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THE GOVERNOR

Several have asked the Evening Observer whether the present sensational actions of Governor West mean that he has an intense desire to bring about better moral conditions in the state or whether the executive sees an opportunity to do a little self advertising.

It is a hard question to answer and we must confess we do not know. If the governor is thoroughly sincere in the matter and is not thinking of self he should have the support of every law abiding citizen. But those same law abiding citizens should at once insist that the governor, before ousting officials from office on his charge of failure to do their duty, at once read the duties of Oregon's chief executive and obey those statutes.

We mean by this that Governor West is not doing his duty as governor of the state of Oregon when he refuses to punish the criminals; when he makes a playground out of the state penitentiary, turns out a gang of jailbirds on the highways without sufficient guards to keep them from taking French leave of the road camps. He is not doing his duty when he refuses to hang such a criminal as Roberts who killed young Stewart in cold blood.

We are with the governor first, last and all the time when he orders officials to do their whole duty, but we must disagree with him as to the manner in which he is performing his own duty as chief executive.

UNCERTAINTY OF POLITICS.

Last spring Walter H. Evans was nominated as district attorney for Multnomah county. Everyone considered the matter settled and Evans could have gone to China and stayed until after election knowing that he would be elected. There was not a shadow of doubt but what he would fill the office at the request of the people of Portland to be expressed at the polls in November.

And right here comes in the uncertainty of politics.

When Evans was resting perfectly comfortable in the full knowledge that he would become the prosecutor and probably planning on the course he would pursue, along comes Governor West on a crusade demanding that Evans accept the position of special prosecutor for Multnomah county by appointment. Evans gets in the middle right off the bat. West demands that he accept. Evans puts his ear to the ground and he hears a rumbling. He is fearful that he will be

connected up with a movement that may turn out to be a street parade for West's senatorial or some other kind of a political circus. He hesitates and in that hesitation the foundation of Walter Evans' future political structure begins to shake. His loyal friends who oppose West immediately wonder why Evans does not turn down the Governor's request, while the ultra-West people feel incensed because Evans does not accept at once.

Evans finally refuses the governor, causing delay in the West program, embittering a number of leaders. Thus it will be seen that Evans, who had the district attorneyship sealed even the Democratic nomination for president, is now standing on a mound in the open, acting as a good and sufficient target for missiles from either side who two weeks ago were all for him.

GIANT CATARACTS

Victoria Falls the Greatest of the Mighty Torrents

NIAGARA RANKS ONLY THIRD.

The Falls of the Iguassu River Hold Second Place, and These Three Are in a Class by Themselves—Their Electric Power Possibilities.

At one time waterfalls in large rivers were interesting only because of their scenic beauty, and their very existence was deplored because they obstructed navigation. But man has found a way to harness these mighty power producers and today they are of the greatest value to the commercial world because the millions of water horse power can be changed into electricity and transmitted for hundreds of miles to be used as a reliable substitute for our vanishing coal supply.

When it is remembered that two cubic feet of water, weighing 125 pounds, by falling a distance of only six feet will produce one horse power of energy, it is easy to comprehend that millions and millions of horse power are wasted every minute by the torrents of water tumbling over Niagara, the Victoria falls and the Iguassu river and many lesser falls throughout the world. This falling water is guided by steel and concrete penstocks to powerful water turbines which whirl great electric generators. The current produced in this way is easily transmitted for hundreds of miles over small copper wires to the cities and towns where it is used to haul the railroad trains to drive the great manufacturing plants and to give us light and heat.

Loyal as we all are to our country, we must admit that even the mighty torrent of Niagara ranks only third in size when compared to the waterfalls of the world. The largest of the earth's waterfalls, the Victoria falls of the Zambesi river in Rhodesia, are 350 feet high and more than a mile wide, and were discovered by Livingstone in 1855. The water power of these falls is estimated to be fully 35,000,000 horse power, two and one-half times that of Iguassu and five times that of Niagara.

South America possesses a waterfall which exceeds Niagara both in width and in height and is actually the second largest waterfall in the world. This little known waterfall is that of

the Iguassu river, tributary of the Parana, and, like Niagara, is situated at the boundary of two states, each of which owns half of it. The total water power of the Iguassu fall, which is 213 feet high and nearly two miles wide, is estimated as about 14,000,000 horse power. This is approximately equal to the aggregate water power of all Scandinavia, which is rich in waterfalls, or about ten times the total water power of Germany.

There is no other waterfall in the world which is at all comparable in greatness with the Zambesi, Iguassu or the Niagara. Asia, notwithstanding its colossal mountain ranges, is comparatively poor in large waterfalls, which are found most abundantly in Africa and North America. The largest African streams especially are interrupted by many falls of considerable height. The Kongo has several high falls which owing to the great volume of the river, about sixteen times that of the Nile, may be counted among the most important sources of water power on earth. The Stanley falls, in the middle reach of the river, consist of seven successive falls, of a total height of 104 feet and a width of nearly 4,000 feet and offer an exceedingly rich source of power which probably will soon be exploited.

Still more important is the total water power which the Kongo develops in the non-navigable section extending from its mouth to Stanley pool. Here the river, confined in a channel only a few hundred yards wide and with a depth of water of nearly 300 feet, flows with a velocity of forty-eight feet a second, so that at every point of the stream 25,000 to 30,000 cubic meters or about 1,000,000 cubic feet of water are hurled along with irresistible force, while thirty-two rapids and waterfalls lower the level of the stream by 820 feet in a stretch of 170 miles.

The lower Nile, in Egypt, possesses a series of rapids, the celebrated cataracts of the Nile, but no waterfall in the strict sense of the word. True, waterfalls occur on the upper Nile, the most beautiful of them at the point where the stream issues from Lake Victoria Nyanza. This Ripon fall is only a few yards in height, but the volume of water is so great that it presents a magnificent spectacle.

