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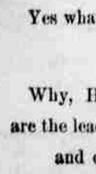
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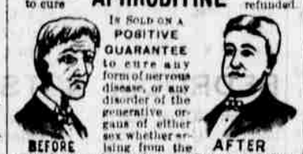

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III.—A MIXING OF PICKLES.

By Maj. ALFRED C. CALHOUN. Illustrated by T. A. FITZGERALD.

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—By W. H. Ballou.—Henry Henshall, a young artist, while traveling in a parlor car, mentally sketches the personnel of his ideal wife. To his astonishment he sees his ideal reflected in the mirror, she being one of a party of four, consisting of an old man, presumably her father, a governess and a man with a villainous countenance. He makes a sketch of the party. During the night the girl plays entrancingly on her violin. He determines to make her acquaintance, but upon arising in the morning he finds that the train has been in the Grand Central depot some hours, and that the party of four has disappeared.

Synopsis of "Fleeting Ideal."

CHAPTER 2—By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.—Mr. Crawford, his daughter Edna, Miss Brown, a governess, and Dr. Watson occupy a flat on West Thirty-eighth street. Their names are all assumed to hide some secret. Edna tells her father that she hates Dr. Watson and objects to his presence in the house, but Mr. Crawford insists that the doctor's presence is necessary to him. Watson possesses hypnotic influence over Edna, and is leagued with Miss Brown in a secret compact. As predicted by him, Edna plays on her violin at night. A month later Henshall recognizes Watson at a hypnotic exhibition. By means of the sketch made in the car a detective locates the doctor at the Thirty-eighth street flat, but upon calling finds the party has moved. The same day a strange woman calls at the flat seeking a Dr. Henshaw, and leaves muttering threats against Dr. Watson or Henshaw.

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Henry Henshall was in despair.

In vain he tried to banish the shadowy ideal from his heart by a greater devotion to his art. Whether he worked at a landscape or a marine scene the face of the beautiful girl he had seen on the cars would appear in the foliage or rise from the waters like another Undine.

A hundred times he would turn away from the canvas, thinking by force of will to dispel the torturing illusion, but as it was the creation of his own brush it would not vanish.

One afternoon he dashed his palette and brushes on the studio floor, and, springing to his feet, called out in a voice of agony:

"Merciful powers! Am I never again to paint anything but that face? Can I never again think of anything but that face?"

As if in reply to his question a quick double rap sounded on the door behind him, and in response to his nervous "Come in" Tom Wogly, his own private detective, stood before him, his face as impassive as a tobacconist's Indian.

"Any news, Tom?"

"Any news, Tom?" cried the desperate young man, and he looked as if an immediate homicide would follow a reply in the negative.

But Tom Wogly showed no alarm. Shaking out the crown of his soft felt hat he looked carefully inside, as if trying to discover how he had lost the lining, and then answered with that double antiquity for which ancient oracles and modern detectives are alike celebrated:

"Well, sir, there ain't nothin' as you might call downright startling to report. I ain't got what I'd call a reg'lar straight tip on the gal, but I kinder think I'm onter the heavy villain gent, jidgin' entirely by the face in the pictur'. If you drored that face right, why"——

"Where did you see him?" interrupted Henry Henshall, and he picked up his hat to be ready to dash out when he got the information.

"It was last night, sir, a talkin' to a mysterious woman, whose face was hid by a veil. Them two was right under Lafyot's stater, on Union square, and the woman acted as if her dander was up and she didn't care who knowed it; and the man he tried to soothe her and set her an example of street etiquette by talkin' low.

"Well, I sneaked round to see what I could hear, but the man got onto my little game, and hurried to a cab that was standin' near, and as he drove off he called out, 'I'll see you, Louise, some hour to-morrow night;' then I tried to talk to the veiled lady, but she threatened to call the police. I apologized, and she started off at a go-as-you-please gait that would have won first money at a walking match if she could keep it up.

