE MEMBERS.

They have entirely reconstructed the whole taxation system of the state, and have probably created a great deal of confusion.

All this hodge-podge of new legislation is mostly the work of an ex-pert who was brought to Oregon three years ago and HAS BEEN KEPT ON SALARIES AND COMMISSION EVER SINCE.

To cap the climax a state taxation commission is to be created vest d with power to tax property not already taxed on what is termed public service franchises.

THE SCHEME IS VERY PLAUSIBLE. This commission will demand reports of the earnings of water and light companies, power and elec-tric companies, steam and trolley lines, and then assess their franchises.

It will take the earnings of the Salem water corporation, or the Dal-las & Falls City railroad, and figure out what it has earned and then put additional values on the books to assess.

This can all be done by the assessors now. But the power vested in the state taxation commission is much greater and MAKES THEM DIC-TATORS TO ANY SUCH PIECE OF PROPERTY.

Such corporations cannot make up a favorable showing of earnings on their books to secure large investments of capital for extensions, with-out being penalized for their enterprise.

THE FINDINGS OF THIS COMMISSION CAN THROTTLE OR PRO-MOTE ANY ENTERPRISE.

For instance, in a few years the Salem Water Company will have to build an entirely new plant, and may need a million dollars of money to put in a plant suitable for the Capital City and the state institutions.

With this power of inquisition and assessment on earnings in the hands of the state tax commission such corporations ARE BLOCKED FROM ANY FREEDOM OF OPERATION IN EXTENDING THEIR SYS-TEM.

Then it is public ownership or nothing. But all such objections ought to be waived in an undeveloped state like Oregon, because some theoretical gentlemen want offices for life at big salaries.

The state tax commission makes positions for a number of persons who have college educations and expert abilities to sell to the people at high price. MEN ARE LYING IN WAIT AT SALEM FOR THE PLACES.

What do they care for the development of the state? Salaries and per-manent incomes must be had, and the taxpayers are the surest guaranty.

Not one of this professional class ever established an industry, ever built a mile of railroad, ever put a dollar into a public service cor-poration, EVER DID ANYTHING BUT FATTEEN ON THE PUBLIC FUNDS.

Under those circumstances, of course, the tax commission goes.

Brown Finds Joker.

Actuated by the belief that he had discovered a joker in senate bill 15, providing for the adoption of voting machines in cities of over 100,000 inhabitants in the state, Brown, of Lun, created a mild disturbance in the house yesterday afternoon by moving a reconsideration of the vote by which the bill was passed and when he was asked to explain his reasons therefor, stated that the bill confined the county court and state board to the purchase of machines not to exceed in price the sum of \$5000, and he was given to under-stand that there was only one ma-chine made that came within this limit and he thought it was a discrim-ination in favor of a certain manu-factory. When the question of re-consideration was put to a vote, how-ever, it was lost on a tie. It de-veloped later, however, that contrary to the information Mr. Brown had gained, there are four machines on the market which can be purchased for less than \$500 and that the



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movement for a reconsideration was actuated by members of a certain firm in Portland which has a machine selling at \$500 and it wants the limit raised to \$750.

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Sold by D. J. Fry.

Purdy Favors Appropriation.

One of the most remarkable things that has happened in the house during the session was the fact that there was an appropriation bill, involving \$1500, which passed last night without a dissenting vote from Mr. Purdy, of Washington. This bill authorized the escheating by the state of the pension money due deceased inmates of the soldiers' home and the turning of same over to the commandant of that institution to be applied to the support, repairs and improvements thereof. Mr. Pike, of Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler, explained that there was now in the hands of the commandant \$1588 re-

ceived on account of the pension of deceased soldiers and it is an appropriation of the pension money, though it reverts to the treasury of the state, that Mr. Purdy raised his voice against.

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