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The pen picture drawn by W. J. Bryan of the emperor of Russia does not represent a warrior bold but a man of a nature bordering on effeminacy. Mr. Bryan, on his recent visit to Russia visited him at his winter residence. He thus describes him: "The emperor is a young man, having been born in 1868. He is not more than five feet seven or eight inches in height and apparently weighs about 100 pounds. His figure is slender and erect, his face boyish and his eyes a light blue. His hair, which is blonde is a trifle short and combed upward over the forehead. The ear wears moustache and short beard. The general expression of his face is gentle rather than severe and he speaks English perfectly."

J. D. COMBS of Grant county, tells the Blue Mountain Eagle that it is a mistake about the outlook for cattle in the spring being bright, since there is nothing at present to indicate that the price for beef and stock cattle will be any higher than last year. Stock growers in nearly every part of the west agree that the outlook during the coming year is anything but bright. It is the general opinion that there will be a market for stock of all kinds, but the prices will be low, and it cannot be helped. The creation of the independent packing company by the stockgrowers materially help matters this year, says Mr. Combs, since the concern can't buy all of the beef that there is in the whole country.

From statements coming from Constantinople or from Vienna, it is evident that a war in Manchuria would dangerously increase the chances of war in the Balkans. Writers who are studying the crisis on the spot, declare that an outbreak of war in Manchuria would be followed by an immediate uprising in Macedonia, no matter what the Sultan's government may do or leave undone. Indeed the whole Balkan peninsula is in a state of unstable equilibrium. The present status is maintained solely by the concert of Europe, and should the concert be broken up or even weakened by a war of first-class magnitude, the chances are that nearly the whole of the Turkish dominions in Europe would be involved in confusion, leading to war not less portentous than between Russia and Japan.

The London mail has recently published some extracts from the writings of Lord Wolseley on the subject of China, and prefaced them with a note from him saying: "I feel quite confident—knowing from my own experience what a brave and clever fellow the Chinaman is—that were I accorded the necessary power and given an absolutely free hand in the Chinese government, I could, in the space of two or three years, provide the Chinese Empire with an army that would be second to none in the world." In his autobiography Lord Wolseley, in commenting upon the possibilities of the Chinese, says: "There is no nation numerically as great as China whose customs and modes of life are so generally common to all parts of their vast empire. To me they are the most remarkable race on earth, and I have always thought and still believe them to be the great coming rulers of the world. They only want a Chinese Peter the Great or Napoleon to make them so. They have every quality required for the good soldier and the good sailor, and in my idle speculation upon this world's future I have long selected them as the combatants on one side at the great battle of Armageddon, the people of the United States of America being their opponents."

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The diplomatic appropriation bill was under consideration in the lower house of congress, when Mr. James, of Kentucky, severely criticised President Roosevelt for favoring international tradition, when he gave sanction to the action of the governor of Indiana in refusing to recognize a requisition of the governor of Kentucky calling for the return of W. S. Taylor to that state for trial. The criticisms of Mr. James opened anew the Taylor controversy, and calls to mind the assassination of Wm. Goebel on the steps of Kentucky's capitol building, for which W. S. Taylor was held primarily responsible. The trail of other conspirators connected with the crime showed conclusively that Governor Taylor elected on the Republican ticket, was the chief conspirator and directly responsible for the Goebel's death. But Taylor escaped into Indiana, and for four years the governor of that state has prevented his return to Kentucky for trial. The action of the governor of Indiana has been one of the most high-handed violations of law ever witnessed in the United States, and it is little wonder that it furnishes a theme for discussion in the halls of congress.

If the statutes were obeyed there would be few "kids" in this city addicted to the use of tobacco. The law on the subject of selling cigarettes to minors is as follows:

"It shall be unlawful to sell, barter, trade, give or in any manner furnish to any minor under the age of 18 years, any tobacco, cigar or cigarette in any form, or any component in which tobacco forms a component part, without the written consent or order of such minor's parent or guardian, and when such minor has no parent or guardian, then in that case consent may be given by the county court, sitting for the transaction of county business, upon proper application in the county in which said minor may have his residence. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall upon conviction be fined in any sum not less than five dollars or more than \$50."

