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THE "SCARLET LETTER."

Max Pracht has a job. Until recently he was one of Mr. Hitchcock's special agents. But he didn't like the work, so he resigned and went to Washington where he solicited the aid of his closest friends, Senator Mitchell and Representative Herrmann, to secure for him a little honest labor.

But his friends were under indictment and could do nothing for him, so Max, after the manner of his own heart, sought a job for himself.

He got it. Senator Mitchell delivered a letter to him to be handed to the senator's secretary, Robertson who, in turn, was to deliver it to Mr. Mitchell's law partner in Portland.

No sooner had he received the letter into his own keeping than Max hastened to his own room, glanced stealthily behind him, as he crossed the threshold, locked the door, pulled down the shades, whispered a lullaby to his yawning conscience and sat down to commune with himself.

He looked at that letter two or three times. Then he turned it over and looked at the back of it. All the edges and corners were closely scanned. It was sealed tight.

What in the dickens was in that letter? Perhaps it contained a sugar teat or a stick of dynamite. The introduction of a knife blade along the upper edge would leave incriminating marks. No, that would not do.

For several minutes Max was lost in a deep, brown study. After a bit he saw a bright idea slipping across the bridge of his nose and he handcuffed the idea and put it to work.

Max laughed with glee as he thought with admiration of the brain from which such an extraordinarily brilliant idea had emanated. So he sang his conscience song backwards, raised the shades, unlocked the door and stepped forth again into the world of light and betrayed friendship.

He delivered the letter as instructed to do to Robertson, then hurried to the department officials where he cautiously told them of the transaction and his suspicions.

Robertson was met at The Dalles by a secret service man and at Portland the letter which the former was carrying was taken from him. The contents are known to the public at large and whether incriminating or otherwise they have no bearing on the matter at present.

As a reward for his treachery, Pracht was given a position in the Treasury department. It is a good job and Max is a safe man for the place. Fingering greenbacks, no doubt, is a just and reasonable compensation for an insidious betrayal of closest friendship. The government can well afford to have such gentlemen looking after its finances.

But it might be well to have the detective force increased in the Treasury department. Chicken owners, too, are respectfully advised to procure extra locks for their coops.

MORE WORK FOR ASSESSORS.

With the governor's signature attached to H. B. 237, the work of county assessors throughout the state is materially increased inasmuch as they will have to familiarize themselves with all stock which migrates from one county to another for grazing purposes. The law in question provides that livestock pastured in more than one county shall be subject to taxation in each county in proportion to the time it is so permitted to pasture or range.

All stock must be assessed in the usual manner by Assessors, and the owner must deliver to the Assessor a written statement, showing a description of the stock, with the brands used; where the stock

has been kept, and will be kept, and the owner is liable to his home county for the state, county and other taxes. "And the owner shall, unless sufficient real estate ample to secure the same is liable therefor, pay the Assessor at the time of such assessment the whole amount of said taxes for the full year at the rate of the last preceding levy, and take his receipt therefor."

The same law also provides work for the county stock inspectors inasmuch as the owner of the migratory stock, upon entrance of his herds into other than his home county, shall notify the stock inspector. The latter must then demand an immediate statement of the number of head and evidence that the taxes have been paid in the home county. If the stock remains in the county after the time for which payment of taxes has been made, the owner must furnish the stock inspector with an additional statement and pay a further tax for the balance of time the stock is to remain in the county.

If Consolidation of Railways into great systems is to be defended and approved, then it follows as an inevitable corollary that government control of those great consolidated systems is essential, for the simple and sufficient reason that otherwise the consolidated railways especially when acting in conjunction with other great corporations would soon become more powerful than the government itself. Indeed, they seem to have become so already, if not positively then negatively by having a host of friends and servitors in positions of prominence and power. If it comes to a choice between the government being run by the consolidated railroads, and the railroads being run by the government, the people will have to choose the latter as the lesser evil.

The financial supplement of the New York Evening Post publishes a list of 23 railroads, aggregating 131,630 miles, in the management of which the Standard Oil interests are openly acknowledged. Besides this, the same group of "interests" are dominant in 24 great industrial corporations, including Amalgamated Copper, Consolidated Gas, United States Steel, United States Realty, Colorado Fuel and Iron, and others, and also in 14 banks and 14 trust companies.

