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When the American people as a whole or majority thereof pass final judgment upon any question of national importance, the decision can safely be considered almost in fallible. However, we as a nation, are sometimes too hasty in allowing our sentiments to overcome our sense of justice. We now have reference to the Cook-Peary controversy in which nine-tenths of the people of this nation, and in fact of the entire world, have from the start taken sides with Dr. Cook, and have unmercifully flayed Lieutenant Peary, a man who has spent the best years of his life in strenuous efforts to bring honor of finding the North pole to the United States; a man who has endured all the hardships of the damned—frozen, starved and suffered in every conceivable form—that the ambition of his countrymen to be the first there might be realized; a man who made it possible, if true, for Dr. Cook to first reach the coveted spot, because Cook's appearance in Pole hunting and his most practical knowledge of northern exploration was derived from his expeditions in the company of Peary to the frozen regions, and by Peary's courtesy only. Now, let us reason a bit without prejudice. The honor of discovering the Pole was to Peary as the finding of a gold mine is to a hungry prospector, and when, after at last reaching the goal of his life's labor, he learns that a pretender claims to have beaten him to it by a small margin, what could he do? He did exactly as the aforesaid prospector would have done had someone jumped his claim, and likewise what the afore said nine-tenths of American people would have done. He naturally got angry and said things, He doubted and he still doubts the authenticity of Dr. Cook's statements, and he has every reason for doubt, but for this display of temper the nation turns upon him and attempts to rend him to pieces, forgetful of the debt they owe him for his part in the victory. One of the reasons why Peary should doubt Cook's claim is that

St. Johns resident gave some beautiful sentimental and poetic thoughts on going into Portland in the Journal last week. His portion almost carried one away on its flowery breath—but not quite. He told how "small minds" were the only ones that questioned Portland's fatherly interest in us; expanded on what a glorious thing it would be to be a resident of Portland; he even told how Seattle had become great by falsehood and exaggeration, and intimated that Portland should follow suit. While "small minds" pause to inquire and investigate the whys and wherefores, and cannot adopt a course unless it looks feasible and advantageous, large minds, like the writer of the article no doubt possesses, sweep over such trifles in a burst of enthusiasm at the prospect of being in the city of Portland, a bit of sentiment which serves as a cloak for a multitude of sins. Small minds, like little potatoes, are necessities and help to fill up the crevices left open by the larger substances.

Taft found Ballinger not guilty, and gave him almost as saintly a recommendation as he gave Aldrich. This acquittal may have been in keeping with the facts in the case. At any rate, it was good politics and to have been expected. A president who, before he had got his chair well heated, should publicly acknowledge that he had made an ass of himself in selecting his secretaries, would be pretty stupid or almighty courageous. Taft is neither. Upon being upheld Secretary Ballinger promptly fires Glavis, chief of the field division of the general office, who brought the charges against him. This was the natural and proper thing to do. There should be harmony in the department though the entire working force be reduced to Ballingers, and retain a man who had the ability to spy out things and the courage to report them would be bad for discipline and concerted action, not to say embarrassing to corporations that want the law so construed that what they've grabbed will stick to their fingers. Taft and Ballinger have surely acted with aplomb in this matter. They've closed the incident at the trifling cost of crucifixion of a subordinate, and the people will be a long time about learning anything about Alaska thievery, anyway.—Peoples Press.

Tuesday's Journal editorially upbraids a Coos county man for carelessly wounding another while hunting skunks by shooting him with a bunch of 80 odd buckshot. The man who fired the gun containing that load also deserves a little medical attention, if our experience with firearms has taught us anything.

The following excerpt from an editorial published in the Oregonian Tuesday is an indication that moss certainly must be forming in the writer's upper story: "At St. Johns an official is to be recalled because somebody doesn't like the course he has taken on some kind of village proposition, vaguely defined."

Last Wednesday Mrs. J. C. Scott and daughter spent the day at the beautiful home of Mrs. Scott's cousin, Mrs. Olive Bates of Mt. Tabor. There were also present two sisters of Mrs. Bates—Mrs. Louisa Townsend of Arleta and Mrs. Julia Hale of South Portland, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Ella Stouf of Sacramento, Cal., and a niece, Mrs. Olive Sutton of Arleta. A very pleasant day was spent together. One among the many enjoyable features of the day, was a delicious chicken dinner prepared by the hostess.

IS YOUR MEAT PURE?

While the people of Portland are being agitated over the impure milk proposition, it would be well for our people to look to the quality of meat they are using. It is of just as vital importance that the meat used should be pure as the milk, and it is likely that as many deaths are caused by diseased meats as from impure milk only it is more difficult to trace. Therefore, why buy your meat where any question might be raised as to its purity? Go where it has been proven beyond a peradventure of a doubt that only good, wholesome meats are sold. You owe it to your family and you owe it to yourself. There is now more sickness in this city than ever before, and who can say that poor meat does not have its share in this deplorable state of affairs? There is one market in St. Johns where you can get the best, and nothing but the best in the meat line. That is at BITGOOD & COLE'S new market on North Jersey street. Try them and see.

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The murder of Prof. Ferrer by the Spanish government is merely in line with their action in blowing up the Maine in '98. That nation has been quite decent ever since as a result of that incident, but it seems impossible for them to remain in that condition permanently. The execution of Prof. Ferrer was one of the most shocking and wanton murders of this century, and deserves the condemnation of the entire world.

The tariff experts are to receive \$7,000 a year each, with clerks, allowances, and the etceteras which go with soft soaps. And they aren't very expert, either, to tell the truth.

The West Point curriculum should provide some form of occupation for students during the interval between their dismissal for hazing and their reinstatement.

Everyone seems to know all about "Artist" Earle's affinities but has anyone ever heard anything about his achievement as an artist?

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The committee on resolutions of respect for Bro. Elias W. Robinson submit the following:

Whereas, Brother Robinson was a worthy member of our order, always greeting us with a pleasant smile, therefore be it

Resolved, that the members of Lauder Rebekah Lodge No. 160 I. O. O. F. hereby desire to express their deepest sympathy and grief at the loss of one of their most respected members. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that we sincerely sympathize with the wife and family of our late beloved brother, and hope that a higher than human power may comfort and console them in this dark hour of this affliction. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that a page be set aside in our records as a memorial for these resolutions and that they shall be printed in the columns of the St. Johns Review and a copy sent to the wife and family also—so our charter be draped for a period of thirty days.

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