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JUSTICE TO LABOR.

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There are other employers in this city who should follow the example of the Portland Street Railway Company.

THE BARRETT ADDRESS.

Hon. John Barrett, ex-minister to Siam and a resident of Oregon, delivered a most instructive address before the Chamber of Commerce and a large body of other business men in this city on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Barrett has thoroughly investigated the subject which he discussed and he viewed it carefully from the conservative business man's point of view.

A LETTER.

Chicago, Ill., (day after election). A. D. Griffin, Editor, Portland, Or.: Dear Friend—It's all over now. The most roaring farce, the most exuberant display of idiocy, the grandest exhibit of ignorance, fraud and impudence that was ever paraded before the astonished gaze of the world has at last come to an end.

The old flag still waves in triumph. The country is safe. We are redeemed. Bryan and anarchy are defeated and all classes can breathe free again.

What fearful disasters we have escaped!



CYRUS FIELD ADAMS. A debased currency; a dishonest country; poverty and misery for the poor; discouragement and disaster for the well-to-do in life.

The strong common sense of the common people has averted the calamity. While many were deceived and misled, the great body was open to reason, saw the danger to our country and its benign institutions and built up an impregnable citadel with their votes, against the enemies of liberty, law and order, honest money and the honor of business men.

Popocracy, Rotteneggeracy, Mobocracy, Ballot-stuffingocracy, Bryan, Debs, Altgeld, Croker, Waite, Cochran, Coxe, Jones and Tillman—exult onmes. (The curtain falls.)

You have been one of the important factors in producing the good results. Accept congratulations. Yours faithfully, C. F. ADAMS, Member National Advisory Com.

HON. H. W. CORBETT'S VIEWS.

Saturday's Oregonian quotes Mr. Corbett's views as to the proper policy in the Philippines, which The New Age copies as worthy of all possible dissemination. It reads as follows:

"Products, especially of the Pacific states, should be exported to these islands free of customs duties.

"The Porto Rican case inaugurates a system of discrimination against trade with these new possessions in the Pacific and prevents us from enjoying the advantages of a reciprocal trade between these islands and the Pacific shores.

"Our policy must be just, equitable and fair, as between the United States and these island possessions, and should be uniform with that of every other territorial possession acquired by the United States.

"When they are allowed a representative in congress to plead their cause, even without a vote, as other territories are allowed, they will enlighten their community as to the justice and equity with which their interests are treated at the national capital.

"If we expect peace and prosperity with them, we must be just. If we levy taxes upon these people not levied upon other territories, we must expect them to rebel.

Bishop Turner, a colored man of note, supported W. J. Bryan because he thought the latter would stop the practice of lynching so prevalent in the South. But since Tuesday of last week the bishop has disappeared from public view, having gone, probably, into the hole in which Mr. Bryan now finds protection from public view.

It is now reasonably sure that Hon. H. W. Corbett will find little opposition to his election as United States senator to succeed Mr. McBride. Popular sentiment has turned his way in an overwhelming volume—and popular sentiment is generally about right.

NEW NORTH-WEST Lodge, No. 2554, G. U. O. of O. F., meets at 205 1/2 Second street, corner of Salmon, first and third Tuesday of each month. All Odd Fellows in good standing are cordially invited. F. D. THOMAS, E. WATSON, P. S. N. G.

FEAR "WHITE DEATH"

INDIANS ARE MORTALLY AFRAID OF FROZEN FOG.

Natural Phenomenon, Met with in Parts of Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, that Science Has Not Yet Had Opportunity of Investigating.

"Of all the natural phenomena peculiar to the Rocky Mountain region none is more strange or terrible than the mysterious storm known to the Indians as 'the white death.' Scientific men have never yet had an opportunity of investigating it, because it comes at the most unexpected times and may keep away from a certain locality for years.

"About two years ago a party of three women and two men were crossing North Park in a wagon in the month of February. The air was bitterly cold, but dry as a bone and motionless. The sun shone with almost startling brilliancy. As the five people drove along over the crisp snow they did not experience the least cold, but really felt most comfortable, and rather enjoyed the trip.

"Suddenly one of the women put her hand up to her face and remarked that something had stung her. Then other members of the party did the same thing, although not a sign of an insect could be seen. All marveled greatly at this. A moment later they noticed that the distant mountains were disappearing behind a cloud of mist.

"Of course no time was lost in getting under cover and putting the horses in the stables. But they were a little late, for in less than an hour the whole party was sick with violent coughs and fever. Before the next morning one of the women died with all the symptoms of pneumonia. The others were violently ill of it, but managed to pull through after long sickness.

"I seen you people driving along the road long before you got to my house, and I knowed you didn't know what you were drivin' through," said the man, as soon as the surviving members of the party were able to talk. "That stuff ye seen in the air is small pieces of ice, froze so cold it goes clear down into your lungs without melting. If any man stayed out a few hours without his head covered up he would be sure to die. One winter about eight years ago it cleaned out a whole Indian tribe across the Wyoming line. They are more afraid of it than they are of rattlesnakes. That's the reason they call it the 'white death.'"—Will Sparks, in Ainslee's.

ESCAPED FROM THE BOLT.

Man Struck by Lightning Tells What His Sensations Were.

This is the story told by Peter O'Brien, stable boss for J. G. McIlvaine, of Fifty-ninth street and Elmwood avenue, who was struck by lightning.

"When the storm got so bad I went into a shed that we used to wash rigs in and sat down. Jim Freeburn, a young fellow who works around the stable, was with me. I was sitting with my left hip and shoulder and the left side of my head pressed against the wall of the barn. Freeburn was about four feet away from me. A lightning rod runs from the stable at the point where I was sitting, but I never thought of that.