Now it scarcely needs any argument to show that these very astute and industrious gentlemen are getting entirely too much power. The people have got to check them and control their operations. This is just now the paramount business of the American people.—Journal.

Every once in a while the country witnesses a man in public office, who is possessed of considerably more backbone and stamina than his fellow beings, thrust his head above the shoulders of all the rest. St. Louis had a taste of the thoroughbred way in which Folk grappled with political corruption, Wisconsin shuddered once or twice when LaFollette overturned the intrigues of a political body rotten to the core, and now nearer at home, Sheriff Word is demonstrating to the touts and vice lovers of Portland that the law is much stranger than fiction. It is not improbable that Mr. Word could have been worth close to a quarter of million of dollars had he seen fit to continue the policy of the old regime. But, as sometimes happens, the right man got into office. A man who is not susceptible to the ways and means and questionable influences of the law breakers. Of course Word is accused of making a grand stand play, but that is not unusual. A man, much less an office holder, seldom does anything of a commendable nature that he is not accused of an egotistical desire to pat himself on the back. But granting in this instance that

Word is playing to both the bleachers and the higher priced seats. He has a good audience and the foul bits that he constantly makes won't strike him out. He's got the crowd—the major part of the better crowd—with him, and his batting average is way above par. Portland needs more like him. The country at large would profit by the presence of more men of his caliber.

The announcement of the Central Oregon Fair and Agricultural association that it will hold a county fair in this city during the coming fall, is sufficient to stimulate everyone who has the future progress and development of the county at heart to lend all assistance possible. Outside of the stockholders, this assistance requested will be mostly in the shape of good will towards the project. All the hammers should be put on the shelf to rest and get dusty. With the right kind of spirit evinced by everyone not pecuniarily interested in the exhibit a long step will have been taken towards helping those who are devoting both their time and money to make the fair a success. The whole county should be benefited. It will not be a one man's show, or a display from which one or a dozen residents will secure the blessings. The smallest farmer and the poorest man in the county will receive an indirect benefit and profit by it accordingly. It may not come to him in visible dollars and cents, but even blind men sometimes see things with their subconscious eye sight. In consequence it is up to every resident of the county to do his little share towards bringing success to Crook county's exhibit. That little contribution may be nothing more than a cheerful word, but every little mite helps and the smallest favors will be accepted with thanks.

Frogs a croakin', crickets a chirpin' and a van guard of red breasted robins—all that should satisfy anyone that gentle spring is arriving. March has slipped in softly, but no one remembers the punishment at the end of the month that is promised for such a sin.

WOOL ON SHEEP; MONEY IN BANK

"The year 1905 promises unexampled prosperity for cattle and sheepmen throughout the Inland Empire," said C. J. Millis, livestock agent of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company. "People in this part of the state probably believe that the past winter has been disastrous to the stockmen in eastern Oregon and Washington and the whole of Idaho, because the weather has been severe. Such an impression is based on ignorance of the conditions in the Inland Empire. "Whenever hay is plentiful livestock there is carried safely through the severest winters. The hay-stack is the stockman's insurance policy, and the flock owners had laid in such a liberal store of that variety of food that they were able to get through the hard months without appreciable losses. Some losses always occur in the winter. But they have been in the minimum this year, and the situation otherwise is such as to assure good times to those engaged in that industry.

"Prices are medium. This induces owners to sell and buyers to buy, and causes a liberal movement of livestock. "Wool-raisers" will be carried on a high tide of prosperity this year. Probably more wool has been contracted for the 1905 clip than ever before in the history of the industry in the northwest. The eastern demand appears to be strong and representatives of the large handlers are anxious to sign the clips for 1905 delivery. I have not known of such general wool contracting in the past five years.

"With the demand as strong as it now is, sheep-breeders are offered gilt-edged prices, and may secure a promise from responsible houses that is the same as money in the bank, for these contracts may be negotiated at the banks and are a basis for loans up to almost 100 per cent of the amount of wool expected to be shorn."

—Journal.

Additional Locals

Dan Heising was over from Bend a couple of days this week looking after business matters.

R. H. Barnett, of Haystack, was in town yesterday looking after the estate matters of the late J. H. Barnett.

T. E. Stone came up the street smiling from ear to ear. Cause: a girl. Mother doing well, girl growing fat. Ed says the first thing it said was "Dad" "Dad".

