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And one star sings to another, And sun holds speech with sun, While the drifting veil of vapor pale Shows another world begun. But we count time by a dawning Or mark by a twilight fall— Yet the stars sing on when the years are gone, And where are we after all?

The words and the hopes and the doubtings, The joy and the dreams and the dread, And the puny lives in the puny lives, Where tall is done for bread: A day, a night and another— A round of the spinning ball; A sigh and a smile for the briefest while, And what are we after all? —Chicago Tribune.

It seems quite probable that the democrats and republicans in the United States senate will be sharply divided on the seating of Senator Smoot. The democrats generally object to seating him, and the republicans favor it, but the petitions coming in against seating Smoot are not confined to any section of the country, nor from any certain creed or political party, but are evidences of the universal opposition to the barbarous institution of polygamy.

The suggestion of Douglas Belts, president of the Oregon Wool Growers' Association, that all branches of the livestock industry in Oregon be represented at the coming national meeting in Portland should be headed by the cattle, horse, goat and hog raisers. Every branch of this great industry in the state should be heard in the councils of that meeting. It is not a woolgrowers' convention, nor a cattlemen's convention, exclusively. It is a livestock convention, and as such should be heartily supported and cheerfully attended by every man interested in that pursuit in the state.

Pendleton four now goes to the Orient by the carload, and the visit of H. E. Dosch to this city yesterday, to urge an increase of the output here, gives an added impetus to the industry. Pendleton boasts the first prize from Japan on woolen manufactures, and now enjoys the novelty of listening to an agent for Oriental traders beg for more products from this city and county. There should be a ready response to this call, on the part of Pendleton millers. It is interesting to know that the only word, in the English language which a returned traveler from Manchuria, could find in a remote station on the Siberian railway, was the label on a sack of Pendleton flour. It even preceded the Pendleton newspaper into that corner of the world.

The speedy acquittal of Malcolm A. Moody, in Portland, Wednesday evening, by a jury of his peers, bears out the statement made by the East Oregonian, when Mr. Moody was indicted. At that time the statement was made that it would require something more than bare accusation to convince the people of Eastern Oregon that either Malcolm A. Moody, or Asa B. Lompsom were guilty of the crimes charged against them, and the same sentiment is repeated today. The trial of Asa B. Thompson, it is fully believed by all conversant with the facts, will result in same speedy vindication, as has characterized Mr. Moody's trial. These indictments are just sidings on the political situation in Oregon, and in the drama that is being enacted, some one must suffer the thrusts of the political carrying knife.

**LAND LAW FIGHT IS ON.**

Congress has caught the spirit of the West. The great issue that is convulsing the public mind on the Pacific Coast, is now the ruling topic in the halls of the national legislature.

The shot fired at the Ogden irrigation convention is echoing in Washington. The battle of the giants, witnesses by the delegates in the Utah city is clashing again, with renewed strategy and vigor.

Shall the public domain be exploited by speculators or shall it be transmitted as a heritage to the people? This is the issue.

It takes precedence over Cuban sugar schedules and Panama canal treaties. It overshadows Smoot's polygamy, Hanna's presidential ambition, and Carrie Nation's onslaughts. It towers above the tariff and silver issues like Mount Hood above the spires of Portland.

The East is in favor of the repeal of the desert land act, the timber and stone act and the commutation clause of the homestead act. The West has driven the East to this belief by permitting, practicing and nurturing systematic, studied, wholesale land frauds.

The West has abused these laws. The priceless heritage of the people has been made the prize of the sportsman and the plaything of the official. Talk about landlordism in Kansas, Illinois and Nebraska, where English and German syndicates own townships and counties. Those princely holdings do not compare with the tracts of timber land acquired through fraud and perjury by Western lumber and range companies.

This practice has turned the West against these laws. Homesteaders are welcome and needed in the West, but they soon will find fraudulent titles covering the entire public domain. Transient entrymen, hirelings, dumplings and crooked flings are active agencies everywhere there is public land.

Now that the prospect for the repeal of these laws is very good, railroads, lumber companies and range syndicates are rushing entrymen to the hands of the government, yearly, and not one filing in twenty represents a home.

Within twenty years more the government will be forced to buy back this priceless area from the syndicates that make homes for the people, if some check is not placed upon the avarice of the speculator.