"I shadowed her to Second avenue, near Seventeenth street, where she vanished into an every day kind of boarding house. That's the report, sir, and if you could let me have another fifty to hire a side partner, for I've got to have one or die for the want of sleep, why, I'll credit you with it when the job's over, which I hope'll be very soon."

After this long speech Tom Wogly coughed into his hat until the crown threatened to burst, and Henry Henshall handed him five ten dollar bills.

The young man was about to question the detective further when a heavy step was heard outside; then the door opened without any preliminary knock, and a handsome old gentleman, with a troubled face, entered and said:

"Harry, my son, I must see you alone at once."

The detective jammed the money into his pocket and his hat on his head, and vanished with a curt "Good day, gents!"

"What is the matter, father? You look troubled," said Henry, as he placed a chair for his unexpected visitor.

"Then I look as I feel," replied Mr. Henshall, with a groan that came from his heart. "On the top of the failure of Higgins & Lewis, our western agents, I this morning learned that my cashier has been faithless. He fled to Canada on Saturday, and a hurried examination of his books shows that he has robbed me of at least $200,000."

"But you are rated at a million; surely you can weather the storm," said Henry, hope rather than reason prompting his words.

"If you were a business man, as I wanted you to be," said Mr. Henshall impatiently, "you would know that a man's rating by an agency is never an evidence of the cash he can command."

Then, rising from his chair, he laid his hands on his son's shoulders, looked eagerly into his eyes and added, "Harry, you can save me if you will!"

"I, father?" and behind the old gentleman Henry Henshall saw the Undine face peering at him from the pictured water on the easel.

"Yes, you, Harry. Sit down and when I have told you all I am sure you will fall in with my purpose, for I have been to you a good father, and I feel that you will be to me a dutiful son."

Henry sat down, and, taking a chair facing him, his father went on to explain his troubles.

"I am in the power of one man," he said, "and by a scrap of his pen he can ruin or save me."

"Who is that?" asked Henry.

"Edward Hartman."

"The banker?"

"Yes, Edward Hartman, Lena Hartman's father. Harry, you and Lena played together as children, and Mr. Hartman and I—we were neighbors and good friends in those days—often laughingly spoke of the marriage of you and Lena. From that time to this she has loved you. She is an only child and her father is worth $6,000,000.

"If you will call on her at once I may get time to think, and if you ask her to marry you it will save me and your mother from an old age of poverty, and in the end you will bless the day that you took my advice."

Mr. Henshall held out his trembling hands appealingly, and Henry, who sat with his back to the picture, took them and said impulsively:

"I would give my life gladly to save you from trouble, father, so I will do as you request; though it will be unjust to Lena Hartman to offer her my hand when I cannot give her my heart."

Rejoicing much at his son's obedience Mr. Henshall left the studio.

Then Henry turned to the easel, and more distinctly than it had yet appeared he saw the beautiful, mysterious face looking up appealingly from the water.

He contrasted this exquisite ideal with the real Lena Hartman, the art child that haunted him sleeping and waking, with the large, full faced and stupidly good natured banker's daughter.

Henry Henshall's mind was certainly in an unusual state of perturbation, but it was placidity itself compared with the condition of his unknown idol.

The sudden disappearance of Mr. Crawford and his family from No. 8—West Thirty-eighth street was at the suggestion of Dr. Watson, whose keen ears and sharp eyes were quick to discover the hourly increasing curiosity of their neighbors in the apartment house, and it was Dr. Watson who secured the new and more secluded quarters on Kowenhaven place, near Sixty-seventh street and Central park.

Being retired, well furnished and on the ground floor, the new apartments were preferable to the old ones, and Miss Brown, the governess, who of late had shown a coquettish interest in Mr. Crawford, declared to Edna that it was "a perfect little paradise of a home."

To Edna Crawford, who seemed to have lost interest in life, it mattered not where she was or whither she went, so that the place offered her a refuge from the haunting eyes of Dr. Watson.