The law against the use of tobacco by minors under 18 years of age, is as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 years to smoke or in any way use any cigar, cigarette or tobacco in any form whatsoever, in any public highway, street, place, square, or resort. Any minor violating the provisions of this act, shall upon conviction be fined in any sum not less than \$1 nor more than \$10, or by imprisonment at the option of the court, two days for each offense."

It is now proposed in the most serious way to pay Colombia ten millions of dollars, which was all she was to receive in the first place under the negotiations conducted with her for this Panamaright-of-way. How does this strike the mind of average citizen, who has been told that Colombia had no rights—that the President has done no wrong toward Colombia—that everybody was acting within the law and according to precedent—but now Uncle Sam should be compelled to fork over ten million dollars to the United States of Colombia? Doesn't it all come back to this: That Panama had no right of secession: That Colombia had a right to put down the rebellion in Panama, and would have done so if the United States had not interfered? That our entire course has been unprecedented—high-handed—and so contrary to the usages of nations that Uncle Sam finds himself in the position of either backing down completely, or satisfying Colombia by an ample compensation? If this course were not deemed to be the right one, then Senate of the United States shouldn't adopt it. But if this course be the right one, then the United States admits that it perpetrated a great wrong against Colombia when assistance was rendered to the revolutionists therein, a Republic forced to the front and recognized by all the world with indecent haste. But with such the President's case falls to the ground completely and the admission is made that there was no justification in the beginning.

WONDERS OF THERMIT.

Humanity, which swelters in a heat of 90 degrees, and withers and dies if the mercury runs up 10 or 15 degrees higher, finds it hard to realize a heat of 5400 degrees. Yet that is the heat developed in the combustion of thermit, a heat which welds together pieces of the most ponderous machinery, which makes it possible to mend iron castings weighing tons, which heretofore had to be replaced at great expense of labor and time; which can unite iron rails so perfectly that the joining can scarcely be seen or felt and a rail can be made miles long instead of 50 or 100 feet at the outside.

This thermit is a compound discovered by Dr. Hans Goldschmidt of Essen, Germany, who has been lecturing in this country before chemical and engineering associations on this chemical discovery; a discovery is not merely interesting to the scientist, but commercially valuable in the industrial world. Thermit is a mixture of finely granulated or powdered aluminium with some metallic oxide, most frequently oxide of iron. This mixture looks not unlike gunpowder, or to a housewife would suggest mixed tea, the light granules being aluminium, and the dark ones oxide of iron. In burning this mixture creates a temperature, as Dr. Goldschmidt expressed it in a paper read at the annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, "about equal to that of the electric arc light."

Of the population of Russia of 128,000,000, 80,000,000 are farmers. All farming is done on the communal system, no peasant owning the land; he tills individually. The interior class of Russian soil-tillers, called "muziks," are a dirty, unkempt, ignorant lot, fully 100 years behind the times. The agricultural implements used in Russia, which are admitted free of duty, are made in the United States. Farming of all kinds is done in the crudest way and the roads are the poorest possible, rough and heavy. There being no inducement to fertilize the land, the soil is badly run down. The people follow after old customs, are cursed with superstitious beliefs of all kinds and change but little from age to age. They have the finest horses in the world, a fact to which is due that splendid corps of cavalry known as the Cossacks, who, on many a bloody battle field have sustained the Russian standard with unexampled dash and bravery.

POOR SERVICE.

The service which the Oregon Water Power Traction Co., is giving to the people of Oregon City between this city and Portland is just about as bad as it well can be. At the present time the most disagreeable part of the trip aside from the danger of having to pass over the long trestle between Green Point and the Clackamas river, is the lack of the proper heating facilities within the cars. But very little pretense is made toward making the cars comfortable or sufficiently warm. Men, women and little children for over an hour have to sit bundled up in fur and overcoats shivering with the cold which permeates every nook and corner of the cars. As the regular schedule between Oregon City and Portland is about one hour, and as it often takes from an hour and ten minutes to an hour and a half to make the trip it can easily be seen to what discomforts the innocent traveler is put. We presume that the management know what kind of service they are giving these people and that they are subjecting them to all kinds of danger in contracting colds and pneumonia. In addition to the discomforts and other inconveniences it takes fully as long again to make the run from Oregon City to Portland as it ought in good conscience to do. The traction line between Seattle and Tacoma a distance of about 38 miles makes the run in a little less time than it takes the antiquated Oregon City line to cover the distance from this city to Portland, a distance of some fourteen miles. A citizen who is in a hurry to get to Portland would be safer and surer to get to Portland if he would get him a good horse and drive down on the fine gravel road on the west side of the river.

