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**THREE SONNETS.**

(C. E. S. Wood of Portland in Chicago Public.)

I'd rather make a song of pleasant mirth—  
Of apple boughs, and buds, and Spring's delight,  
And fragrance of the green renewing birth—  
Than win the boons for which men spend their might,  
Wear out their hearts to reach, and reaching, turn  
Slaves in a treadmill, mastered by their aim—  
Aboarded pile, schemes which all conscience burn,  
Slaves to a cheap and common lust for fame.  
Suppose a man were President; what road  
He comes, of barter, plot and counter plot.  
And what's a President? A name bestowed  
Upon a list of names to be forgot.  
Rubbish! A hill of ants beneath the feet!  
I'd rather write one song which men held sweet.

Love, Beauty, Joy, are Mother Earth's decrees—  
Not politicians' tricks to govern men;  
Before kings creeping on our foolish knees,  
Or clapping foolish hands to shout, "Amen!"  
As now, to all the balderdash some fool  
Will howl of equal opportunity,  
Freedom, and People's Rights, and People's Rule—  
Belied by all the people's misery.  
How ought Great Nature weep to see denied  
The equal freedom of her sons to live;  
And all her wanton lavishness belied,  
Her children sad—and she so much to give,  
With Love and Joy and Beauty everywhere,  
Bird-song and blossoms rife upon the air.

Nature hath books among the flowers and groves,  
And pictures spread upon the skies and hills;  
A thousand winged poets sing their loves,  
And Peace leans listening by the summer rills.  
I'd rather have a heart to know this store  
Of changeable beauty and of joy and love,  
Than all the iron crowns of Time. And more  
Than clapping crowds I joy to hear the dove,  
Or blackbirds' jangle in the russet reeds,  
Clear fluting larks, or thrushes' bubbling notes,  
Of self and glory these do take no heed,  
But pour their simple songs from happy throats;  
Sprig after Spring the glad sweet song the same.  
So let me sing—uncaring praise or fame.

**FAULTY EDUCATIONAL METHODS.**

The value of industrial education, in the line of both agriculture and mechanics, is constantly attracting more attention from thoughtful men and women. To prepare a young man for a profession, without considering whether he has any talent in that direction, without trying to find out whether he would not have a much more successful career as a mechanic, **IF OFTEN A VERY PITIFUL WASTE.** It is unjust to the young man himself, and frequently the source of much grief to his people.

The real reason why so many parents wish their sons to enter the professions, and spend so much money in educating them at the great universities, is not that the parents are deceived into believing that their sons are particularly clever, but it is because of the notion **THAT IT IS MORE GENTEEL TO HAVE A LAWYER OR A DOCTOR FOR A SON THAN IT IS TO HAVE A HUSTLING BUSINESS MAN OR MECHANIC.**

We have not yet reached the point where we can feel that it is not an advantage to keep our hands unsoiled by hard labor. Parents therefore prefer to see their sons engaged in some occupation, or if possible in a profession, where the hands may be kept unsoiled, **WHERE A YOUNG MAN MAY ALWAYS LOOK HIS BEST.** This is why so much money is wasted in educating at colleges for professional careers many young men who would make capital carpenters, plumbers or other mechanics, and who would thus make a better financial success than as professional men.

One father who sought advice from a leading educator said the chief reason why he wanted to send his boy to college was that **THE YOUNG MAN SEEMED SUPERIOR TO MANUAL LABOR,** that is to say he showed a strong disinclination to do any work about the house, even those little chores which a boy could do easily.

The whole trouble is that we are a long way from holding **THE RIGHT IDEA ABOUT THE DIGNITY OF TOIL,** and until we get the right ideas we shall have the professions crowded with young men who ought to be engaged in agricultural or mechanical pursuits. **TO BE A LAWYER SOUNDS BETTER THAN TO BE A CARPENTER,** but it would be hard to find a competent carpenter in any city who is out of a job, while the number of poor lawyers who cannot pay their office rent is very large.

