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**THE MEETING OF THE WATERS.**

There is not in the wide world a valley so sweet  
 As that vale in whose bloom the bright waters meet.  
 O, the last rays of feeling and life must depart  
 Ere the bloom of that valley shall fade from my heart.

Yet it was not that Nature had shed o'er the scene  
 Her purest of crystal and brightest of green:  
 'Twas not the soft magic of streamlet or hill,  
 O, no—it was something more exquisite still.

'Twas that friends, the beloved of my bosom were near,  
 Who made every dear scene of enchantment more dear,  
 And who felt how the best charms of Nature improve,  
 When we see them reflected from looks that we love.

Sweet vale of Avocal! haw calm should I rest  
 In thy bosom of shade, with the friends I love best,  
 Where the storms that we feel in this cold world should cease,  
 And our hearts, like thy waters, be mingled in peace.  
 —Thomas Moore.

**SALEM SHOULD TAKE HOLD.**

The way Salem people have taken hold of the raising of funds for the Y. M. C. A. shows that what has been done for that enterprise could be done for others.

If Salem people would take \$50,000 or \$100,000 stock as bonds in **THE SALEM AND FALLS CITY RAILROAD IT WOULD BE BUILT.**

If Salem would do that it would bring an enormous volume of business here, stimulate all lines of activity, **PROPERTY WOULD ADVANCE AND ALL WOULD BE BENEFITED.**

The same would result from the construction of the Salem and Mehma electric.

There are 500 loggers employed in the neighborhood of Falls City, who, with a railroad across the valley, would come to Salem once a month at least.

**AT PRESENT ALL THE WEST SIDE COUNTRY IS SHUT OFF FROM SALEM AS BY A CHINESE WALL.**

Between Salem and Sheridan, and Salem and McMinnville there is not even a place to water a team of horses.

The isolation of the farming communities is something terrible to contemplate. **TRANSPORTATION ALONE WILL CHANGE THIS CONDITION.**

**WORK OF THE TEXT BOOK COMMISSION.**

The adoption of textbooks by the state commission six years ago was a clean, business-like transaction.

The people were not jobbed. Education was not degraded. Private interests were not appropriated. All competitors were fairly treated.

That adoption reduced prices of textbooks, saved the people \$106,000 in six years, and broke up a ruthless and demoralizing monopoly.

The commission is practically composed of the same men, and they ought to be able to improve their work by gained experience.

One great gain will be to prevent prices from being advanced. Some publishers will make pleas of increased cost of labor and materials.

But improved machinery for making textbooks will offset increased cost of production.

It is believed by many that there could well be a few less books—possibly one less in language, one less in arithmetic and one less in geography.

Many persons are dubious about the practical value of a textbook on physiology.

Children are about as well off if they don't know too much about their organs.

As Thomas Carlyle said, the stomach is something you are best off when you don't know that you have one.

Cut out the upright system of writing. It may be lettering, but it is not writing.

**STRUCK A FEW MORE SNAGS.**

The street committee on revising its specifications for the State street improvement found several clauses had been injected that, when taken into the courts would defeat the whole improvement.

Who put them there? What were they put in for? **IN WHOSE INTEREST WERE THEY INSERTED?**

It was pointed out that whoever put them in knew that the supreme court had already decided those points.

The result is another delay. The clauses had to be rescinded. The specifications will have to be drafted over again.

These methods of defeating public improvements are so small and cheap and nasty they will not bear discussion.

**HOW LONG WILL THIS CITY PUT UP WITH THEM?**

How much longer are needed improvements to be delayed by surreptitious methods of men who will not do their work in the open, but who seek nothing but **DELAY, DELAY, DELAY, TO FINALLY KILL THE IMPROVEMENT.**

What right have these obstructionists, through their secretly hired men to change public records after specifications have once been adopted?

Is it not a crime against the community to thus thwart the will of the petitioners, who really wish State street improved?

These secret and malevolent obstructionist tactics will be kept up until the Capital City strikes a snag that will put it out of the race for development.

Already three cities aspire to surpass Salem in progress, population and enterprise—Astoria, Pendleton and Eugene.

If the weak souls that are dying of atrophy and inanition could only hie themselves to the peaceful shores of another world without putting the kibosh of dry-rot upon this fair community.

**Joaquin Miller for Senator.**

An Oakland, Calif., dispatch says: Joaquin Miller intends soon to desert his home at Fruitvale and take up his residence in Oregon. The aged poet says his mining ventures have resulted so successfully that he has concluded to enter the political arena and his purpose is in removing to Oregon is to establish residence there, and make an effort to land in the United States senate.