The Wyrdham Irish land bill will have to be enacted in the United States to supply the masses with homes. The government will be compelled to pay the landlords of the West for the great domain stolen from the people, and the American peasant of the next century will be as homeless as the Irish peasant of the twentieth century unless these laws are repealed and congress comes to the rescue of the public domain.

Every filing hereafter should mean the foundation of a home.

**MORE WORK, LESS POSING.**

The coming regular session of congress should take some steps to improve the American consular service. At the present time important diplomatic and consular missions are assigned to politicians out of a job.

It is made the dumping ground for fossils, whose constituents will no longer keep them in office.

England has held the commercial supremacy of the world through her consular service. She has trained men for that work, just as West Point trains men for war.

The Englishman, on being assigned to an important foreign station, introduces the products of his country at his post, and directs the commerce of the country in which he serves toward England. It is a business mission. He has been educated to hunt trade for England. His object is to make a showing for his country, in dollars and cents. That is why he is paid for.

The American takes a consular appointment as a sort of recreation with whatever dash of honor may be attached to it. In a majority of cases the American consular appointments are filled with old politicians to whom some reward is felt to be due from the administration.

If an American battleship visits his post the consul feels in duty bound to hold a social function, which will outshine any native affair of the season. Occasional magazine articles are written home, and this is about the extent of the public service of the American consul abroad.

This is not the case in every instance, however. Some of the American consuls in countries susceptible to American industrial invasion are active, alert, thorough men.

One of this kind, and in fact the

most active man in the consular service, is Henry B. Miller of Oregon, consul at Niu-Chwang, China.

Mr. Miller has introduced American products into China and opened up trade relations with that country which will stand as monuments to his energy.

The country needs more Millers who will work and less dumplings who pose in foreign countries. This is a commercial age. If old politicians cannot be of service at home, it would be cheaper to pension them than to tie them as millstones to the neck of commerce.

Appoint young men, who are able to rustle for trade and dig up facts that will be valuable to the nation. The consular service costs enough to represent something more than empty titles.

A letter from an Oregon boy in Nome at the end of the northern limit of land, on the western hemisphere, starts in motion an interesting chain of thought. The restless spirit which sent this boy to the last frontier on the continent is well founded. His father left Missouri for California in 1849, when the gold fever struck the world; his grandfather came from Kentucky to Missouri in 1825, when civilization crowded him too closely; his great-grandfather came from Virginia to Kentucky in 1812, because he wanted more room and freedom; his great-great-grandfather came from England to Virginia in 1785, because he was too restless to be jostled in the crowded centers of the old world, and the older members of the family emigrated from Normandy, France, to England, in 1716. The family history of this boy and of thousands of other Oregon boys is one succession of jumps from one wild frontier to another. They have been left a legacy of discontent and restlessness which cannot bear confinement in the crowded centers. The story of the emigration of a race from Normandy in 1746, to Alaska in 1903, is one of the most thrilling historical dramas that could be pictured. It includes the conquest of the American continent, the passage from one wilderness to another, until this boy finds himself on the border of the western hemisphere, on the wildest and the only frontier left on the continent.

The teachers of Multnomah county schools who are refusing to pay the five dollar fine imposed by the state on teachers failing, without a reasonable excuse, to attend county institutes, should have their certificates revoked and be put at work on milk ranches or some other place where institutes are not necessary. The state of Oregon has provided for county institutes, by which teachers may keep in touch with their profession, and in order to make these institutes successful and give teachers an interest, the state provides the teachers shall draw full pay, while attending the meetings held during school terms. In order to add to the efficiency of the institutes, the state provides a penalty of five dollars for non-attendance, this fine to revert back to the school fund. It is a wise law, and a needed law, for this same spirit which is exhibited in resisting the fine, would be exhibited in discouraging attendance, without the fine, and without the law compelling some of these Multnomah county teachers to study and keep pace with their profession, they would drop out of the calling through sheer incapacity within a few years, judging from their stand in the matter.

Whenever an Oregonian visits Portland he should go to the site of the Lewis and Clark exposition, familiarize himself with the details, and study the magnitude of that great event. There is too much ignorance in Oregon regarding Oregon. The homeseeker coming into the state has read the story of her resources, in the advertising circulars sent abroad, but he can find little verification of those facts among the people of Oregon. The state is a big affair. It is as large as the entire area of New England, with New York thrown in, its great resources and physical features cannot be comprehended at a glance. They must be studied. Everybody in Oregon should be familiar with the state. To do this, it is necessary to talk, think and read about the state.

