



"When I go down to my grave, I can say, like so many others, 'I have finished my day's work,' but I cannot say, 'I have finished my life.' Another day's work will begin again the next morning."—Victor Hugo.

Hawaii was the best customer for the products of the United States, during 1903, of any of the island possessions. She consumed \$7,224,156 worth of domestic merchandise during the year. Porto Rico comes next with a patronage of \$6,454,417, while Alaska used but \$3,804,451 of American products for the same period.

Oregon is waiting, Whistler; turn the water on. Let the desert bloom. Whistler: hurry up the dawn! Sand dunes 'neath your touch will waken into smiling fields; desert wastes are throbbing. Whistler, with their unborn yields! See the idle mountain torrent, dancing to the main; wasted floods mean wasted harvests, ripe with golden grain! Yours the task to spread the verdure on the barren waste; yours, the magic word redeems it; Whistler, please make haste!

Congressman Williams, of Mississippi, yesterday introduced an amendment to the Dingley tariff bill, placing salt and hides on the free list. Being a democratic measure, it was promptly voted down. The tariff on salt is 12 cents per 100, which the Utah county sheepman pays, in addition to the exactions of the salt trust and railroads. Is it any wonder stockmen are kicking at \$15 a ton salt this spring? If salt were free, a saving of \$2.40 a ton would be made, which on 300 tons used in Utah county for sheep, alone, would mean a saving of \$720 a year.

There are several newspapers in the Inland Empire, the sole excuse for their existence being that they belong to one or the other faction of the republican party. They publish no live news. They tear down what the other side builds up for the good of the state and to this very element in Oregon politics is due the backward condition of the state. All the energy of the factions is expended in fighting each other and in fortifying official positions to defeat the other fellow. Congress has refused to give Oregon her just dues in the past because the faction opposed to the one in office has continually fought any improvement in order to make a bad showing for the side in power. The entire force of the organization has been expended in distributing the patronage in such a manner that the other side is left out. The coming state campaign promises to be a rehearsal of the old drama that has been listened to for 30 years. Oregon needs new blood. She has political senile decay.

It is a sad tale but is worth talking about. It's very sad because it is the story of a girl's life. A companion of perhaps one hundred Pendleton girls is cold in death tonight—and such a death! The mental anguish that preceded it and the physical agony that accompanied it, no tongue can tell. She was young and buoyant and easily influenced. She listened to her arch-enemy instead of her mother's pleading. She knew not what she was doing. She was only a girl. Think of it and turn back today. If you have been tempted to keep bad company, shun it. If you have been approached by some destroyer in the guise of a friend, spurn him, and think of the end of this young life. There are dozens of young girls in Pendleton too young to be in places of which their parents are ignorant, strolling the streets, flirting and carousing late at night, who are going wrong by degrees. Viciousness creeps over human life by inches. It grows over the soul like an eclipse, slowly dimming the noonday sun. Ere you know it, the happy, buoyant girl is the dark-souled wretch, ready for any fate. Think of it. Turn back, while this memory is fresh.

Mount Lebanon, N. J., has had experience of a "boy terror." He is in jail now, but there was much difficulty and some danger in getting him there. The prisoner is a lusty little brute, abounding in courage and with no more morals than a wildcat. He had attacked a number of girls and women, always in a manner itself craven, but when a posse got after him he kept them at bay for hours with a gun, as they did not wish to kill him. Later the "terror" was captured while asleep, an impulse to lurch him was overruled and he was taken to prison in irons. Here is the ideal dime-novel hero, doubtless evolved from his own mind, sustained and influenced by sensational books. He probably fancies that fame is his. He will be graduated from a reformatory to a prison, perhaps from a prison to the sombre dignity of "murderers' row." This is the career he has mapped out for himself. To follow it is one of the penalties for being a dime-novel hero. And it is one that other half-baked desperadoes may well ponder.