To avoid meeting this man at table she feigned sickness and had her meals served in her room; but the very means used to avoid him brought him into her presence with an eager tender of his professional services.

When he was out of sight she loathed him; when he was near, with his strange eyes burning into her face, or his fingers pressing her pulse, while he pretended to look at his watch, she was as powerless to resist as a bird under the fascination of a snake.

Fortunately, the doctor was now away the greater part of every day, and Edna would take advantage of his absence to comfort herself with the magic violin.

She shunned her father, because he was forever sounding the praises of the doctor; and, for the same reason, she avoided Miss Brown as much as possible, though that lady's increasing devotion to Mr. Crawford did not escape her notice.

One evening after supper she heard Dr. Watson saying to her father in the hall, "I expect to see a party from the west to-night, and if there is anything of importance to communicate I'll wake you up on my return after 12."

To this Mr. Crawford replied in a nervous voice: "If there is not a certainty of arranging the terms, so as to prevent publicity, we must sail for Europe on Saturday. I feel as if I could not hold up much longer under the strain."

After the doctor had gone out Mr. Crawford came into his daughter's room, and, to his great delight, she was less excitable and more demonstrative in her affection than usual.

After an hour's talk she kissed him good night, saying that she felt weary and would lie down, and requesting him to tell Miss Brown that she need not see her again till morning.

As soon as her father had gone out Edna quickly placed her violin and several rolls of music in the case, then hurriedly put all her jewelry and a change of clothing into a little valise and lowered the light.

She waited for an hour after Miss Brown had gone to bed in the adjoining room, then quickly put on a street dress, and carrying the valise and violin case left the house as noiselessly as a shadow.

Looking neither to the right nor left she made her way to the Third Avenue Elevated road and took a car bound south.

She got out at Fulton street, utterly ignorant of her whereabouts, and quite as uncertain as to her destination, but to her great joy she saw a respectable looking hotel near the station, and this she entered with a confidence of manner that in no way indicated her feelings.

She wrote her name on a blank card "Miss Louisa Neville," and asked the waiter who appeared in the parlor to have her registered and a room assigned her.

She had $32 in cash, besides her jewels, and this, so she thought, would enable her to live till she could find a place for the exercise of her talents.

Although not hungry, Edna Crawford went down to the dining room the following morning, and while waiting for her coffee she looked over a paper that lay on the table.

It was a copy of that morning's World, and a glance at the "want" columns decided her as to what she should do next.

After the merest apology for a breakfast she put a veil over her hat and hurried to The World office, on Park row. She was about to write out an advertisement, applying for the position of governess, when a handsome, middle-aged man, with a refined German face, raised his hat and said, as he handed her a slip of paper:

"Blease to ogskuse me, mees, but I am not sure if mine is goot English: is dat spelled ride?"

With a flushed face and trembling hands Edna read the following:

WANTED—Immediately, a young lady who can play violin solos in a European concert company. Apply in person and with own instrument to Herr Karl Steinmetz, No. 8 Union square, New York.

(Continued next week.)

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12, 1890.

"More money. More money," is the cry of the people which rings continuously, ever growing louder and louder, in the ears of Congressmen, and the number of Congressmen who believe that it is absolutely necessary to take some steps at the present session of Congress to largely increase the amount of money in circulation is constantly growing. Some propose accomplishing this result in one way, some in another. More bills for the free coinage of silver have already been introduced in one week than were ever before known to be introduced in a whole session upon any one subject; and there are other bills introduced for the purpose of affording the people the financial relief they are asking for.

Senator Stanford has by no means abandoned his idea of having the Government loan money to the farmers at low interest, taking mortgages upon their farms as security, notwithstanding the unceremonious manner in which the Senate Finance Committee tried to squelch it at the last session, and he has again introduced it, and in order to get a chance to speak upon it has requested that it lie upon the table until called up by him. He informs me that he intends, if it be possible, to bring the bill to a vote at this session. No one can talk with him without becoming convinced that he is very much in earnest, and that he believes in both the constitutionality and the practicability of the bill.

