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"crooked river" is meant? And why muffle the voice and mumble "Tal-bo-kum-do" when we wish to apply the words "good water" to our incomparable water supply?

There is one thing that we love better than another, it is poetry. True poetry is what we mean; not your common schoolboy stuff.

Rose fragrant, rose rare, Portland roses everywhere. We guess that roses had to hump themselves first to get up such a verse as that.

It is a singular thing that neither Mr. Bryan nor Mr. Roosevelt has anything particularly definite to say about the tariff. In that vague, matter-of-course way which we all have when we confess that we are miserable sinners.

Another Japanese insult. The action of the Japanese Government, or rather the Japanese "Jingoes," on the latest San Francisco disturbance will be awaited with interest. Drunken men have been pummeling innocent people since the worm of the nation has been injected.

When the rate bill was under debate in Congress and the railroad Senators and lobby were opposing it with that "rancorous bitterness" which the President has lately recalled to memory.

Between these two "outrages" occurred the riot at Vancouver, B. C. Did the haughty Jap mount his high horse, crack his heels together, or put forth any mutterings of war?

The Puget Sound flour milling trust, which through the Washington Railroad Commission is fighting for access to O. R. & N. territory, will not have plain sailing on its predatory cruise.

Through a blunder of his attorney, ex-Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco, has lost his last chance to postpone by appeal his imprisonment.

The hop crop of Oregon, while furnishing each year a considerable amount of coin of the realm that finds circulation in the Willamette Valley, is only moderately important in comparison with wheat, fruit, stock and other products.

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he has extreme difficulty in finding much of anything in the hop fields except the poles and interlacing twine. The wonderful stories told by these hop bulls and bears are responsible for the Chinese appropriating the name "hop" for the stuff of which dreams are made.

The revocation of the franchise held by the People's Market Association will meet with general approval from every one except the favored individuals who have been profiting by the laxity of city officials in permitting the graft to continue.

Representative Hall of South Dakota says the state is for Roosevelt for another term. He thus improves, or at least amplifies, Senator Bourne's statement about a "second elective term."

A new figure has broken into the spot light on the Moroccan war stage, and Raisal is likely to be crowded back into the limbo of oblivion.

Gresham's great day, and Multnomah County's great day, agriculturally speaking, has dawned. The festival and fair, given under the auspices of the largest of Eastern Multnomah, will open this morning.

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OREGON'S CELEBRITIES. How Washington Regards Our Contest for the United States Senatorship. Washington Post.

The populace in Oregon are to be excited by the Hon. Fred W. Mulkey, some time United States Senator, and renowned because he was considered by many persons to be the handsomest man who ever sat in that august chamber.

The Oregon Adonis has, therefore, started upon the trail of the Hon. Charles W. Fulton, Oregon's other Senator. Senator Fulton suffers one or two handicaps of course.

Except in the Homes and Clubs of the "Respectable" Classes. New York Sun.

Why not? Washington is under the control of Congress, and Congress has admitted on at least one memorable occasion that it is subject to the so-called "temperance" agitators.

Some years ago Congress abandoned Washington by abolishing the army canteen. The members of the House of Representatives had on various previous occasions yielded to the more or less oppressive solicitations of the W. C. T. U.

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ROTHSCHILD ON ROOSEVELT. Says His Speeches Against the Railways Greatly Disturb the Market. London cable to New York Times.

"Stocks are low," said Lord Rothschild in an interview today. "The Government will over the world are hissing at capital."

Lord Rothschild demurred at the suggestion that the condition of the money market is due to a boom in the market, which leaves little cash free for investment.

A BUSINESS VIEW OF ROOSEVELT. Real Benefits Derived From Attack on Inflation Values. American Carpet and Upholstery Journal.

To become convinced that a wealthy financier is likewise a wealthy malfactor, and then to so pillory him before the eyes of the country, requires a certain amount of breath of a time-serving ruler.

In his crusade against the stock and bond markets, the railroad and the board of monopolists, the political liar and grater and the commercial crook of whatever type and kind, President Roosevelt shows the high regard in which he holds the people.

A Decline in British Drink Bill. North American.

F. W. Mabin, American Consul at Nottingham, England, states that the report for the last fiscal year shows a continued decline in the consumption of alcoholic beverages in England.

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POTPOURI. LOCAL Catholic dignitary tells a story of a friend in Scotland. In the "land of mountain dew," when playing golf, the caddy is frequently a man of mature years.

"I dinno care if I die. I have na had a drink since before the awksicht." "What, what, what?" "Aye, ye see, Dougal Macdougall sea tae me, sea he 'hoom mon, will ye hae a drink wi' me? I had on ma earmuffs, and I didna hear what Dougal Macdougall was sayin."

A prominent Portland matron allowed her maid to go to a Saturday matinee, presuming that she would return in the neighborhood of midnight, but to her surprise the servant reappeared before 4 o'clock.

A woman who is constantly finding fault with the terms of an agreement, peevishly remarked to her amiable husband: "Mr. B. has sent his entire family to the beach and hasn't even provided enough for my support."

The following conversation was overheard recently in the city of "Cup," between the proprietor and ex-Detective "Joe" Day. The latter who recently returned from Europe, was interviewed in a local newspaper by a reporter accompanied by a most unprepossessing cartoon.

Springfield (Mass.) Republic. The National Government is likely to lose most of the \$1,600,000 put into the Jamestown Exposition, but this was fairly to be expected, and it cannot reasonably be complained.

The National Government were to step in at once and appropriate to itself all of the receipts, it could not pay out a cent. It is much the old story of the Government's "double game" in the case of the Jamestown Exposition.

The Calling of Allah. W. T. McCormack in New York Sun. From the gray ancestral mountains, Where the tombs are purple and with gold, And the sacred shrines of old, Comes the voice of Allah calling.

Cotton Worth More Than Gold. Southern Farm Magazine. There is much about cotton that is discovered in the South, but the cotton grown annually by that section is worth more than all the gold and silver produced in the world in the same time.

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