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**MARY.**

What was the song, I wonder, that sung her babe to sleep,  
What was her young heart saying as she sung:  
Did she hear the thorn a-growing, did she hear the winds a-blowing,  
Did she see a cross where cloudy shadows clung?

Was the low, sweet wordless crooning of her lips above his head  
But the fringes of that midnight angel song:  
Her heart's unconscious beating starry measures still repeating,  
Though a world's wild footfalls at her door still throng?

Ah, 'twas but the mother babble to the fire song on her hearth,  
But the telling of his dimples and his grace:  
How the strange birth beauty lingers, crumpled petal of his fingers,  
Of his eyes, and rosy feet and baby face.

Just the wordless song of women babbling sweets unwordable  
O'er a witless baby slumbered on her knee:  
Just the dew and purple splendor of the mother passion tender,  
The song our mothers sung to you and me.  
Louise Dunham Goldberry in the New York Independent.

**PORTLAND CITY POLITICS.**

Mayor Lane is considered to be playing the game of politics for a second term. His term expires January 1, and it is expected that HE WILL RUN INDEPENDENT AS THE DEMOCRATS ARE SPLIT and will put up a straight ticket. It is claimed that T. C. Devlin, city auditor, will be the Republican nominee.

He is a student of municipal affairs, and in some ways an authority, his book on city administration having a reputation in this country and abroad. About three months since MAYOR LANE MADE SERIOUS CHARGES against the management of the city auditor's office, saying in substance it was rotten at both ends and criminal in the middle. Lane is nothing if not severe and sensational. Devlin demanded an investigation, put up \$1000 with the city treasurer to be forfeit if anything was found wrong with his books. A special committee of the council was appointed by Mayor Lane, with a Democratic chairman and two Republicans NOT UNFRIENDLY TO THE MAYOR.

This committee was required at the last meeting of the council to report at the next meeting of the council, March 7. The mayor has called a meeting on March 2, for what purpose is not known. The mayor had a private investigation made, which showed what he called LOOSE METHODS OF BOOKKEEPING, but no shortage. Auditor Devlin challenged the charge that his methods of bookkeeping were loose. The matter was gone over by the ways and means committee, which censured the mayor's methods. The special committee has spent some time in going over the reports of Lane's experts and THE WHOLE EFFORT HAS BEEN TO CONVICT DEVLIN OF DISCREPANCIES, hold up the report until just before the primaries and then use it to defeat Devlin. But the council has ordered a report. So the matter will be forced to an issue on March 6 at farthest and there will be something doing in Portland city politics. Devlin is a popular man and would have run for mayor in 1905 BUT FOR THE FRIENDS OF MAYOR WILLIAMS who insisted that he be made the candidate. It looks as if Devlin would be the next mayor of Portland.

**STATE PRINTING REFORM.**

The veto of the Davey bill for placing the state printer on a flat salary was a deserved rebuke to a measure that was primarily enacted to throw a sop to the people.

In its original form it was designed to go into effect in 1909, and gave the present printer two years IN WHICH TO GET SOME OF THE FAT OUT OF THE OFFICE.

But the bill was amended so as to not go into effect until four years hence, in 1911, virtually insulting the intelligence of the people by legalizing the graft for four years.

With the Davey bill put out of the way the people can initiate an amendment a year hence and put that official where he belongs—ON A FLAT SALARY LIKE ANY OTHER STATE OFFICIAL.

We can imagine the roasting of the legislature and the roars of shame that would sweep over the state from certain Portland newspapers if there were some other person state printer.

If one of the political pariahs of the tall tower held the office it would be a burning shame that things are left as they are, but IN THE PRESENT INSTANCES SILENCE IS A VIRTUE.

The ambition of a lifetime has been achieved, and it is outrageous to propose to clip the wings that would carry the beneficiary into the camp of the plutocracy.

But that is the plain meaning of the constitution today, as it was amended last June with deliberate intent by the people and the will of the people WAS THWARTED AND SET ASIDE FOR FOUR YEARS.

The people can still help themselves, and will do so at the proper time and they will place the office of state printer where it belongs—on a flat salary, just like any other hired man of the people.

**JOHNSON LAW SHOULD HAVE BEEN TRIED.**

The only effort of this legislature in the direction of improving highways found expression in the bill by the above title.

It was an improvement on the Tuttle act, WHICH HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY A DEAD LETTER, AND WHICH IT REPEALED.

The legislature defeated the law proposed by the Good Roads Association, and refused to repeal the Tuttle act.

So the members were up against the hard proposition, and had to pass the Johnson act or adjourn without and road legislation.

The trial of the Johnson law might have proven it a practical measure and ADAPTED TO THE NEEDS OF THE STATE.

It proposed fundamentally to divide the cost equally between the state, county and abutting property—on the plan of New York.

The bill was imperfect, as was great deal of the other work of the legislature—as is the banking bill and other bills.

The bill was necessarily experimental in its nature, as must be any comprehensive highway measure.

It would have been a step in the right direction and COULD HAVE BEEN AMENDED AT SOME FUTURE TIME.