A unique financial idea is embodied in a bill introduced by Representative Clarkston, of Georgia, who thinks that every individual should enjoy the privileges now exclusively granted to the National banks. His bill provides that any man holding a United States bond may deposit in the Treasury, as national banks do, and receive for it "national bond certificates" to its full par value, such certificates to be full legal tender for all obligations.

The question naturally arises, what is to be the outcome of all this? It is not an easy question to answer. If the two Houses of Congress could get a chance to vote squarely upon it, the passage of a free coinage bill would be a certainty, but there's the rub. It is perfectly easy to pass such a bill through the Senate—a majority of the members placed themselves on record at the last session; but to get such a bill before the House it is necessary to get the consent of a majority of the committee on coinage and of the committee on rules. There is a vacancy at the head of the coinage committee and it is feared that Speaker Reed will select a man who holds the same anti-silver sentiments which he does, to fill it. In that case, goodbye to getting any free coinage bill before the House, unless the republican Senators who favor free silver coinage can succeed in playing the Federal Election bill against Speaker Reed's prejudice against free coinage. An attempt is now being made to do that very thing. It is proposed to either compel Mr. Reed to promise that the House shall be allowed to vote on a free coinage bill or to defeat the Election bill, in which he is deeply interested.

All of the correspondence relating to the killing of General Barrundia and the consequent recall of our minister to the Central America republicans, has been submitted to Congress, and the opinion seems to be general that the action of the State Department was eminently proper all along through. Ex-Governor Pacheco, of California, has been nominated by the President as the successor of the recalled minister.

A bill has been introduced in the House at the request of Secretary Noble, reducing the attorneys' fee for obtaining an increase of pension from $10 to $1, and the army of pension attorneys are in arms to defeat the bill.

Secretary Proctor's answer to a Senate resolution enquiring what steps had been taken toward disarming the Indians is a little ambiguous. After telling of the military preparations to suppress an outbreak, should one occur, he says: "It was plainly the better policy to take steps that would make it possible to disarm the Indians at the proper time, than to attempt this prematurely, when it could be only partially successful and would doubtless precipitate a serious outbreak. "Congress has passed a joint resolution for the issue of arms to the state of North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Montana.

The results of the first week of Congress are: In the House, the passage of the International copyright bill, the pension appropriation bill and a lot of preliminary committe work. In the Senate, six days of chinning on the Federal Election bill.

Senator Paddock is evidently in touch with the Farmers' Alliance. On Saturday he presented the protest of the Ocala convention against the Conger lard bill. It had already been practically decided by the Senate committee to report Mr. Paddock's Pure Food bill as a substitute for the lard bill.

Excitement

Runs high at the drug stores in this place over System Builder as everybody is using it for catarrh, of stomach, dyspepsia, constipation and impure blood, and to build up the system it certainly possesses wonderful merit when all speak so well of it.

LOCALS.

Chicago is to have a great tower 1500 feet in height, 500 feet higher than the Eiffel tower at Paris. The building is designed to cost $2,000,000. A large globe thirty-three feet in diameter, and crowded with sixteen powerful electric lamps will surmount the tower. For one dollar ahead people can be carried in an electric elevator 1500 feet in the direction they are supposed to want to travel in "the sweet bye and bye.

The county council P. of H. will hold a public meeting in Independence at the Grange hall, on Friday, Dec. 26th instant. Hon. R. P. Boise, State Master, and several other prominent speakers will address the meeting. The meeting will be of more than usual interest, and a large attendance is expected. Everybody interested in the Grange movement will please make a note of the date of the meeting.

