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a chance. There is a broad domain

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will find this a land where crops

never fail. There is plenty of land,

here work out his own destiny.

would better remain elsewhere.

class present alleged letters of rec ommendation as court and public committee clerks, ward politicians, campaigners of the Virginia brand and election repeaters to beat the band. There is no section of the country They profess great astonishment to which offers more advantages to set-

find that we have an over-supply of tlers than Oregon. To those who rethis class of people here alreadyside within the state no arguments and many of them didn't come from in your valuable paper for the folare necessary to convince them of the East, either., its many and varied resources. This

worthy of note for their manifest un-

worthiness. They are young men

looking for snaps. Some of them ap-

ply for situations in the fire depart-

ment of this city before they have

taken time to wash the alkali of the

Bad Lands from their persons; others,

bolder yet and more self-complacent

in their effrontery, insist on their eli-

gibility for a policeman's uniform and

star, while others of a more modest

This class of immigration does not fact, so self-evident to Oregonians, is comprise the type of newcomers for not so well known elsewhere. Oregon has never received one-tenth the which Oregon is bidding at this time. advertising of her sister states, yet It is not desirable in any respect. The as they, and even more. It would which the local list is made up, alfailed of getting on in the world in around to those applicants who have been here long enough to cure the other localities would avail themselves of the opportunities here of ague and become acclimated.

We want self-reliant, industrious, remembered that Oregon extends a energetic men and women-people welcoming hand to all who desire to whose conception of responsibility as citizens rises above petty grafting. We want men to work and good, lovable women to keep house for them. We want immigrants of brawn and brains to help to develop our boundor those who are not willing to do less resources and build homes and their portion of the great work of set. be happy with us in a climate in which the flush of health glows on every cheek.

But of the dudes and fillies and papit would seem that the colored peosuckers we have too many already. ple who exist under discouraging con-

RUSSIA'S LOSSES AND CLAIMS.

vantages to be had here. To those If the news is verity, as it seems who are willing to take up farming to be, that Russia proposes to be or timber lands, it may be said, Oresevere in its demands upon China because of the outrages by Boxers There is little, if any, race prejudice upon Russians in Manchuria and the in this state, and the colored man who loss of Russian property guaranteed is willing to pursue agriculture will protection under the railway franreceive a bounteous return for his chise and concession, no one can with fairness blame Russia. Her position with regard to China is quite different from that of any other nation. She negotiated a treaty with China, which the latter was very glad to make, for which can be cheaply acquired. A the construction of the extension of few hundred dollars, coupled with a stout heart and willing hands, will of the Chinese empire. It is a line enable many an industrious negro to that will be quite as beneficial to

ourage the immigration to Oregon advance to compete with other com towns of the negro, we firmly believe mercial nations cuts no figure in the that the agricultural sections should case of China. Under that convention, solemnly had, Russia was entitied to ample protection by the Chinese government. It failed to give it, and the Russian losses in consequence have been enormous. That the czar should seek to have China pay the bill is perfectly natural and reasonable.

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AN ACTIVE ELEMENT IN BUSINESS WORLD

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Portland, Or., April 16, 1901. Mr. A. D. Griffin, Manager The New Age

Dear Sir-Please allow me a space lowing:

The negro of today is not the negro of 1865, and, with all the hindering obstacles put in his way and the objectionable laws, he will push himself to the front and take the place which she has practically the same resources public jobs and private snaps of the All-Wise Providence has planned for him.

While I know that the American neseem dat, while she is trying to in-duce immigration, those who have yet of sufficient number to pass forward to the front, still he needs encouragement. With a fair chance he will show his capability as an American citizen and the negro does ask to give all men an equal show in the race of life, and adopt the right solution of justice.

