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Weather.—For Monday night and Tuesday, to continue cool and some fog.

THE CHILD ETERNAL.

(Reprinted by request.)

I heard their prayers and kissed their sleepy eyes
And tucked them all in warm from feet to head.
To wake again with morning's glad sunrise,
Then came where he lay dead.
On cold, still mouth I laid my lips, asleep
He lay to wake the other side God's door.
My other children mine to love and keep,
But this one mine no more.

Those other children long to men have grown—
Strange, hurried men, who give me passing thought,
Then go their ways. No longer now my own,
Without me they have wrought.
So when night comes and, seeking mother's knee,
Tired childish feet turn home at eventide,
I hold him close the child that's left to me,
My little lad, who died.

—Irene Fowler Brown, in Harper's Magazine.

THE CHEMAWA MOTOR LINE EXTENSION.

The building of three or four miles of electric motor line extension ought to be a small matter between a large government institution like the Chemawa Indian school and the city of Salem.

The additional value of property that will accrue and the increase in business that will come to Salem business houses would pay for that in a few years.

This is the plain reason why a liberal subsidy to get the road constructed would be a good investment.

Those small-minded persons who say the road will be built anyhow and hence oppose any subsidy, are too short-sighted to realize their own interests.

It is said by some that J. J. Henry is not the owner of the electric plant and therefore there has been shown a disposition to treat him in an unfair manner. If Mr. Henry is not the owner, he represents those who do own the property and is the man we must deal with.

NOT A FAIR STATEMENT.

The Oregonian prints the following as "Hofer's Opinion of the Republican Party."

"The Republican party in Oregon has for seasons remained in power more on account of the vices of bad leadership and sins of omission on the part of the opposition than by any positive merits or virtues of its own."

This paragraph was taken from a long editorial reviewing the history of the Republican party and showing a tendency to fall into popular lines of legislation.

It is no more fair to call that our estimate of the Republican party than to pick out a paragraph of the Oregonian editorials on free trade and say that the Oregonian is a Democratic party newspaper.

What The Journal stated above about the Republican party is true of almost any party that stays in power long—IT STAYS IN BY THE WEAKNESS AND BAD MANAGEMENT OF THE OPPOSITION MORE OFTEN THAN BY ITS OWN VIRTUES.

The editorial above referred to pointing out the tendency of the Republican party toward Populism ever since Editor Scott was taken into Populist holdup headquarters, has caused the Oregonian some loss of sleep.

Several times the Oregonian has taken little paragraphs from that editorial, which separated from the rest of the article gives the opposite effect to the meaning. THAT EDITORIAL HAS CAUSED THE OREGONIAN LOSS OF SLEEP.

The Oregonian would have it that it is the only newspaper that has any standing with Republicans, when as a matter of experience they know that they are indebted to the Oregonian's influence for having defeated a Republican Governor OR THEY ARE COMPELLED TO ADMIT THAT THE JOURNAL HAD INFLUENCE ENOUGH WITH REPUBLICANS TO ELECT A DEMOCRAT.

When Furness was defeated, the opposition happened to have a strong and able leader. The same result would have happened on other occasions when the Republicans deserved defeat if the opposition had been wise enough to take advantage of the circumstances.

HAVE SALEM WOMEN LARGE FEET?

A Portland lady who attended a session of the Salem Women's club is reported to have said that she noticed very few ladies with small feet during her visit at Salem.

One of the Portland papers expands this matter unnecessarily and goes so far as to say that she went all over the town in her search for anyone wearing a No. 2 shoe, and some of the shoes could not produce a No. 2.

From the standpoint of fashionable society, this is taken as a slighting statement and naturally awakens comment. Some say the Portland lady who reflects on the size of the Salem women's feet is lately from the East where the women wear starchy shoes to make their feet seem small.

The Portland paper and the Portland lady, if she ever said any such thing, have no way of proving the charge that Salem ladies have large feet.

It is likely that Salem ladies have adopted the plan—and a sensible plan it is—of wearing a nice, easy, long, graceful shoe, fitting to the foot.

The ladies could not be assailed as to their intelligence and understanding, unless they were charged with wearing shoes too small for their feet.

In fact, very small feet and very high-heeled shoes and very pointed toes are no longer regarded as quite respectable to wear on the street—and we only speak from reading and not from observation.

The Journal has done its duty in this matter and exposed the attack

on the Salem ladies—if it was ever meant for an attack—and the Portland lady probably fibbed, or the paper lied.

RUSSIAN POLICY VERSUS OUR TRADE PROSPECTS.

Russia has taken a large chapter out of the history of American protection, and proposes to supply her outgoing agricultural districts with manufactured goods from her older and more populous provinces, where textile and metallurgical industries are developing with great rapidity.