On the new line running out from Portland to the town in the woods, Estacada which the Oregon Water Power people are booming, fine new cars are being used with a smoker attachment cut off from the main part of the car and a citizen can ride with some comfort and safety. If a business man of Oregon City desires to run down to Portland and at the same time enjoy a rest and a smoke he must, perforce hang on to the back platform and have himself trampled upon by people getting on and off of the cars. If he happens to come home between four and six o'clock he will have to stand up and be lucky if he can even get the privilege of standing on the rear platform. Women and children share the same fate as the men and in many instances women who seem tired and frail with little tots have to stand in a perfect jam, holding on as best they can for more than half the distance between the two cities. It is out of Oregon City that the Oregon Water Power Company is making the end of its money and it owes it to this city and her good people to give to its citizens not only a safe service but a reasonable comfortable one. The company does not care to appear in the roll of a fault finder, but these matters are so patent to even the casual observer that "He who runs may read."

AFTER ST. LOUIS, OREGON.

"Where rolls the Oregon" and hears above his own dashings the hum of industry an exposition is to be held in 1905 to celebrate the centenary of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

It was this expedition, sent out by President Jefferson in 1803 and reaching the mouth of the Columbia two years later, which blazed a way for the great tide of transcontinental travel. Capts. Lewis and Clark were the first Americans to penetrate overland to the point in the far Northwest reached by the adventurous Yankee skipper by rounding Cape Horn some thirteen years previous. They added to the national domain an area now comprising Oregon; Washington and Idaho and parts of Montana and Wyoming. Oregon alone now buys from New York and the tributary manufacturing region goods to the value of \$75,000,000 annually. Portland where the exposition will be held, has a population of 90,000 and the State of 431,000, as against 13,000 in 1850.

The official invitation extended to the Empire State to participate in the celebration is deserving of a cordial response.—New York World.

Accidents come with distressing frequency on the coast.

GLADSTONE

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PARK

The great offer of the Gladstone Real Estate Association made to the people of Oregon, of one hundred lots to be selected by the purchaser in the handsome townsite of Gladstone, at an even \$100 per lot, \$10 down and \$10 per month with out interest, has attracted widespread attention. Already lots are being sold to careful, conscientious buyers, who not only know a bargain when they see it, but are taking advantage of the low price to get an elegant property where the location is ideal and the enhancement in values is sure to follow. Already Portland buyers are rapidly approaching Gladstone on the north. In two years time the electric cars will not be out of sight of handsome dwellings in the entire run of 12 miles from Oregon City to Portland. There is no longer any doubt that the motor company will have a double track railway between the two cities by the time of the great Lewis and Clark exposition. Ask any fair man, consult your own good, common sense and there can be but one conclusion, and that is, that property between Oregon City and Portland is as safe as stock in the First National Bank of Portland. It is far better than money at interest. Again, if you ask any fair and unprejudiced man, who does not own property of his own so situated as to be a rival for public favor, as to the handsomest suburb of Oregon City and with greatest promise for the future, and he will unhesitatingly say: GLADSTONE.

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H. E. CROSS.

In 1901, the value of all stock owned in the over 200 corporations doing business in Oregon, as found by the assessors of the state, was but \$1,988,740. The property values of the corporations located in Clackamas county alone are double that sum.

It has been estimated by statisticians in the states that a sentence of life imprisonment averages about seven years.

At the expiration of four or five years in Oregon, as found by the assessors of the state, was but \$1,988,740. The property values of the corporations located in Clackamas county alone are double that sum.

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