Polygamy is no worse than the contract marriage law of California, yet thousands of young lives have been blighted by that law, and advocates of it have sat in congress year after year without a protest from anybody. All the hell on earth is not confined to polygamy, however detestable it may be. The suicide record of California, greater than that of any other state in the Union, is a startling testimony to the horror of the social condition, there bred and engendered by the contract marriage law.

Oregon's delegation in congress could do nothing more commendable than to revise the rules governing the consular service. Oregon is a young state, bordering the Pacific ocean, upon which the commercial battle of the future is to be fought. She could do nothing more valuable to the nation than to pave the way for the commercial supremacy of the United States by infusing new blood into the American consular regulations.

Colombia threatens to go to war with the United States over Panama. If the United States backs Panama, and Colombia insists on war, there will be an exhibition of quick action and annihilation on the isthmus not seen since Dewey performed in Manila bay.

The people of Oregon take a long, deep breath of relief when they realize that the special session will have no United States senator to elect.

**A STUDY IN RABBITS.**

'Twas an Autumn morning on the Echo plain.

Forty thousand rabbits played with might and main!

In the sheltering sage brush rabbits fat and sleek;

Prided on their nimbleness, playing hide and seek.

Dodged the hounds that hunted, dodged the hunter's aim;

Vanished by a thousand trails when the big drive came.

Winked and blinked and frisked about, forty thousand hare,

Little dreaming that they'd grace the sweetest hills of fare!

Rabbits old and rabbits young, rabbits halt and lame;

Rabbits who had chased the trails o'er the squatter came;

Rabbits tender, rabbits tough, rabbits fleet and slow.

On that Autumn morning frisking to and fro.

Then a whistle sounded down in Echo town—

Woe to forty thousand hare, in their coats of brown!

Forty dozen rabbits stewing in a pot.

Stacks of ears and rabbits feet on the vacant lot.

Miles of shining rabbit skins angling on the fence.

Everybody eating hare,—says it is immense!

Wagon loads of rabbits coming to the mill.

Will the hungry cannery never 'get its fill'!

Trails deserted on the plain, path ways all unused.

Lonely blacktail meandering, thinks his race abused!

Tons of fancy canned goods flying here and there.

Lo! The swift translation of the frisking hare.

—BERT HUFFMAN, Pendleton, Or.

**THE MAN INVISIBLE.**

Who prompted Brutus when he aimed?

At Caesar's heart that fatal blow?

Who, but that man of ill repute, Johannes Doe—John Doe.

Who let the Normans in when they To Britain's shores came years ago?

It was that self-same wicked wight, A man named Doe—John Doe.

Who steered the "Flying Dutchman's" crew?

To graft and pilage in the flow Of ocean's wave? The novelists Well claim it was John Doe.

Who made good Rip Van Winkle's drink?

On mountain crests where sleeps the crow?

Who but a Holland sailor lad— Mynheer John Doe—John Doe.

—Pack.

**GENERAL NEWS.**

The contract for the Indian building at St. Louis exposition has just been let for \$25,000 by the government.

Leonard S. Allen, formerly general passenger agent on the Seaboard Air Line, died Sunday at his home in Chicago.

At the World's Press parliament, which will meet in St. Louis on May 16, 1904, every country on earth, publishing a newspaper, will be represented.

The coal miners of the Northern district of Colorado voted, Saturday evening, to reject the peace offer of the employers, and will remain out. The vote affects 1,500 men.

Bob Fitzsimmons, aged 47, is the oldest pugilist yet in the ring and has fought more than twice as many fights as any fighting pugilist, not excepting John L. Sullivan.

Secretary of War Root has sent a very laudatory report on General Wood's conduct to the senate investigating committee, in hopes of softening its findings against Wood.

Major General John C. Bates, commanding the department of the Missouri and the Lakes, turned over the department of the Missouri to its new commander, Major General S. S. Sumner, Saturday.

The cotton mills at Fall River, Mass., known as the Fall River iron works, has cut the wages of 10,000 operatives, to take effect December 1. Every operative in Fall River has now suffered a reduction in wages.

The public school teachers of New York have formed a union—(not in any sense an "association," with 12,000 members. Remuneration, qualification and other common interests prompted the organization.

Henry C. Roemer, of Los Angeles, Cal., shot his wife through the head and through the body with a pistol. He then shot himself through the heart and fell dead. The woman will recover. Roemer was jealous of his brother.