It is a splendid thing to encourage a young man who has real intellectual gifts in any direction, and this ought to be done by parents even at great sacrifice, **BUT IT IS A FOOLISH THING TO TRY TO MANUFACTURE GIFTS THAT DO NOT EXIST.**

If we think it is much finer to be a lawyer than to be a machinist we shall continue to try to make lawyers out of our sons who will be failures in that profession and who would have been successes as machinists, and who will lead practically useless, struggling, shabby-genteel careers **WHEN THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD ROBUST, INDEPENDENT, USEFUL LIVES.**

Fortunately the opportunities for obtaining a practical education along industrial lines **ARE MULTIPLYING EVERY YEAR.**

And the demand for skilled leaders in our great industries is steadily increasing—holding out rewards that may well stimulate the highest ambition.

**THE DOUBLE TELEPHONE NUISANCE.**

Before the double telephone nuisance is fastened for all time upon the people of this city, another effort should be made to throw it off.

**THE CAPITAL JOURNAL NEVER FAVORED A SECOND FRANCHISE FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE IN THIS CITY.**

But the franchise was granted, and the city has been strung with another set of poles and wires.

So far no instruments have been installed, and there should be **A GENERAL MOVEMENT AGAINST EVER ALLOWING THEM TO COME IN.**

If that were done the new company would be forced to sell out to the old one, and if they did not give good service at reasonable prices **THE CITY WOULD HAVE ITS REMEDY.**

To emphasize the folly of two systems, let us submit two statements recently published in California newspapers of the way they regard the double telephone nuisance:

**Rebellion Against Double Telephone Nuisance.**  
(From the Los Angeles Times.)

A sensible move has been made by the business men of San Bernardino in their campaign for a single telephone system.

It will spread. It will be catching. It will break out in other cities, where the people are restive under the expensive, harassing, nonsensical double-telephone nuisance.

A greater outrage than this two-telephone abomination never was foisted upon a community.

Double bills; two telephone bells jangling, and you never know which is which; different methods always puzzling the user; constant changing of friends, customers and business associates from one system to another till you never know where to find a fellow; a grill to one's nerves; a tax on one's patience; a needless burden of millions of dollars to southern Californians for an unnecessarily double service to accomplish one result—these are some of the evils of the well-nigh intolerable bore of having two telephones at the house, at the office, on the desk, whereas one phone would do the work better.

There will be a great uprising against this illogical and indefensible state of things.

It cannot survive. It would be as rational to oblige citizens to take domestic water from two sources and pay double rates.

**Complaint of California Town.**

San Bernardino special: [Exclusive Dispatch.]

Merchants of San Bernardino have taken up a fight against the luxury of paying tribute to two telephone companies.

At a meeting of the San Bernardino Merchants' Proactive association Wednesday the matter was discussed at length and a committee appointed to obtain the signatures of all the merchants of San Bernardino to an agreement to subscribe for only one phone, selection between the two companies being left to negotiations which the committee will have with the managers of the Home and the Sunset.

The company making the best offer will be favored. What has brought on this fight is the alleged rapid decline in the service of the Home company, which first obtained a hold in this valley because of the failure of the Sunset to improve its system.

Now both systems are on a par so far as public service goes, it is stated, but the enormous expense being incurred by the Sunset in installing an underground system and improving its paraphernalia throughout leads many to look favorably upon it.

"We know that both companies are backed by identical interests. It is difficult to prove this, but every move by them indicates one controlling head," exclaimed an exasperated merchant today.

He added that he would like to have investigated the means by which Home people secured their franchise in San Bernardino.

Both companies have been asked regarding what terms could be obtained for entire patronage of the city, but both have stood solidly against any concessions.

This stand has increased the dissatisfaction. Merchants are now signing agreements to stand together in the fight, which they realize will be a hot one.

**THE SITE FOR THE FEEBLE MINDED INSTITUTE.**

The Capital Journal believes there should be the utmost publicity about the selection of a site for the new institution for the feeble minded and home for the epileptic.

The state advertised for proffers of tracts of land from 800 to 1000 acres, and **ABOUT FORTY PIECES OF LAND WERE OFFERED.**

Maps were made and estimates of the amount of fuel were submitted, and the information has been gone over by two boards of state officials.

**FOR SOME REASON THE BOARD WAS CHANGED** from the original board, composed of the governor, Superintendent Ackerman and the secretary of state, to a new board composed of the governor, treasurer and secretary of state.

The first board composed of Chamberlain, Ackerman and Dunbar made some trips to the lands offered, assisted by Geo. W. Jones, head of the state blind school.

These gentlemen narrowed their choice down to two sites, the Lon Wain farm and the Coleman place, and reported their findings.