W. A. Bell drove out to Shaniko yesterday to meet Mrs. Bell who is returning from a visit of several weeks with friends and relatives, will reach here Saturday.

A. G. Scoggins has purchased the Prineville-Sisters stage line from L. E. Allingham, the transfer of interests having become effective the first of the month.

Sheriff Smith and Farmer Powell went over to the McKay Irrigation company's tract Tuesday to turn the water into the canal. Mr. Smith stated that the work which has been done on the project has proven satisfactory in every detail and that the ditch carries its burden of water at just the right flow. The promoters of the enterprise will have a force of men at work extending the main canal about the first of the week and expect to have the entire canal finished by early summer.

Work on the Portage Road.

In answer to the inquiry as to how work on the portage road is progressing, Contractor Nelson says all is going smoothly and satisfactorily, the cold weather causing practically no delay. About 100 men are now at work.

Contractor Tibbertson has two pile drivers at work and in four days, will be through driving the piling at Celilo. Of the 1100 feet to be driven about 800 are disposed of. On the long trestle at Cape Horn one-third of the piling has been driven. This will be completed about the 20th of March. It is expected that all the piling will be finished by the middle of April.

Contractor Allen, who has charge of the grading of 50,000 yards, has half of the work completed, or 25,000 yards.

Steel for the incline track is on its way and should it arrive in time the work of laying it will commence on the 10th of March.

Celilo is now a village of tents and among them a large two-story mess house is much in evidence. It has just been built at a cost of \$1500.

Oregon's First Locomotive.

One exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, will be the first locomotive used in the state, a mere plummy when compared with the massive engines of today, weighing, as it does, but 10 tons.

This "Baby" Locomotive, was built in San Francisco, 1851-62, and imported here. For two years it made daily runs on wooden rails over a seven mile track along the Columbia river. At the expiration of that time, it was sold to David Homes, a 49'er who returned it to the California metropolis.

Mr. Homes now vouchsafes his intention to exhibit the diminutive locomotive at the World's Fair, where he will place it alongside of a 90-ton Leviathan, recently constructed for the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, the company that first owned the smaller engine. In so far as the latter is but 13 feet long, the contrast will be marked.

Change in Methodist Services.

Rev. W. P. Jinnett announces the following changes in his church directory which becomes effective this month. Services will be held at his different pulpits as follows: Prineville—First and third Sundays at 11 a. m. Every Sunday evening at 8. Bible school each Sunday morning at 10. Epworth League each Sunday evening at 7. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 8. Willow Creek—Second Sunday of each month at 11 a. m. Howard—Fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. Claypool—Fourth Sunday at 3 p. m. Lower McKay—Third Sunday at 3 p. m. Rye Grass—First Sunday at 3 p. m.

Good Attendance at Teacher's Meeting.

A large number of parents were in attendance at the teachers' and parents' meeting held at the public school building last Saturday. Some interesting addresses were given by the members of the faculty as announced in the program and Rev. Mitchell contributed an instructive talk on school work. Besides those mentioned on the program short addresses were given by Mrs. S. J. Newsom, Mrs. I. L. Ketchum, Mr. Ford, Mr. Boegli and Prof. Strange. The benefits to be derived from the co-operation of the teachers and parents in these meetings is far reaching and has a stimulating effect on the work of education. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the next meeting which has been set for Saturday, March 25.

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 Daily Between Prineville and Shaniko
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 Leaves Shaniko, 6 p. m. Arrives at Prineville 6 a. m.
 Leaves Prineville 1 p. m. Arrives at Shaniko 1 a. m.
First Class Accommodations

CLOSING OUT SALE AT THE BAZAAR
 In order to make room for an entire line of new goods which will soon begin to arrive, and to clear our store of "odds and ends" for the next 30 days we shall make such a slaughtering of prices as was never before known in Prineville. Here are some of the lines from which you can select these bargains:
BARGAINS & BARGAINS
SHOES
 We have about 400 pair of Gent's, Ladies and Childrens Shoes that must all go in this sale.
HATS
 A good line of Gent's dress and work hats
HOSE
 Ladies and Childrens' Cotton, Wool, Lace and Silk Hose.
MACKINTOSHES
 Are selling at below first cost
RUBBER GOODS
 Cutlery, Notions, Furnishings, etc., are included in this sale.
SEEING IS BELIEVING
 Come in and look over our bargain counter.
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