Five members of the Hickey family of six died on successive days of the past week in Brooklyn. The priest was at the bedside of each of each yesterday of the same disease—a virulent form of typhoid pneumonia.

A combination of the Platts Glass Insurance companies was effected at

**The Deadly Trail**

Of disease is often the trail marked by a woman's gown. A recent investigation showed a home infested with germs of influenza, consumption and a dozen other varieties, gathered in the trail of a woman's dress.

The microbe is everywhere, but its prey are the weak and feeble people whose blood is "poor" and digestion "weak." Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition and purifies the blood.

It strengthens the body by increased nutrition to resist or throw off disease.

Please accept my thanks for the good Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has done for me. I was afflicted with the "Cherry-Cheek" of Cleveland, Ohio, which I was troubled for over a year. The doctor pronounced indigestion. I had nervous headaches, an unpleasant taste in my mouth in the morning, and my blood was very poor. I tried different medicines but to no avail. My parents insisted on my taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I did not get on in the fourth bottle, and feel stronger than I have for ten years. I cannot speak too highly in its favor.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are easy and pleasant to take. A most effective laxative. They do not get the pill habit.

**NORTHWEST NEWS.**

Clark Yerrick was killed at Oakland, Sunday morning, by falling on a live wire.

The ironmolders of Spokane are on a strike, demanding a raise in wages from \$2.50 to \$4 per day.

Miss Bertha Caldwell, a dry goods clerk, was knoed down and robbed of \$1.50 in change at North Yakima, Sunday morning.

The Idaho State Agricultural College football team defeated the Montana team at Moscow, Thursday, by a score of 28 to 0.

Earl ... Hardwick, night watchman on the steamer Grey Eagle, fell overboard and was drowned, at Newberg, Oregon, Sunday morning.

Joe Johns, of Cracker Creek, Baker county, won the Northwest drilling contest from the British Columbia representative, on Thursday, at Cracker Creek.

Guy Kelly, a trusty in the Portland city jail, serving a sentence of 60 days for vagrancy, walked out Friday evening at the end of the fifth day and made his escape.

Charles, the 12-year-old son of Professor William Parker, principal of the Silverton high school, was drowned in Silver Creek, near his home, Thursday evening.

Special dispatches from Cokerille, Wyo., state that unless the blizzard now raging in that vicinity, does not abate, that 50,000 sheep will perish inside of two more days.

The colored Baptist ministers of Washington passed resolutions at Everett, Saturday, inviting members of their race to come to the West, and to improve their condition by all honorable means.

The Salem Ministerial Association has taken an active part in the closing of gambling in that city, and now asks the citizens in a set of resolutions, to elect men to the city council who will close down.

The case of 70 school teachers against Multnomah county, in which the teachers object to surrendering \$5 of their salaries for non-attendance at the county institute, will be heard in Portland on November 23.

A franchise has been granted to a company to build an electric road from Boise City to Pearl, Idaho. Under the terms of the franchise, work must begin by April 1, 1904, and it must be completed by July 1, 1906.

John W. Gilmore, who died at Elensburg, Wash. Friday, was an Oregon pioneer of 1851. He lived in Lin county for 50 years and moved to Washington a year ago. He crossed the plains from Illinois to Oregon in 1851.

The coroner's jury in the inquest held over the body of L. B. Sanders, the hop grower of Hiteville, found dead on the streets, Wednesday morning has decided that it was not a case of suicide, but fall to discover the murderer.

Frank L. Kipper, a sailor boarding house runner of Portland, was shot through the head in the tenderloin district in that city, Wednesday night, and while the bullet passed evenly through his head, there is every probability that he will live.

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San Francisco Saturday evening, and as a consequence rates on plate glass insurance will be uniformly raised through all the Pacific states, at the first of the year.

Count Plus Chamero, an Austrian, was married on his deathbed to a chorus girl named Wanda Blaustein, in order to make her legal heir to his entire fortune of \$4,000,000. His relatives will contest the will, alleging an unbalanced mind.

A bridge went down over a gully 50 feet deep near Ukiah, Mendocino county, California. With it went a team of four horses and a load of freight upon which rode three men. The horses and one man were killed. The other two men were uninjured.

Nineteen years ago Edward Wynne disappeared from Cleveland, O. Afterward his wife identified a body as his and collected his life insurance. Last week Wynne was recognized in Philadelphia and has been arrested on the charge of deserting his family.

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