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BE KIND TO YOUR FATHER.

(From the Baltimore Sun)

Be kind to your father, He has a hard time,
To pick up a dollar and toll for a dime;
HE BEARS ALL THE BURDENS AND CHOPS ALL THE WOOD,
And still you all tell him he's not any good;
While mother, dear mother, she goes through the days,
Cooking and cleaning and getting the praise,
Be kind to father—don't send him to bed
With jeers and with rancor to ring in his head;
He sits in the office and sweats for the dough
While mother skips round where the sea breezes blow,
And writes, "Darling Husband—it's pleasant down here;
Please close all the windows if storms come, my dear."
Be kind to your father and don't pull his leg,
Till he's almost compelled to turn beggar and beg;
He's chopping the kindling and earning the money
And getting sweet letters from mother: "Dear honey—
LOOK AFTER THE KITTEN AND FEED THE PET BIRD,
And water the rubber plant, love, not a word!"
Be kind to your father and keep him from worry;

His life is all trouble and bustle and hurry;
Don't beat him at breakfast and bang him at night,
BUT PLAY HIM SOME MUSIC AND TREAT HIM ALL RIGHT;
"Regards to your father, and tell him to send
A check for more money, my wad's at an end."

WHAT SALEM NEEDS.

Bicycles off the walks where residences are thick and people can't get out of their way.
More streets paved, and the streets that are improved protected and kept clean.
Preserve the beautiful grove of fir trees on Fairmount Hill before some one lays the axe to them for firewood.
Salem needs a more liberal park policy. Just two blocks in the heart of the city are not all the parks we should have.
That grove of firs just northeast of the asylum should be bought and made into a public park.
Preparations should be made now for the proper celebrations of the Cherry Fair next year. Let it be the only big celebration during July and everybody will arrange to stay at home from the summer resort until it is pulled off.
Salem need another large nursery business doing a trade all over the United States.

FOR THE CHILDREN.

Appropos of Salem's need to found a park and playground for its youngsters, the following, from the Seattle P. I., is of interest:
"The formal opening of the city playground for children on Fifteenth avenue, between Yesler Way and Jackson street, was an event of unusual interest to children in that section of the city, and at the same time afforded keen satisfaction to officials and citizens who are watching progress at this kind with keen and affectionate concern.
"Playgrounds mean much in the modern city. They will mean a great deal more, and will become very much more necessary, in Seattle as the city grows.
"Steady increase in population, and the erection of buildings in spaces now open, will in a few years produce a congested condition which will demand the presence of such places as the Hill-Tract municipal playground on Fifteenth avenue, and the officials are planning wisely when they provide these places aforetime.
"Seattle should be amply provided with parks and playgrounds before the city enters upon a period of congestion. For the child there is both pleasure and profit in these open spaces, for they make it possible for the child to escape con-

finement which is often too close to be good for the child's well-being, mentally, physically or morally. The city cannot have too many playgrounds."