The Miss Lucia B. Griffin's entertainment at the Evangelical church in this city on Thursday evening, the 18th instant, was a highly enjoyable and artistic affair. Miss Griffin is an artist of first class ability, and her unique and fascinating impersonations elicited frequent applause from the audience. The church was crowded, and every one seemed well pleased with the entertainment.

The series of religious meetings held at the Christian church under the ministrations of Rev. B. F. Bonnell came to a close last Sunday night. There were three or four accessions to the church. The meetings were largely attended throughout, and Rev. Bonnell has made many warm friends among the Christian people of this community.

M. F. M. Weaver and family, of St. Louis, Mo., who were visiting friends in this community last week, have concluded to locate in business at Portland. We are informed that Mr. W. says he has visited Seattle and Tacoma, but considers Portland a more substantial town than either of them.

A youth by the name of Willie Layman was run over by the N. G. railroad at LaFayette last Saturday, and instantly killed. He was attempting to jump on board the train while it was in motion, and in doing so he fell between the cars.

Mr. C. M. Brown of this city, who has been in failing health for sometime, left here last Wednesday for California. He is visiting the golden state for the purpose of recuperating his health, and will possibly remain there during the winter

Mr. J. G. Sears who lives over on the Big Nestucca says, "We have children here who never saw a preacher until last summer." The people in that section of county propose having a church within the next twelve months.

The temperance rally held at the Baptist church last Sunday evening was quite a success and largely attended. Some interesting speeches were made. Rev. J. R. N. Bell made the funny speech of the evening.

Mr. John Johnson, of Corvallis, was in this city last Friday looking after some heavy draft horses. John is full of business, and always has a keen eye for a good horse.

Mr. A. J. Whiteaker, of South Bend, Wash., arrived in this city, last Sunday. He reports times just a booming over in the Shoal Water Bay country.

Mr. James Roberts, of Salem, was in town Monday of this week. He reports the capitol city as full of business and moving right along.

Quite a number of the Monmouth State Normal school students are spending the holidays with "the old folks at home."

Rev. J. R. Bell left for Roseburg via Portland on Monday afternoon's train and will be absent for a week or ten days.

A young gentleman by the name of A. Miser was immersed into the Christian church last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Jas. Scrafford, of this city, went over to Toledo last Friday, and will be absent several days.

Mr. George, who lives about five miles south of this city, is shipping a car load of potatoes to Tacoma.

Mr. Willard S. Linville, formerly of this city, is government clerk at the Stietz Indian Agency.

Mrs. Hank Lewis, of Corvallis, who has been visiting relatives in this city returned home last Saturday.

Miss Georgia Kisor, of this city, is spending Christmas with her parents at Philomath.

Mr. Geo. Hantelman, of Sweet Home, was visiting friends in this community last week.

There was a large shipment of the festive turkey from this place to Portland on Monday.

Miss Teressa Akers, of Portland, is visiting at Mrs. J. S. Cooper's in this city.

Christmas is drawing near, and the festive fowl rests uneasy upon its roost.

Mr. Mart Elliot, of Fale's Landing on the Columbia, was in town, Monday.

Mr. J. M. Staats, of Airlie, gave this office a pleasant call last Saturday.

Don't forget the big Christmas ship at the opera house.

Mrs. J. W. Nesmith, of Derry, is still in very feeble health.

Mr. Jas. Harris, of Suver, was in town last Friday.

School Report.

Following is the report of the school in the Elkins' district which commenced November 17th and ended December 12th: No. of pupils enrolled, 18; average daily attendance, 17; neither absent nor tardy. Maggie McGowen, Eliza Harmon, Media and Clara Leland, Bessie Muscott and Nella Holman.

SADIE SMITH, Teacher.

Farm Wanted.

I have four teams and can run a good sized farm. If you have one to rent please address me, stating price and term.

R. M. BANKS, North Yamhill, Or.

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TACOMA.

JACOB MANN.