Miller expects to leave for the north in a few days, when he will set industriously to work to build his political fences, with a view of becoming a figure in national politics.

(On a recent visit to Lane county Joaquin invested on the Stuslaw, and it is highly probable he will make his home there. Joaquin would certainly be a unique figure in the halls of national legislation.)

**Dead Ones Preferred.**

Hewitt—Here is a fellow who is an exception to the rule; he doesn't advertise for a live man.

Jewett—Are you reading some undertaker's advertisement?

**A Fortunate Texan.**

Mr. E. W. Goodloe, of 107 St. Louis St., Dallas, Tex. says: "In the past year I have become acquainted with Dr. King's New Life Pills, and no laxative I ever before tried so effectually disposes of malaria and biliousness." They don't grind nor gripe. 25c at J. C. Perry's drug store.

**CASTORIA**  
 The Kind You Have Always Bought  
 Bears the Signature of *Wm. W. Parke*

**PUBLIC PARKS AND SPOONING**

The Horse Editor Ventures a Few Ideas On the Subject

The chief of police of one of the larger eastern cities, speaking of city parks said: "Spooning is all the parks are good for!" Now by all the grass that Nebuchadnezzar did not eat, wouldn't that jar you?

Why bless the dear ignorant heart of him, he ought to know that a place suitable for spooning, is fit for a bay window at the top of the ladder that leads to paradise. Spooning is one of the most delightful incorporeal things in the world, and is so utterly lovely and distracting that the feminine pronoun, "She," belongs to her. Instead of "it." She was discovered by the Goddess of Spring, blessed by the moon, perfumed by the flowers, filled with music by the birds, made dreamful by falling waters, clothed in the misty robes of starlight, taught to whisper by the dryads and to laugh by the Naiads. She was given beauty by Venus, charm by all the Graces, and sent down blossom-crowned to earth with the kisses of the Zephyrs on her red lips, the honey of Hyrcanum on her tongue, heaven's own light in her eyes, the dearest, dainties, sweetest, stickiest article that ever graced the earth outside of a barrel of New Orleans molasses.

The very name "Spooning" suggests something closer than a brother.

When Adam first lifted his Panama to Eve in the Garden of Eden, and she gave him just one goo-goo, the chances are they went to spooning in the shade of the old apple tree as soon as the moon came up.

History sacred and profane shows it has been a spooney old world ever since. Perhaps one of the greatest inducements to spooning is the danger lurking in it, for it is as deadly as a buzz saw, or the business end of a mule, or an Oregon legislature, or any other absolutely irresponsible thing.

Jacob had a delightful time for he spooned Rachel for seven years, and then got gold bricked so to speak. David spooned the spoon-holder, spoons and all, as it were, and wrote a poem about spooning in consequence, that has never been even approached for the beauty of its imagery or the richness and grandeur of its word painting. Samson spooned Dilliah, but she was a pewter spoon and the plating soon wore through. Samson got the worst of it, of course.

Anthony spooned the red-haired Cleopatra and lost both an empire and his life. Romeo and Juliet were just a pair of desert spoons, and Desdemona snuffed out her glad young life by spooning a saddle colored Moor, with a temper like a file. John Alden tried to do a little incurious spooning and fell into the matrimonial consomme the first break. Rolfe spooned Pocohontas and behold the Jimtown exposition. And to come down to the more recent times it might be noted that spooning in the city of Chicago alone, resulted in a wedding a minute last Sunday.

The horse editor will even go so far as to admit indulgence in that dangerous pastime, and though it was a goodly number of years ago, the memory of poking his face into the opening of a big sunbonnet, and letting it grope its happy way down that calico tunnel until his nose met that of the little freckle-faced divinity in the back end of it, and feeling

**The Value of A DOLLAR**

Is its earning capacity.

A dollar in your pocket at the end of the year is still a dollar, provided you have not spent or lost it.

A dollar deposited with us earns 3 per cent interest, compounded semi-annually, and is a safe investment.

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 Start taking the Bitters as soon as you notice any weakness of the Stomach Liver or Kidneys. You'll find it very beneficial for Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Poor Appetite, Costiveness, Biliousness or Kidney Ills.

That same little nose turn gently to one side so that the two noses would not meet and interfere with business that was beneath them—that memory clings like a cockle burr to a colt's tail.

Why, a moonlight night, with the wind stirring the leaves, and the faint night perfume filling the air with fragrance would make an anchorite come out of his cave, and have his hair cut.