In estimating what advance the negro has so tar made, it is absolutely necessary to take into account the point from which he started. Now, this, as Mr. Washington says, was not only at the bottom of the social scale, but it was far below any level ever held by the white race with whom the negro's lot was cast. Thirty-five years ago, at the close of the civil war, the negro was without property, without the discipline of need and the chance to earn a livelihood, and practically without family life or home associations and induences. It cannot be denied that these were enormous draw backs to the acquirement of the qual ities, moral, social and industrial which we associate with even the least fortunate classes of our own race. Mr Washington thinks, and justly, that in estimating the actual progress and possibilities of his people, there must be taken into account the results where there has been opportunity for a fairly complete education of the hand, head and heart. To the ques-tion, "What has been the tendency where such opportunity has been?" answer this question from my own experience when I was in the heart of the South and in daily contact with white and black. In the first place, the social barrier prevents most white people from coming into real contact with the higher and better side of the negro's social life. But the higher life cannot be seen without social contact. As W. J. White, D.D., editor of the

ueorgia Baptist, said at one time: "As I write these lines, I am in the the Siberian railway to the tidewaters home of a negro friend, which in the matter of cleanliness, sweetness, attractiveness, modern conveniences, and other evidences of intelligence, China as to the czar's government. morality and culture, would compare While we would not attempt to dis- That it foreshadowed other Russian favorably with that of any white family in the neighborhood." And yet Mr. both. We must choose either God or white said that this negro home is Mammon as master and keep faith unknown outside of the little town with him if we mean to succeed." where it exists. To know the real life of this family, he says, one would have to become a part of it for days, as he has done. Dr. Morgan says in his book that he sees the hopeful side of this question, and he has great confidence in them, and I think he is entitled to a hearing on this question. He says if they are kept down they will draw their oppressors to their level. If they are permitted to rise socially, industrially, intellectually, religiously, politically, they will stimulate if not compel corresponding advancement in all respects on the part of all their white fellow-citizens of even the lowest class. We are a solidarity and what affects one class must of necessity affect all classes. Injustice will work disaster, all sorts of old forecasts in jingle while justice will promote the public and rhyme have been reproduced welfare. Dr. Morgan calls upon the people to give the negroes a fair foretelling the downfall of the nation chance. He claims it will never be very soon. Yet, with every change of monarchs just such prophecies have been made, and never has one tell in the history of the country. He perceives a steady movement to eliminate them from the ranks of skilled laborers, thus showing the gross injustice of race prejudice. From this sages from the Bible to prove that book it is plain that the negro has within him the possibilities of advancement to make him valuable as citizen, a workman and a soldier. When France and Germany went to He has revealed qualities that comwar in 1870, the men and women of mand the respect of the white race, mystery discovered that the world and it is a crime against humanity to debar him from the advantages he is capable of using for the betterment During the war of the rebellion, Dr. Morgan, who organized four regiments first and third Tuesday of each month, of negro soldiers, was colonel of the All Odd Fellows in good standing are Fourteenth United States colored infantry and organized and commanded the first colored brigade of the army of the Cumberland. He led them into battle and personally saw every feat-ure of their life under fire. For five years he has been the executive officr of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and has had much to do with the development of the two score schools of the society estabhas already been found to be a white lished for the education of the elephant of unusual proportions, un- preacher and teachers of the negro Thus the statements in his book are of the highest and most trustworthy nature. Perhaps the most interesting chapter is that on "Negroes in the Civil War." And in conclusion may add, we must not come discouraged, notwithstanding it often seems dark and desolate. We must maintain faith in ourselves and in our country. No race ever got upon These discoveries have prompted well- its feet without struggle, trial and discouragement. The very struggles grave doubt as to the constitutionality of the measure, while taxpayers who are not in arrears declare that the manifest injustice of the law fully demands from all. I simply refer to justifies the test as to its validity. a few facts to show that the negro of They urge that the brokers comprise have written and published over 500

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Colored men have not yet entered into manufacturing, as managers, to any great extent, yet there are some operating a stove foundry near Chat-tanooga, Tenn., a cotton mill costing \$100,000 near Concord, N. C., a car-riage factory at Greenfield, O., with a capital of \$15,000, and there are several more that are successful, though unknown to the writer.