After the new board was created, composed of Chamberlain, Steel and Benson, the whole matter was opened up again, and **OSWALD WEST AND WILLIAM WALDO WERE CHOSEN TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT A LOCATION.**

They issued a circular to get lower prices and then Mr. West was called away to Washington, and so nothing has been done.

It is now understood that Mr. West and Mr. Waldo will take up the work anew, and go over the properties and make a selection.

Mr. Waldo has been doing some quiet looking around, and **POSSIBLY HAS REACHED SOME CONCLUSIONS.**

Of course, when the state goes hunting for a fifty thousand tract of land there will be "things doing" in forty different ways.

On the face of the returns, considering that the state has a fuel and water problem on its hands, the lands showing largest aggregate of standing timber, best land, **AND BEST WATER SUPPLY WILL BE PREFERRED.**

The prices have not been artificially advanced to the state by any of the owners, so far as The Capital Journal can learn. Any of the lands offered would be worth what is asked for them, if not now, in the immediate future, say in ten or twenty years.

Land is offered the state that **WILL PAY FOR ITSELF SEVERAL TIMES OVER IN THE FUEL THAT THE STATE CAN CUT FROM IT.**

When the state is spending the people's money such considerations should enter into the selection of a site.

The public and the taxpayers have a right to a voice in such things, and the utmost publicity should be given the whole matter.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

The Columbia river is at flood tide, reaching 17½ feet Monday.

San Francisco may try public ownership of one street car line.

Rehearing was denied Gesner and Biggs, convicted of land frauds in the federal courts.

A little girl says when a cat has five kittens they are all twins but one and that's a triplet.

A real good man never makes real love but once and that may not be the first time he tries.

You can't eat wisdom, and you can get fat without it. But real wisdom is the sure foundation of wealth and health.

What are we coming to? Three paving resolutions through in one sitting of the council and not an objection. Something wrong.

The mayor of Chicago has removed nearly the entire school board of that city for incompetency, and causing a deficit of \$2,000,000.

Young Man, Go West.  
"Young man go west and grow up with the country."

This trite old saying of the great New York newspaper genius seems to be as good in the way of advice as it ever was, and young men today would do just about as well in fol-

lowing it as they ever did. The virtues of this advice are as good as they ever were, and the results of acting upon it seem only, now as ever, to depend upon the stuff the young man is made of.

A case in point is brought to mind by the sale recently made by J. P. Rogers of his entire business to the recent manager of his company. Without discussing the nature of the business, a few good lessons can be drawn from what has occurred. Mr. Rogers came west less than twenty years ago a stripling of a boy with much energy and little cash. He drifted to Salem and began work at anything he could find to do. He started at common labor, carrying hod, or any job that offered. Later he waited on table in a restaurant, and then got a job as hustler in a grocery store with a bar attached. These stores were very common in the early days in the west, and as Jack found his employer agreeable and a fair man to work for, he took a keen interest in the business. Later he married into the family, and when the old proprietor passed away he seemed to be the natural person to straighten up the family affairs. He continued the business with and for those immediately interested, until such a time as he could see his way clear to manage it at a good profit for himself. By that time he had sufficiently gained the confidence of capitalists to enable him to borrow all the money necessary to buy the business and run it himself. This he did, and he began to organize it in a business-

like way. Every spare hour Mr. Rogers had he used to study up business methods, and as the business prospered and expanded he did likewise until he got out of debt and accumulated a competency. From that time on he began making a few shrewd investments in property and securities. He also did considerable in the way of starting young men in different lines of business. Every one of these things proved to be well considered and "made good," so to speak.

During all this time Mr. Rogers maintained himself as a gentleman of the best personal habits and business character until it was everywhere conceded, even by those who opposed his line of business, that he ranked high as a man in every way. Since his prosperous days Mr. Rogers has made a constant study of financial matters, until today he is ranked among the best posted men in Oregon on stocks and bonds. He deals extensively in municipal bonds, as a buyer and seller, and his judgment in such matters is recognized by the shrewdest dealers as conservative and good. What speaks well for him above all else is the fact that today he is still the same plain, unpretentious Jack Rogers that he was when he came to Salem a poor boy. All who know him wish him well, and it is the hope of his Salem friends that he may continue to cast his lot among us.

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