And then to think of reaching an arm around a waist just fitted for that purpose and have the other spoon smuggle up to you and leave a few tell-tale hairs on your coat sleeve, and joy in your heart, and get your feet pointed toward the ice cream factory, and make you forget the hours of toil she is blowing in for you—but what's the use!

If parks are conducive to spooning let's sell a few bonds and buy a dozen or so of them—so they will be handy.

**Her Guess.**

During the course of a geography lesson recently the teacher asked the following question:

"Who can tell me what useful article we get from the whale?"

"Whalebone," promptly replied a boy.

"Right. Now who knows what we get from the seal?"

"Sealing wax," shouted a little girl.—Harper's Magazine.

**Remarkable Rescue.**

That truth is stranger than fiction, has once more been demonstrated in the little town of Fedora, Tenn., the residence of C. V. Pepper. He writes: "I was in bed, entirely disabled with hemorrhages of the lungs and throat. Doctors failed to help me, and all hope had fled when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery. Then instant relief came. The coughing soon ceased; the bleeding diminished rapidly, and in three weeks I was able to go to work." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds, 50c and \$1.00 at J. C. Perry's drug store. Trial bottle free.

**SMOKED A BALE OF ALFALFA**

Chagrined by the discovery that they were smoking and chewing a brand of tobacco that was made up largely of alfalfa a dozen fishermen on one of the traps in the Sound a few days ago emptied their tobacco pouches into the gulf and decided to purchase their smoking material at the feed store and to buy it by the bale or else get a different brand of tobacco.

That their "tobacco" contained 63 per cent alfalfa was learned from a government report giving the result of analysis made by government chemists. The other ingredients given in the report are tobacco, 27 per cent; arsenic, 6 per cent; opium, 1 per cent, and fluid, 3 per cent.

This was thought to be a fit compound for the fishes, and the pouches were emptied. Several times on late trips to the traps the engineer on the tugs has told the boys they were ordering a brand of Virginia fine cut that was raised in the hay fields of Eastern Washington. It was reasonably good tobacco, anyway, and no one thought more of the engineer's supposed jest.

The arrival of the report from which the engineer had gathered his information presented a more serious aspect, and now the product of the hay fields is floating out to the ocean. The fishermen did not seem to care about the arsenic and opium, but were chagrined to discover that they had been deceived in happy pipe dreams that were caused chiefly by burning cattle feed. Then the thought of buying by the ounce a product that could be purchased by the bale was like adding the final proverbial straw to the overburdened backs.

The engineer caused so much disturbance in that camp that he will not attempt to enlighten any more of the trappers, as he said there was enough lamentation in that one camp to last until after a Fourth of July celebration.

**Tetter Cured.**

A lady customer of ours had suffered with tetter for two or three years. It got so bad on her hands that she could not attend to her household duties. One box of Chamberlain's Salve cured her. Chamberlain's medicines give splendid satisfaction in this community.—M. H. Rodney & Co., Almond, Ala. Chamberlain's medicines are for sale by Dr. Stone's drug store.

**Scrofula**

Makes its presence known by many signs—glandular tumors, bunches in the neck, cutaneous eruptions, inflamed eyelids, sore ears, catarrh and wasting disease.

**Hood's Sarsaparil**

Effects permanent cure.

COMING EVENTS.  
 June 4-7—Washington  
 June 10—Oregon Pioneer  
 July 10-15—International  
 July 15-20—Grand Lodge  
 July 9-13—Knights Templar

There Are Few People who know how to take care of themselves—the majority do not. The liver is a most important organ in the body. Hechite will keep it in condition. V. C. Simpkins, Alamo, Texas, writes: "I have used Hechite for Shills and Fever and find it the best medicine I ever used. I would not be without it. It is so good for children as it is for grown-up people and I recommend it. It is now La Grippe." Sold by D. J. Fry.

Notice to Clean Up. Property owners in the city of Salem and tenants of such property are hereby notified that all premises must be cleaned thoroughly within ten days from this date. Failure to do so the city authorities will clean it for you, and tax the expense of the property. By order of the city council.

Dated May 30, 1907.  
 5-31-5t W. A. MOORE, Recorder.

Special Eastern Excursion. May 20, 21, June 4, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13. To Chicago and return, \$73.15. St. Louis and return, \$68.15. St. Paul and return, Omaha, Grand Bluffs, Sioux City, St. Joe, Kansas City and return \$41.61.  
 W. M. WINTER, Gen. Pass. Agt.

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