Jacob Mann is a wealthy property owner of Tacoma. He has no money to loan but in his building operations uses a great deal of money himself. In reference to the tax question he was very outspoken but took a different view from any person whom we have met. He said: "I believe in exempting mortgages as we do here but going still further and exempting mortgages owned by residents of the state as well. You cannot make money too cheap, and the only way to make money cheap is to have it come in competition with itself. I also believe that you are mistaken about the farmers being responsible for the mortgage tax law in Oregon. That law may have been passed through the help of the farmers but the bankers of Portland urged them to do it. Look what a monopoly of the money market they have. Do you suppose they are so short sighted as to want it repealed? Not much! They have too good a thing and they know it. Your bankers are not anxious for foreign money to come in competition with them and you will find that they will (on the sly) oppose the bill for repealing the law. As far as we are concerned in Washington, our law is satisfactory and we only want more money."

THE ASSESSMENT.

We called at the assessor's office of Pierce county and were informed that the total net taxes are over thirty-eight million dollars. The system of assessment is very complete and the assessor assured us that not one foot of land escapes taxation. We did not have the time to spare to fully examine the maps and plats but intend doing so upon our return through Tacoma. The manner of assessing corporations, such as banks, is we think a very good one. The stock is assessed to each bank at its market value. All real estate and personal property is also assessed to the bank. The bank then furnishes a statement under oath of what the real estate cost the bank, and that amount is deducted from the total amount. To illustrate it as we understood it: The bank stock is assessed at $200,000 on a capital of $250,000. The real estate is assessed at $100,000. This real estate cost the bank, we will say, $50,000 and has increased in value the $50,000 consequently the bank pays on an assessment of $250,000. On the other hand, if the bank's real estate has depreciated, the difference between the cost and present value is deducted from the capital stock and the bank pays on the balance. The assessor informed us that although the law says mortgages held within the state be deducted, that the prevailing plan of making the borrower pay the taxes, makes that a dead letter and so no mortgages are deducted. We hear of no complaints. The new assessment law pays the assessor by the year and his assistants by the day, and the land is to be assessed and in no case the individual. One of the weaknesses of the Washington law has been the tendency to look to the individual as held for the taxes instead of the real estate. The deputy assessor volunteered the information that Pierce county had the best system for assessing of any county in Washington.

SEATTLE.

We arrived at Seattle at half-past eight Tuesday night. We called at the *Post Intelligencer* office, a daily paper which is the peer of the *Oregonian*. We met Alfred Holman as editor-in-chief and Will H. Parry holding a responsible position as city editor with five or six reporters under him. We also met Mr. Levison and Ted Piper, well known Oregon boys. Mr. Holman said that Oregon should repeal the indebtedness clause, the mortgage tax law and the usury law if she would stand on an equal footing with Washington in inviting and obtaining capital for developing the state. Mr. Holman expressed a warm friendship for his native state and hopes to see it prosper.

J. W. GEORGE.

We met Jessie W. George Wednesday morning and with him was Mr. A. Knox, who arrived in Washington two years ago from Minnesota. Mr. George is the brother of M. C. George our ex-congressman. He said: "There is no sense in the taxation of mortgages. They are not property and cannot be made so. If I, whom we will suppose am without any property, should buy a horse and give my note, and, to secure the debt, a chattel mortgage on the horse, the horse is the property and not the note, since the horse is the basis of the note, and the horse should be taxed and not the note. If the horse dies, no taxable property remains, since the note was based on the horse. Real estate should be treated in the same way. The property only can be held for the taxes and it makes no difference whether you or I own it. Tax the property and not the individual. Let the owners settle the payment of the taxes among themselves with which the state need have nothing to do."

Mr. A. Knox said he much preferred the Washington to the Oregon laws.

THE LAW IS ALL RIGHT.

