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A SONG OF THANKSGIVING.

I'm thankful that the years are long—
However long they be,
They still are laborers glad and strong
That ever work for me.
This rose I cut with careless shears
And wear and cast away,
The cosmos wrought a million years
To make it mine a day
This lily by the pasture bars
Beneath the walnut tree,
Long ere the fire-mist formed in stars,
Was on its way for me.

The laws of property are lax—
My neighbor's farm is fine;
I'm thankful, though, he pays the tax,
The best of it is mine.
No sheriff's clutch can loose my grip,
On fields I have not sown,
Or shake my sense of ownership
In things I do not own.
I'm thankful for my neighbor's wood,
His orchard, lake and lea;
For, while my eyes continue good,
I own all I can see.

I'm thankful for this mighty age,
These days beyond compare,
When hope is such a heritage,
And life a large affair.
We thank the gods for low and high,
Right, wrong (as well we may)
For all the wrong of days gone by
Work goodness for today.
Here on Time's table land we pause
To thank on bended knee,
To thank the gods for all that was,
And is, and is to be.

I'm thankful for the glow and grace
And winsome beauty of the Near,
The greatness of the Commonplace,
The glory of the Here.
I'm thankful for man's high emprise,
His stalwart studiness of soul,
The long look of his skyward eyes
That sights a far-off goal.
And so I feel to thank and bless
Both things unknown and understood
And thank the stubborn thankfulness
That maketh all things good.

—Sam Walter Foss in Success Magazine.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP AN ACTUAL FACT.

It comes as a surprise to many of those engaged in the discussion of the relative merits and dis advantages of government ownership to be told that Uncle Sam at the present time not only owns but operates a great variety of business.

Such is the case, however, and these different government activities include the carrying on of practically all the enterprises that any except the most advanced socialists advocate **PUTTING INTO THE HANDS OF GOVERNMENT.**

The most radical politicians do not recommend the operation of railroads by the government and Mr. Bryan has declared that it is not an issue at present.

But the United States is actually running **NOT ONLY A RAILROAD BUT AN EXTENSIVE STEAMSHIP LINE AS WELL.**

This is the Panama Railroad and the Panama Steamship line between New York and Colon.

While both were acquired as an icident to the building of the Panama canal, the government **RUNS THEM QUITE LIKE A PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.**

To attract business it issues advertising pamphlets **ENLIVENED WITH CUTS OF SPANISH SENORITAS** and street scenes in Panama and announces that "wines, spirits, etc., of the best quality are provided on board at moderate prices.

So that, in addition to his other varied activities, **UNCLE SAMUEL FIGURES AS A BARKEEPER.**

The federal government has also invaded the telegraph and cable business, operating the Washington-Alaska system which gives communication between the Alaskan towns **AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.**

The total length of the land lines of this system would be sufficient to reach two-third of the distance across the continent, while the government cables would extent across the Atlantic.

To prove that he is a strictly up-to-date, Uncle Sam combines the wireless messages across Norton sound, a distanceof 107 miles, **IN CONNECTION WITH THE CABLE AND LAN DLINES.**

Out in the Philippines the government has established a system of postal savings banks, although the opposition to this scheme is still strong enough to prevent its introduction within the limits of the states.

TWO AND A HALF PERCENT IS THE RATE OF INTEREST PAID ON THESE GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS.

The insular possessions and Alaska have been the seat of most of the national excursions into the fields of business usually left to private enterprise.

In different parts of these newer possessions there are government packing houses, a government cold storage and ice-making plant, **A GOVERNMENT SUMMER RESORT** at Benguet in the Philippines, government trading stores and circulating libraries, **AND EVEN GOVERNMENT FARMS AND TENEMENT HOUSES.**

Manila has a government newspaper and Porto Rico boasts a government telephone line.

All of these undertakings seem to be fally successful and some of them **ARE YIELDING RETURNS ABOVE THE COST OF OPERATION.**

While most of them have been entered upon since the beginning of the Roosevelt administration, they do not necessarily indicate that the country is going into government ownership and operation generally.

Most of them have been taken up by the national administration **BECAUSE PRIVATE CAPITAL WAS NOT ATTRACTED TO THEM.**

At the same time they afford an interesting showing of the extent to which the United States is engaged in the operation of what are usually private lines of business.

FADDIST RUNS MAD.

A soft faddist at the head of the school system of Illinois seriously proposes the **TEACHING OF COURTSHIP IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

His mind seems to be running on stately and proper woolngs, and he would have the children taught the art.

Goodness knows the minds of school children run enough to wooing without any special encouragement.

Teachers are kept busy gathering up little love notes hurled across the room and discouraging affectionate oglings.

tI is just as natural as life for school children to fall in love, and they find a way of expressing themselves without the advice or assistance of any old teacher,

Does the Illinois man think everybody should woo in the same fashion?

He seems to be worried lest the boys grow up without knowing how to go about it.

Well, there is one thing certain: **A YOUNG WOMAN HAS NO USE FOR A YOUNG MAN WITHOUT THE COURAGE TO FIND A WAY,** and she doesn't want him to imitate any classic model, either

Acting at such a time is as preposterous as is the faddist educator's recommendation.

SPECTACLES IN BOSTON.

It may be questioned whether Boston is the seat of culture in the United States.