With a capital above \$10,000 each If you are going East do not pur-chase your ticket until you have se-cured rates from the Illinois Cent-ral railroad. Travel over a line in may be mentioned four banks and thirteen building associations managed by colored men. One of these banks is in Birmingham, Ala., one in Washington, D. C., and one in Rich-mond, Va. The Washington bank has a paid-up capital of \$50,000 and a large surplus, and it is the owner of its office building. The most important is excelled by none. If you are going to send East for your family do so now while rates are low, but before depositing money for bank is the Reformers bank, of Richmond, Va., chartered under the laws of the state. This bank also owns its large office building. Its paid-up capital is \$125,000, with a surplus of \$25,000. Their cash balance on the day the writer paid them a visit was \$80,000, which had been assembled for an extra purpose. They have forty depositors and maintain thousand branches throughout the South and North.

"The unlucky men all are kin; they all have certain qualities alike." says "An American Mother" in the Ladies' Home Journal. "They have eyes keen to look into the root of things, but which also dream dreams and see visions; they have hot human blood, they love or hate in no half-way measure. To each of them, too, comes at times-no matter what the business or pursuit may be by which they strive to push their way among men and to grow rich -a sudden disgust of it, heartfelt and real, a contempt for the work and for its successes. They dream of something before them better than money or office, and they try to clutch at it. So they go through life, groping for success with one hand and for their dream with the other, and-they lose

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first be peopled, it makes little difference whether by blacks or whites, so long as they are ready to work. With developed farming country, the towns and cities will speedily become prosperous. Here will come the greater opportunity for the colored tradesman and mechanic. At the present time there is too great a tendency of people generally to flock to the more populous centers. In a state which is sparsely settled, there is great danger of overcrowding the towns and cities. It is the natural result that employ ment cannot be found for all, and some must suffer hardships. Notwithstanding, there are some oppor tunities open in Oregon's cities, towns and villages for skilled labor, be it black or white. The extremely creditable advances which have been made in these lines by colored people in other parts of the country is a most encouraging indication of the advancement of the race. To some of these there are now openings. When Oregon shall have become more thickly settied, there will be more. To any thoughtful colored man who has hard insurmountable, Oregon's opportunities should most strongly appeal.

Colored immigrants will find Oregon's schools open to their children, and that they will have equal advantages with white children. The race, in spite of all discouragements, is progressing. Under easier and less hampering conditions, such as are af forded by the state of Oregon, a considerable number can be here accommodated. Here they will assuredly find that their progress will be materially accelerated. It should be the earnest aim of every man to acquire a competence to sustain himself in his declining years. This is, as yet, comparatively speaking, a virgin field, and it would seem clear that in Oregon the colored man can have opportunities not afforded him in any other locality.

NEWCOMERS AND SNAPS.

The Evening Telegram details the story of the notion with which members of a peculiar element of immigration are now reaching Oregon along with the rush from the Bastern states. One or two types among them are that fact alone ought to condemn it.

KING EDWARD'S CRITICS.

Now that King Edward is on the throne of England, the old-women prophets are at it again mapping out the fate of the British kingdom, and and rhyme have been reproduced. of them been fulfilled.

When our civil war broke out, the birds of ill-omen trotted out old paswe had reached the point of general collapse

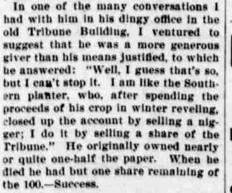
was coming to an end and was going luck where conditions have proven to wind up its affairs in a general of his race and country. fight all around.

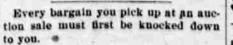
> But the old globe swings, in its ceaseless round, the nations still exist and the prophets find no verification of their forecasts. But somehow they never grow weary.

IS IT CONSTITUTIONAL?

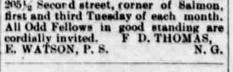
The property-redemption law enacted by the last Oregon legislature caged and on a rampage. It is urged by those who claim to have investigated the effect of this new law that its operation would entail a loss of at least \$100,000 to the county of Multnomah, without exposing so much as a redeeming feature for its existence.

Horace Greeley's Prodigality. Horace Greeley was lavish in his gifts, often to most unworthy recipients, and was most sensitive when admonished on the subject by even his closest friends. He loaned thousands of dollars to a scapegrace son of Com modore Vanderbilt, and, when Vanderbilt appealed to him to stop it, Greeley curtly closed the conversation by saying he did not expect the commodore to pay the loan.









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