"All of a sudden there was the loudest noise I have ever heard, and the most blinding light I have ever seen. I was lifted clean off my chair and thrown out into the center of the shed. I felt first as though a thousand spikes had been run into my side. Quick as thought the feeling changed into one of utter vacancy. It was as though someone had cut off my right leg and arm and scooped out the left side of my head with a shovel. My tongue seemed to have been broken into a thousand pieces and I could not move a single piece. I remember that I was afraid to open my mouth for fear the fragments would drop out.

"All these were sensations of a moment. I can remember reeling about in the endeavor to find something to hold on to, and crying, 'Oh! Oh! Oh!' with the guttural noise a deaf-mute makes. I wanted Jim to come to me, but he is only a young fellow and I guess I looked so horrible he was afraid of me. I could hear the horses plunging and snorting and my impulse was to go to them. As I started through the door leading to the stalls I heard Jim say: 'Don't go in there, don't go in there!' 'Then I felt myself falling. I hung onto the door with all my might, but my hands slipped, slipped, slipped—' 'That's all I know about it. I feel all right now except that I am partly paralyzed in my left side and find some difficulty in talking. I wouldn't go through the experience again for any

amount of money. When I served in the English army I have stood beside the largest guns made when they were fired off, but I have never heard anything to compare to that thunder. When I think of it I get side shivers, my right side chills, and the cold sweat stands out on my forehead."

O'Brien was found lying almost under the hoofs of a horse that was standing stock still, fearing to tread on him. He was taken to the University Hospital, where the doctors worked over him for five hours before there was any sign of returning consciousness. Freeburn, the boy, was not injured at all.—Philadelphia North American.

NEW JAPANESE MINISTER.

His Wife One of the Accomplished Ladies of the Capital.

The Japanese legation at Washington is one of the most popular and best administered of the legations at the capital, yet it is one of the youngest. The first minister from Japan visited this government only 40 years ago, and it is scarcely 30 years since the famous embassy with Mr. Iwakura at its head arrived here.

The present Japanese minister, recently appointed, is Mr. Takahira, who served as consul general in New York in 1891 and who also represented his government as minister to China at several European capitals.

His wife is an accomplished lady. She comes of a noble family and was educated at one of the best schools for women in Japan, established and conducted after western models.

She was married to Mr. Takahira in 1887, shortly after his education was finished, and since then has been with him upon all of his diplomatic missions. She is a fine looking woman, even from the occidental point of view, which differs so materially regarding the beauty of women from that of the Orient. Her complexion has the tinge and softness for which Japanese women are famous, her eyes are large and expressive, and her wealth of glossy black hair is worn in the prevailing style, brushed back from a pretty brow. She dresses in exquisite taste and no woman in the diplomatic corps possesses more gorgeous jewels.

FISHING IN CHINA.

How the Piscatorial Art is Practiced by Cunning Celestials.

In this country the fisherman is a man who uses hook and line or the net in following his profession and folks would stare with wonder to see him start off with a flock of birds to help in catching fish. Yet this is done in China. There the Chinaman may be seen in his sampan surrounded by cormorants which have been trained to dash into the water at his order, seize the fish and bring them to the boat. Should a cormorant capture a fish too large for it to carry alone, one of its companions will go to its assistance, and together they will bring it in.

If the Chinaman wishes to catch turtles he will do so with the aid of a sucking fish or remora. This fish has on top of its head a long disk or sucker by which it attached itself beneath moving objects such as sharks, whales, and the bottoms of ships rather than make the effort necessary to independent movement.

The fisherman fastens the remora to a long cord tied to a brass ring about its tail, and when he reaches the turtle ground puts it overboard, taking care to keep it from the bottom of the boat. When a turtle passes near the remora darts beneath him and fastens to his shell. Struggle as he will the turtle cannot loosen the grip of the sucker, and the Chinaman has only to haul in on the line, bring the turtle up to the boat, and take him aboard.—Washington Post.

Poor Lo's Religious System.

So benign was the religious system of the Indian that each department of the animal kingdom was provided with a little divinity to look after its affairs. Thus the Spirit of the Great Swan looked after all swans, the Spirit of the Great Turtle controlled all turtles, and so on through the list, every kind of an animal having its own protecting spirit to guard its interests and punish its enemies. These divinities—who are under the control of the Great Spirit—felt a great interest in the human race, and any one of them might become the protecting genius of any particular man.

Baconians Out of Court.

School Visitor—Now, then, boy, Number One, who wrote "Macbeth"? Boy Number One (trembling violently)—Please, sir, I didn't. School Visitor—I know you didn't, but who did? Boy Number One (with a spasm of virtue)—Please, sir, I didn't want to be a tell-tale, but it was Bob Buster, over in the corner seat. I see him a-doin' of it.—London Tit-Bits.

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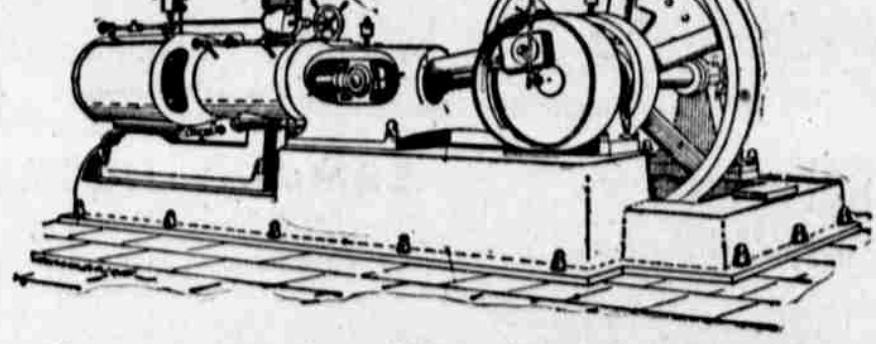
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