We next called upon a gentleman who is well known as a financier in Oregon and Washington but did not want his name used. "I do not want your people to think that I would advise them to repeal their tax laws, which are so much benefit to us. If your people are satisfied with the law I certainly am. Oregon is a magnificant state and you have smart shrewd business men, and if the law does not suit you, you will certainly repeal it. I cannot believe that your people will work against your own interests. You certainly have fostered Washington and we are very grateful for it. The law is of great benefit to us, and if your people think it does them no harm, why should it be repealed."

COL. W. F. PROSSER.

Wm. F. Prosser lives at the town of Prosser which is on the Cascade branch of the Northern Pacific, in the Yakima valley. It is strictly a farming country about here. He has heard no complaints from the farmers over the present tax laws. The action of the State Board of Equalization in raising this years' assessment in his county fifty-five per cent. has called forth opposition but the Board probably thought the assessment was made on too low a basis. As far as deducting indebtedness and the mortgage tax law is concerned, it is not talked about.

We leave here for Port Townsend and Fairhaven.

We met Geo. Carson in Tacoma who has horses there for sale. He says he will be back to Independence and meet his old friends. His business affairs are becoming more prosperous.

This afternoon we ate lunch with Mr. B. Stacey at the Board of Commerce Club rooms. While there we met a number of persons, among others Ex-governor Eugene Semple. He said that he was well aware that Oregon's laws were against a rapid development of the state but that the resources of the state would eventually bring population in spite of the laws although it would be much slower than Washington. Mr. Semple is a member of the Board of Tide Land Commissioners, which was in session at the Board of Commerce today. The Chamber of Commerce here has over three hundred members.

We took a ride over the electric line out to a town called Ballard at the north end of Seattle six miles from the business center. The fare is five cents. Ballard is two years old and is a town of two thousand or more people, and it is entirely dependent upon a logging railroad, ship building yards and a saw mill. This pointed out to us what the advantages would be of a railroad from Falls City to Independence. What Oregon needs is more money to develop such enterprises and give employment to labor.

E. C. PENTLAND.

BRIEF MENTION.

The Los Angeles Tribune [illegible]

The house has passed the pensions appropriation bill.

An epidemic of diphtheria is reported at Lesser, Minn.

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Russia will stand no foreign interference in the Jewish question.

The widow of George Cruikshank, the London artist and caricaturist, is dead.

A George Wilkes yearling has just been sold to a St. Louis stock farm for $5,000.

Samuel Gompers has been re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor.

William E. Elliott, who has been twenty years a postal clerk, was arrested at Indianapolis for robbing the mails.

The house of the noted Chicago Board of Trade man, Robert Lindblom, has been despoiled of $5,000 worth of diamonds.

The Irish Parliamentary fund association in America has issued an address indorsing the position taken by the Irish delegates.

The Davis platform Binder company, manufacturing harvesters and binders at Cleveland, O., has gone into the hands of a receiver.

Henry C. Noble a prominent member of the bar, and a brother of Secretary Noble of the interior department, died at Columbus, O.

Mrs. Woodworth, the trance evangelist has returned to the scenes of her former triumphs and her followers have established a church at Muncie, Mo.,

The general manager of the Colorado Midland railroad has notified the striking train men that they must return to work at once or their places will be filled.

The news of the engagement of Miss Marcible Garner of New York to the Marquis de Breteuil of France has been received by the relatives of the young lady.

It has now been decided that a rebate on manufactured tobacco will be made to owners of tobacco, wherever it may be, if the owner is a manufacturer or dealer.

The Ramos mining district, in the state of San Luis Potosi, one of the richest in Mexico, has been sold to an American syndicate, headed by Mr. Kirkland of Milwaukee.

The Paris Le Matin announces the formation of a bank, under the auspices of the Vatican, with a capital of 100,000,000 francs, of which the Jesuits will subscribe one-half.

A New York green goods man with 500 green goods letters which he had just taken from the Aleer, N. Y., postoffice, has been arrested. This arrest is considered a very important one.

Holmes Business College.

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"The Jersey Lily."

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