Comparatively few persons know which is the highest waterfall in Europe. The most voluminous of European waterfalls, strictly so called, are the Rhine falls, at Schaffhausen, but the highest are the Rjukan falls of the Mann-Elf river, in the Norwegian province of Telemarken. The principal fall is 500 feet high, and the total height of the two chief falls with the intervening rapids amounts to 1,837 feet, while the average flow of water is fifty cubic meters, or 1,760 cubic feet a second. The Rjukan falls, with their total energy of 25,000 horse power, have been converted to industrial uses. Electric News.

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THE WAY TO SUCCESS IS THROUGH

Resurrection of the Pig.

Boys' and girls' essays are so remarkable sometimes as to suggest the conscious cleverness of the adult. Here is one pure and unadulterated, sent in for the children's essay competition in connection with the Darwin agricultural show. Probably you think you know something of the pig already. It will be instructive exercise to fill out your knowledge of this animal from this essay "For the pig to die" (we are informed) "is to be born again to a sphere of greater utility. When we get out of bed in the morning we brush our hair and clothes with its bristles; for our breakfast we have a crisp, savory piece of bacon. When we arrive home for our dinner we find some tender chops awaiting us, and when we go back to work we feel as strong as Jack Johnson. On our arrival home to tea we find some pork sausages frizzling in the pan, and we have our supper of cold sausages, which perhaps disturbs our sleep. And we dream of bacon, pork chops and sausages, and the cause of all this is the pig."—Dundee Advertiser.

The Hotel Hoodoo Room.

"We used to have a room in the old Fifth Avenue hotel that was known as the suicide room," said a former clerk. "Of course the name was an office secret, but whenever one of us rented that room to a stranger we never felt quite comfortable about him until after he had left the hotel. Now that the old hotel is gone there can be no harm in mentioning that the number of the room was 569. I don't see how even the most superstitious person could get a hoodoo out of that number, and nobody ever refused to take it so far as I know, but it is a fact that of the twenty-five suicides that took place in the Fifth Avenue hotel during fifty years, seventeen occurred in room 569. The last that took place was that of a young woman, who drowned herself in a bathtub. You will find that in any big hotel that has been running for any length of time there is a room that has a hoodoo of some kind on it."—New York Sun.

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ROUSED THE AUDIENCE.
A Mining Camp Melodrama with an Unexpected Climax.
Joseph Jefferson used to say that his career came very near being nipped in the bud in a small western town. He at that time was a member of a small pioneer company which progressed by means of three "bull teams" from one mining camp to another. They were always heartily received by the miners and cowboys, who readily paid the \$5 in gold required to witness their performance. Mr. Jefferson was the traditional melodramatic villain and in the third act was supposed to kidnap "the child." The supposed mother, hearing his cries, rushes upon the scene just as he is about to escape and fires a fruitless shot from a revolver.
Upon this particular occasion all had gone well until this scene was reached, and the audience, many of whom had never before seen any kind of theatrical performance, sat as if spellbound. At the crack of the mother's revolver, however, the spell was rudely broken. "By heaven she missed him!" a red shirted miner in the front row shouted, drawing his own six shooter and leaping to his feet. "Round to the back door and head him off 'fore he can get a boss, boys!" he yelled, and, following him, half the audience stampeded for the exit.
The excitement was finally allayed by the "mother" and the villain appearing hand in hand before the curtain and the manager's explanation of the situation. When the performance had been concluded the audience insisted on paying another admission price and having an immediate repetition from beginning to end.

CARS JUMP TRACK.
Passenger Coaches and Mail Car Jump Into Ravine From Bridge.
Temple, Ariz., Aug. 30.—Jumping from the track on the trestle over a ravine about three miles north of here today, two passenger coaches and a mail car of the north bound Missouri Kansas & Texas train, plunged into the canyon. One was killed and two injured, while 15 others were less seriously injured.
After the Quarrel.
The Helress (in tears). My husband was so ardent in his lovemaking I thought he adored me.
Her Friend. My dear, a man can put considerable fervor into his wooing when it's a case of marriage or work.—Boston Transcript.
Parcels Post System.
Washington, Aug. 30.—Announcement was made by Postmaster General Hitchcock tonight that the postoffice department would be ready January 1, 1913, to put into general operation the recently authorized parcels post system. The postal express business will be extended over more than 1,000,000 miles of rural delivery and star routes and will cover all systems of transportation of parcels now utilized by private express companies.

S.S.S. THE CURE FOR SCROFULA
The usual symptoms of Scrofula are enlarged glands of the neck, sores and ulcers on the body, skin affections, catarrhal troubles, weak eyes, and general poor health. The inherited poison, transmitted through the blood, pollutes and weakens this fluid, and in place of its nutritive qualities fills the circulation with scrofulous matter, which saps the vitality of the entire system. Thousands of children, born with a scrofulous taint, have spent their childhood in constant physical suffering, and grown to manhood or womanhood handicapped by ill health and stunted growth, and perhaps later some disease of the bones or joints developed. S. S. S., given in their early life, would have prevented this. It would have cleansed and purified the blood of the taint, nourished and strengthened their systems, and assisted each to grow into strong, healthful manhood or womanhood. S. S. S. is the very best remedy for Scrofula. It goes down to the bottom of the trouble, and cleanses the circulation of all scrofulous matter. It supplies the weak, diseased blood with strength and health-building qualities, and under the purifying effects of this great remedy all symptoms of Scrofula pass away. S. S. S. contains no minerals in any form, and is an absolutely safe treatment for children, even infants, or persons of any age. Literature about Scrofula and any medical advice free. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.