Now the state is thrown back upon the Tuttle act, and it is almost safe to predict that not many communities will undertake to build roads under that system.

**Gulf Oil Corporation.**  
Jersey City, Feb. 28.—The Gulf Oil corporation has been incorporated in this city with a capital of \$15,000,000, in shares of \$100, and an authorized issue of \$15,000,000 first mortgage as collateral trust—percent—gold bonds. The company has united with the J. W. Cuffey Petroleum company and the Gulf Refining company. It will build the pipe

line planned by the companies some time to run from the Indian Territory to the gulf. It is also intimated that the new company will acquire the Texas company.

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## CAZADERO POWER PLANT DEDICATED

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The three trains bearing about 250 guests of H. W. Goode, as manager of the consolidated electric light, power, street railway and interurban lines, left Portland at 2 p. m. The run was made in fast time, and until Gresham is reached is almost continuously through towns and suburban homes, and little fruit farms.

The little town of Gresham has grown to be quite a city. So has Estacada. Both have banks, business blocks, fine schools, and residences. There is a stretch of country through which the electric line runs that is heavy timber that is being logged off and daily trainloads of sawlogs are carried to the sawmills in the cities of the Willamette valley.

There is a great future for these electric properties that can be taken into the heavy bodies of timber at little expense. The old ways of cutting logs a year in advance, then the risk of floating them down a river, and having them lie in the water six months involves waste of time and interest on capital. The railroad delivers the logs one day and they are sawed into lumber the next day. The sawmills in the cities can sell all waste for fuel. The Cazadero plant is equipped with a duplicate transmission line to Portland forty miles. This transmission is carried on three two-mongit copper wires, 60,000 volts, which are reduced to 10,000 at Portland. When repairs are needed on one transmission system the power is turned over to the other system.

The whole system of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company has two principal power stations, besides Cazadero—Oregon City and Portland—the latter steam, and several small plants. The capacity of the Cazadero station is 15,000 kilowatts, each kilowatt equal to about 1 1/2 horsepower. There is room in the station for 10,000 more if needed. The Portland plant generates 30,000 kilowatts, and the one at Oregon City about the same. The Cazadero line is protected against falling timber by the company acquiring the right of way wide enough to be out of reach of any falling timber, clearing the ground for several hundred feet on each side. The hydraulic station is forty miles from Portland on the Clackamas, in the county of the same name. The dam is a mile above the power station, and within thirty miles of Mt Hood, northeast. There is quite a collection of houses at Cazadero. The water pressure is

gained by 140 feet fall. The storage dam contains 60 acres. At low water about one-half the stream is used. At present stage about one-fifth.

Between 250 and 300 of the business men of Portland and Salem and other towns in the valley went on this excursion to the largest hydraulic power plant in the state. The forty mile run from Portland was made in 30 minutes. There were many of the Portland city and county officials and many members of the state legislature in the party besides representatives of the leading newspapers. The present engineer in charge at Cazadero is T. W. Sullivan, formerly hydraulic engineer at Oregon City. The water power converting plant consists of three turbines with 5000 kilowatt generators attached.

The turbines are high-pressure pattern with direct connection. Albert Dell is the engineer in charge, with John Huber, machinist, to assist. Fifteen men are required to handle the plant day and night. The chief operator is F. G. Robley, R. R. Robley had charge of the installation under A. B. Coldwell, electrical engineer of the whole plant. The power house is solid brick and steel, with cement floor and a twenty-ton electric mile crane overhead to handle the machinery.

With a cheer from the crowd the great dynamic converters of water power into electric juice to be transmitted down into the cities of the Willamette valley were started by Mayor Lane—at exactly 5:33 p. m., February 26, 1907, an historical date for the development of western Oregon. The streams of white foam under 140 feet head pressure shot out in great parallel columns half way across the river, mingling back into the stream of green mountain water, having performed its mission of utility and restored to its natural freedom.

The power plant is on the south bank of the river. On the opposite side is the reduction plant where the raw material generated by the monster turbines is reduced to a controllable current and distributed to the lines.

The power is generated at 11,000 volts, and is then stepped up to 33,500 for transmission to Portland. At Portland it is divided into currents of 2000 volts, and is finally brought down to 110 volts for residence lighting. The larger motors for manufacturing take a higher voltage. These terms are not easily understood by the lay reader, who can get little information out of step-up transformers, step-down transformers, or talk of direct and alternating currents.

After inspecting the works the whole excursion was carried back to Hotel Estacada owned by the corporation. An orchestra was there. The dining room was decorated in a very lavish manner, festooned intertwined with miniature electric lights of many colors. The tables were beautifully garnished and loaded with the richest viands, flanked with etceteras of a high class banquet.

General Manager H. W. Goode called the banquet to order and spoke in a feeling manner of his predecessor, Mr. Fred Morris, who projected this plant. He told of the enormous expansion of power made possible by this new addition to their dynamic resources. He introduced Mayor Lane, who reviewed the development of Oregon since the days

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