At this epoch, when, after acquiring the Philippines and other islands in the Pacific, we are about to construct an interoceanic canal, we could not be expected to look with entire complacency upon a policy of Russian expansion that has for its ultimate object the acquisition of large areas and population in the far East in order to provide new Russian markets and to shut out American and other European competition. Whenever Russia may feel safe in dropping the pretense of China's attitude in Manchuria, and avowedly make that region a part of her Asiatic domain, SHE WILL NOT BE UNDER ANY OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN THE COMMERCIAL TREATY BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES THAT HAS JUST GONE INTO EFFECT. For the future Oriental trade of this country, it is probably desirable, therefore, that the intensity of the Chinese Empire should be maintained. Thus, also, the Japanese, while admitting that Russian interests are greater than theirs in Manchuria, claim nevertheless to have very important commercial and other connections with that province, and refuse most emphatically to acquiesce in its complete Russification.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for February.

SECRET OF PERPETUAL YOUTH.

Some one asked a woman how it was that she kept her youth so wonderfully. True that her hair was snowy white, she was 80 years old; and that her energy was waning; but she never impressed one with the idea of age for her heart was still young in sympathy and interests. And this was her answer:

"I knew how to forget disagreeable things.
"I tried to master the art of saying pleasant things.
"I did not expect too much of my friends.
"I kept my nerves well in hand and did not allow them to bore other people.
"I tried to find any work that came to my hand congenial.
"I retained the illusions of my youth, and did not believe 'every man a liar' and every woman a sinner.
"I did my best to relieve the misery I came in contact with, and sympathized with the suffering.
"In fact, I tried to do to others as I would be done by, and you see me in consequence reaping the fruits of happiness and a peaceful old age."

There are many of us who might do worse than begin to try that old lady's code of behavior and see if after diligently practicing its precepts we agree with her method of insuring perpetual youth.—New York Sunday News.

THE HIRED GIRL QUESTION.

Orange, N. J., is shaken from center to circumference. There is a new hired girl's union in that town, and the angels of the kitchen feel strong enough to make demands and enforce them. They want a little of the fruit-cake part of existence themselves. They have tired of hearing the tinkling of the piano in the parlor, and the more or less sweet notes of "Bodella" floating down to where cook is working overtime, scraping burnt mush from the obstinate sides of the new schedule provides for domestic use of the parlor three nights per week. If there are more than four callers in any one afternoon, let the lady of the house answer the doorbell. Help shall be employed in the ratio of one hired girl to every three members of a family. There is more that deals with wages, hours of labor, nights off, etc.

That is what the portion of Orange, N. J., that keeps a girl is up against, and consternation is an unbiased guest in many a home. The new union can be beaten. It will not be necessary to secure injunctions or invoke the aid of the police. The first method deals with treatment of "help." In every city there are homes that are being watched by scores of domestics, for no other reason than because it is known that their occupants are so kind, so entirely just, so decent and fair and liberal to their employees, that girls are living in the hope of finding places there. Well-treated employees seldom make demands of any kind.

The other method would force the lady of the house and her daughter or in-laws long aprons, roll up their sleeves and try it awhile for themselves. They would not find much poetry in cooking doughnuts or in making beds; but in many instances they would be more useful than in the sphere where Browning is the patron saint and gossip the daily occupation. And in the end they would fully appreciate the troubles of the hired girl.

It will be interesting to watch developments in Orange, New Jersey.

JOURNAL X-RADIUMS

In the East they are always hoping and praying that each billiard may have been the last.

Bryan will see to it that no Democratic nominee will get any more votes than he ever got for himself.

If those young ladies from the Monmouth Normal school are preparing themselves to take part in politics, all right. They would do well at that business or at football, although we would not have it understood that we are saying they are not perfect ladies in every respect.

There has been a great deal of sensationalism about Mayor Harrison of Chicago clearing all the theaters of that city on account of the Iroquois fire. But the mayor is sensational or nothing.

Roosevelt does not want a condemnation at the hands of his supporters. But they will not have it that way. What are they here for?

This city should not abandon hauling on gravel in the spring and hauling off mud in the winter—or else, how will politicians get their streets and lots filled up?

The editorial writer who said the ladies were not qualified to vote because they could not play euchre should take it back. Has not Salem a Ladies' Euchre club?

Carter Harrison's Presidential aspirations have gone up in smoke—due to the Iroquois theater fire. Nothing but a great calamity would ever open the eyes of the people to the possibilities of demagoguery concealed in one individual.

Grover Cleveland announces that he does not in the least wish to interfere with Bryan playing out his string. But he does not mean by that he will exactly applaud.

European newspapers are throwing hot bricks at this country because occasionally a Southern negro is lynched or burned at the stake. It is not so many decades since Jews were burned at the stake and drawn and quartered in various countries of Europe under pretense of law.

Of course, there will always be some lawyers who will not exactly follow the scriptural injunction: "Magnify the law and make it honorable."

It looks to some people as if the Christian Scientists had undertaken the biggest contract ever. Only a woman would seek to abolish sin, sickness and death at one stroke.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

Doctors rarely have hard colds. They keep this old cough remedy in the house. Coughs, colds, weak lungs.

Dot Little German Band.
The new band at Sublimity has been organized, with fourteen members, under the instruction of E. D. Alexander. The members are I. J. Reed, Ed. Meier, Matt Dittler, Frank Wolf, De Winter, Alois Wolf, John Zimmerman, Breitenstein, Van-Hanlon, Fred Gray, Ben Klecker, Jos. Jucker. The boys are all in earnest, and willing to work to have a good band in their own, which they are sure to do.

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