The seat has probably moved.

But there are weak eyes and spectables still in Boston, **A LEGACY OF DEPARTED GLORY.**

The poor little children in school are learning through spectacles, or straining their eyes for the need of them.

A committee of the school board of Boston conducted an investigation to determine what should be done with the recommendation of a physician that a fund be established to provide glasses for needy children.

It is estimated that glasses were needed by from 15 to 25 per cent of the pupils not already supplied.

The committee concluded that the fund should be supplied and the work superintended by philanthropic and charitable organizations, and not by the public school authorities.

The cost of the glasses would not be all, and there would be no way to draw the line between those who could afford to buy their own glasses and those who could not.

Glasses are often broken, and the committee saw that it would be necessary to expend considerable sums on repairs.

No one likes to think of a child suffering for the lack of glasses, yet the state should hardly be expected to assume authority and expense in such a matter.

The line will have to drawn somewhere, else we shall see the state feeding school children on the theory that some are not well nourished at home.

Catarrh

Whether it is of the nose, throat, stomach, bowels, or more delicate organs, catarrh is always debilitating and should have attention.

The discharge from the mucous membrane is because this is kept in a state of inflammation by an impure condition of the blood. Therefore, to cure, take the best blood purifier,

Hood's Sarsaparilla

In usual liquid form or chocolated tablets known as **Sarsatabs.** 100 doses $1.

A FEW SATURDAY NIGHT REFLECTIONS

On Sunday we should all be good and go to church, but there has been too much inclination to concentrate all our religious conduct upon the one day. The Capital Journal would like to see a little of it scattered through the week and not all the good conduct should be on the part of public officials. Neither should virtue be monopolized by private citizens. It is pleasant to know for instance that Ida M. Tarbell backs up Roosevelt, and so does Lincoln Steffens, and so does Billy Bryan, and Willie Hearst, and the rest of the yellow journalists and red, and there is nothing to do but declare the vote and the next President is elected. In one way the Bar Barrels are all singing low until the country recovers from its nightmare of financial cramps, and then the whole chorus will turn loose again on the criminally rich man, and as in the French revolution it will soon become a crime for a man to have two white shirts when some one else is going without any shirt at all.

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The present city charter allowed a bridge to be constructed on our main business street that is not over 15 feet wide after allowing for sidewalks, and it cost over $14,000 and has no secure foundation, but for a continuous lawsuit with a railroad company, that in the end will get the best of the city in the courts, because it had better legal advice to start with. The present city charter allows a franchise for eight miles of street, with two miles of waterfront street, and two streets leading to the river to be given away for a few blasts of hot air. Under the new charter that is proposed the city could not be served much worse, with all its faults, and all that can be said against it. A mayor with all the political power concentrated in his hands could at least be held responsible, and while he could remove all his board of public works, and every appointee whenever he thought that it would help matters, the people could at least have the satisfaction of removing him at the end of two years, and sooner if the recall system is added on to the initiative and referendum.

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The Capital Journal has been fighting its own little battle in its own way to save the $400,000 of state funds and school funds that are locked up in J. Thornburn Ross' shaving parlors. There should be a law against allowing any man to handle public funds who parts his name in the middle, to say nothing about his being a Sunday school superintendent and Portland ward politician. The Capital Journal hasn't been asking permission of the Portland bankers or the politicians as to what it might say about the state treasury or what may be necessary to get that money back. It does not see just how it can ever be rewarded for what it is doing in the matter, but there are a lot of people paying in their subscriptions for the pleasure of reading one paper that is not edited with one hand before its mouth and the other behind its back. Either that bond company should come through with that money belonging to the state voluntarily, or the treasurer should resign and help the people get their money by sueing on the bonds, and if the bonds cannot be collected let such bond companies go out of business.

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The Oregonian's renunciation of the Republican party, really turning it adrift in the breakers was a cruel, cruel act of political desperation. It indicates that the editors of that paper have given up the chase of the United States senatorship, and virtually concede the election of a Democratic senator in advance. For a man who has been a candidate for that high office to give up in disgust so early in the game is a hot reward for those who supported him, and belies all the life-long pretended unselfish devotion to Republican principles. With the office going glimmering out of his mental vista the editor of the party organ turns and gives his life long political associates the cheese-knife under the ribs in a manner to cause the hopeless minority in Oregon to take new courage. Unable to get the senatorship himself, he says I'll be d—d if any other Republican shall have it. Because he could not get the coveted sour grapes, the vine must be torn down. Well, the Republicans have lost all the highest offices in the state and in Portland and Multnomah county under Harvey Scott's leadership, perhaps they can recover them now that he has abdicated.

THE COLONEL.

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Call for Bids.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive sealed bids for the improvement of Twelfth street, in the city of Salem, Oregon, from the South boundry line of Union street, in said city, sometimes known as Terry street, to the north boundary line of State street, in said city, according to plans and specifications heretofore adopted by the common council of the city of Salem, Oregon, and now on file in the office of the recorder of said city. Said bids will be so received by the undersigned at the city hall up to 7:30 p. m., of Monday, December 2, 1907. A certified check for 10 per cent of the amount bid must accompany each bid. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 21st day of November, 1907.

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Recorder of the City of Salem, Oregon. 11-27-5t

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Wooden.

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