HOW THE OREGONIAN IS USING TAFT TO PUNISH REPUBLICANS IN OREGON

(From the Baker City Herald.)
Stung repeatedly until it is as sore as a holl, the old Oregonian that we all love so well, continues to jab W. M. Cake, chairman of the Republican state committee in Oregon, until that paper has departed from fact and appears ridiculous to any person who observes Oregon politics.
The latest "news story" in the metropolitan newspaper is to the effect that W. M. Cake has gone east to confer with Senator Bourne about a Bourne-Chamberlain alliance. All of which is incorrect as Mr. Cake went to Boston to attend the Knights of Pythias supreme lodge.
According to this latest story of the Oregonian Taft and the national committee have given Cake to understand that he is undesirable in the Taft camp; that he is unfit for the place of chairman of the state committee and they want him ousted and R. E. Williams to take charge. Here is another unreasonable statement. Does anyone suppose that W. H. Taft has so little foresight? That he is possessed of no better judgment than to enter a state factional fight? The surest way for Taft to lose Oregon is for himself to declare himself against Statement No. 1. No matter what merit the statement may or may not have, Taft can lose this state with little effort. And such politicians as Senator Fulton evidently would help to lose it by striking a blow at a measure they don't like, rather than assist Taft to win in Oregon by keeping his hands and the hands of the national committee off of our home row.
As a matter of fact, and almost a matter of record, the Cakes are hostile to Bourne. Everyone knows that. The Oregonian knows it as well or better than anyone, yet it puts itself in the attitude of being unfair and unreliable for the possible purpose of killing off Cake because he advocated Statement No. 1. Another fact that is recorded in Oregon is that Senator Fulton's following elected George Chamberlain, a Democrat, to the United States senate in the June election over the regularly nominated Republican candidate. And still another fact, which is also a matter of record, is that Senator Fulton and his close followers were not Taft men in Oregon until it became absolutely certain that Taft was to be the nominee. They were sky-piloting around talking Fairbanks and Hughes. When Taft was sure to win without Oregon they raised the former secretary's banner. Why? Not because they wanted Taft, but to play the old game of politics of "getting in the band wagon."

Frank Hitchcock stopped too soon when he held his conference at Colorado Springs. He should have come to Portland and invited in some of the Republicans of Oregon. Then he would have learned how much Senator Fulton has done to disrupt the party in this state. He would have learned that Fulton is not a big man at home by any means. That he was beaten in a direct primary by this man Cake whom Fulton's close followers now claim is a weakling, and that his brother is even weaker.
If Frank Hitchcock has the good sense he is credited with having as a leader, and if he wants to be sure of carrying Oregon for Taft, the thing for him to do is to keep off of Statement No. 1 and the fight that it has raised here. He should also call a halt on Fulton and a few more who are using Taft to punish the majority of Oregon Republicans.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS WORTH ALL THEY COST.

The Marshfield News is in a quandary. It says that many strangers are driven away from that town by the bad condition of the streets; that when paving is agitated many capitalists come forward and assert that the high taxation will keep investors out. What is the right course to pursue is what the News wants to know, the basis for its editorial being a letter from Millionaire C. A. Smith, the sawmill magnate, opposing paving. The News says:
"The News confesses its ignorance on the subject; but according to Mr. Smith, asphalt pavement was laid on Park avenue, Minneapolis, 15 years ago, and was again relaid three years ago. It seems to us that this is a pretty good showing—12 years in a big city. How long would fir planks have lasted there? Mr. Smith also thinks that the extrava-

gance manifest in the paving of streets will have a bad effect on outsiders coming here with money to invest. Surely Marshfield is up against it, good and hard. When outsiders used to visit us in the winter and spring they would point to our streets and intimate that we had a monumental gail to ask anybody to buy property and live in a town that didn't have decent streets. Now, when we are going to have decent streets, the outsiders won't want to invest any money with such an extravagant class of people. For goodness sake, 'where are we at?'"

The Eugene Guard's humble advice to the News and its readers is to go ahead and make Marshfield a fit place to live and do business in by building first-class streets. There will always be kickers, but a town will never grow and prosper to any great extent until they are out-voted and relegated to the rear. The hardest kickers against the paving program in Eugene we notice have advanced the price of their real property from 50 to 100 per cent, and they know it's worth it, too. Two years ago Eugene was a muddy, quiet, pleasant country town; today it is a busy little city that can't build houses fast enough to shelter its growing population. Possibly street improvement is not entirely responsible for the change, but it has had more to do with it than any thing else. It takes money, of course, and lots of it, to build up a city, but it's worth while. The right kind of house-seekers and investors are not scared—they like it. Low taxes generally mean that a town isn't worth keeping up and that its people are probably too poor to pay for modern conveniences and improvements, or too slow and sleepy to desire them.

Marshfield will find that it will pay to improve its streets in a sensible, permanent way, despite the objections of Mr. Smith or any other individual who happens to have business interests there, but himself lives in a modern city like Minneapolis.

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