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The Christianizing and uplifting of the dwellers along the Upper Nile at the point of the bayonet and quick-firing machine guns seems to have met with a temporary rebuff in the reported wiping out of Baron Dhanis' secret expedition into the Soudan. This is not a favorable time for such a setback to British intrigue, for the rise of the Nile, which makes passage of the cataracts possible, is near at hand. Besides this expedition, there is yet to be reckoned with the result of the British mission to Abyssinia, which, bearing handsome presents and a letter from Queen Victoria, has just been kindly received by King Menelik. Its ulterior purpose is fairly to be construed as to induce Menelik to refrain from sending an Abyssinian army westward into the Egyptian or British Soudan. However these contributory schemes turn out, resistance to British conquest of the Soudan cannot long be effective there. Africa must be defended, if at all, from Berlin or St. Petersburg or Paris, perhaps at Constantinople conference, perhaps in the stormy waters of the English channel.—Oregonian.

On his recent trip South President McKinley was presented a baby to kiss. He faced the music like a little man, and kissed the kid just as fervently as though he were running for office. We fear he made a mistake in establishing the precedent, for there are babies and babies. And then, again, this is a free country, and the American people are jealous of their rights. If the president can kiss a white baby, by what authority, in the light of the fifteenth amendment, can he refuse a like caress to that acute brunette offspring of some lady who was "born that way." It may be no inter-racial complications will follow the president's rash act; but should the thing become a fad, the office of "kisser in chief to the president" will have to be created. The job would not be a delectable one, but with a good fat salary there would be plenty of applicants. Judged solely by the quantity of mouth displayed, Oregon might put up a winner in a competitive examination in the person of her own beloved Max Pracht.

The people of Eugene, or a large number of them, seem determined to get rid of President Chapman. A bitter fight is being made against him; but the board of regents stay right with him. We know nothing of the merits of the matter, but one thing is certain, and that is that the usefulness of the college will be impaired by his retention, and that regardless of who is right, simply because a large number of Oregon's citizens are dissatisfied with him. Chapman should resign.

Whatever else the Democrats and Populists may think of Senator Hanna, they are bound to concede that he is a brave and hard fighter. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, himself a candidate for Hanna's seat on the Democratic ticket, had, through the columns of his paper, dared the state convention to indorse Hanna. The state convention very promptly did that very thing. McLean thinks Hanna is so unpopular with the working people that the state will go Democratic.

An exchange says Pennoyer is again a Democrat. The word "again" is superfluous. Pennoyer always was

a Democrat. It has been difficult at times to tell just what brand of Democrat: whether Colorado, Colorado Maduro or Maduro, for the wrappers sometimes varied, but the brand on the box has always remained the same.

And now the Oregon cherry has received deserved praise, it coming from Senator Vest of Missouri, who says he was here and had his fill of cherries that were the finest on earth. When the state of Oregon can fill Missouri's Vest full of cherries and not miss them, the possibilities in the cherry line seem boundless.

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