While the land office investigations are proceeding in Oregon, it would be a blessing if the grafters, who have access to the government records, and who make and sell plats at exorbitant prices and pose as the only men in the district who know of vacant land, could be reached by law and put out of business. Under the administration preceding E. W. Davis, in the La Grande land office, these parasites were particularly active and at times, unless a man wishing to file on a certain tract of land, was posted on the inside workings of the office, it was impossible for him to get any information concerning the tract, except through one of these grafters, who it was openly charged was in league with the office, and whose information cost the intending homesteader from \$10 to \$50, according to the circumstances. The government officials are paid to serve the public. Any information concerning the status of any tract of public land is due from the land office officials to the homesteader, and it is a graft, and a robbery to compel poor men to pay these parasites outrageous prices for plats and information which should be furnished by the government. Homesteaders are warned against this class of grafters. Demand the information you seek from the government official in your locality, and if you cannot get it, take the matter up with the department, stating the nature of the information you seek. Government officials who are in league with grafters on the outside, are particularly in demand by the interior department just now, and while the subject is under consideration, it might as well be threshed out in full. The public is entitled to any legitimate information it seeks, from the paid servants of the people.

The interview with F. H. Newell, printed today, contains nothing new, but it is a relief. He has said the same nice and encouraging things several times before and repeats them once more, just to please the people and keep up the spirits of the irrigators. People expect more from the reclamation service than it is possible for that department to do. As Mr. Newell says, the government irrigation plans must be imperishable and therefore the progress must be slow and well founded. It is better for Utah county to wait five years and then get a permanent system, than to get government irrigation in one year that would not be permanent, or that would be a disappointment to the department. The work will be pushed just as fast as is consistent with good work, and so matter if the department remains silent on the probability of final adoption of the plan, at Echo, the people may rest assured that work is being prosecuted every day, with earnestness and thoroughness, although the newspapers are not full of the progress and plans of the engineers.

If Eastern Oregon could only believe that the Bonta electric road will be built from Baker City to Burns, as announced from Baker City, it would be a happy day for this country. If Baker City papers and Baker county boomers had not already built enough paper railroads to reach to the planet Mars, people would not view the announcement with suspicion. They only hope it is true, but as the Irish girl said, this never is "too good for the Dutch."

Oregon must shape up a code of irrigation laws which will be as modern as the plans of the government as set forth in the national irrigation act. There must be unanimity and harmony between the state and the government. The government plans belong to the 20th century and they cannot harmonize with Oregon's 19th century code. Talk irrigation first, last and all the time in your coming conventions.

Captain Irkoff, the Russian traitor who sold valuable secrets to the Japanese government, asks for clemency in the court-martial trial on the grounds that he only received \$250 in gold for the secrets. It is very likely that Russia will hang him just as dead as if he had received a million.

The strangers coming to Pendleton read the newspapers to find where to get the best accommodation and service. Those who are not found in the advertising columns might as well be in the country, as far as trade is concerned.

The news that two famous paintings sold yesterday in New York for \$110,000, will have a tendency to brighten up the trade in painter's supplies.

Over in Grant county the newspapers are each running an extra page on which to print the announcement of candidates. Printer's ink pays.

GENERAL NEWS.

Labor riots are in progress at Marquette, France, precipitated by a strike of dock workers.

Pauline Hall, the well known actress, has sued for a divorce from George B. McClellan, the theatrical manager.

It is believed that the limit that will be appropriated this year for river and harbor improvement will be \$3,000,000.

Two men and a boy were drowned by the flood at Huntington, Ind., where the property damage will aggregate \$100,000.

An Italian stoker on the Arbatan, New York to Montevideo, went crazy during the voyage, killing two of the crew and dangerously wounding several others.

Wallace H. Hall has pleaded guilty to embezzling \$238,000 from the American Surety Company, of New York, and St. Luke's Home for Convalescents at Boston.

The Far Eastern war has resulted in a perfect flood of Poles, Finns and Hebrews being thrown upon the eastern shores of America. They are

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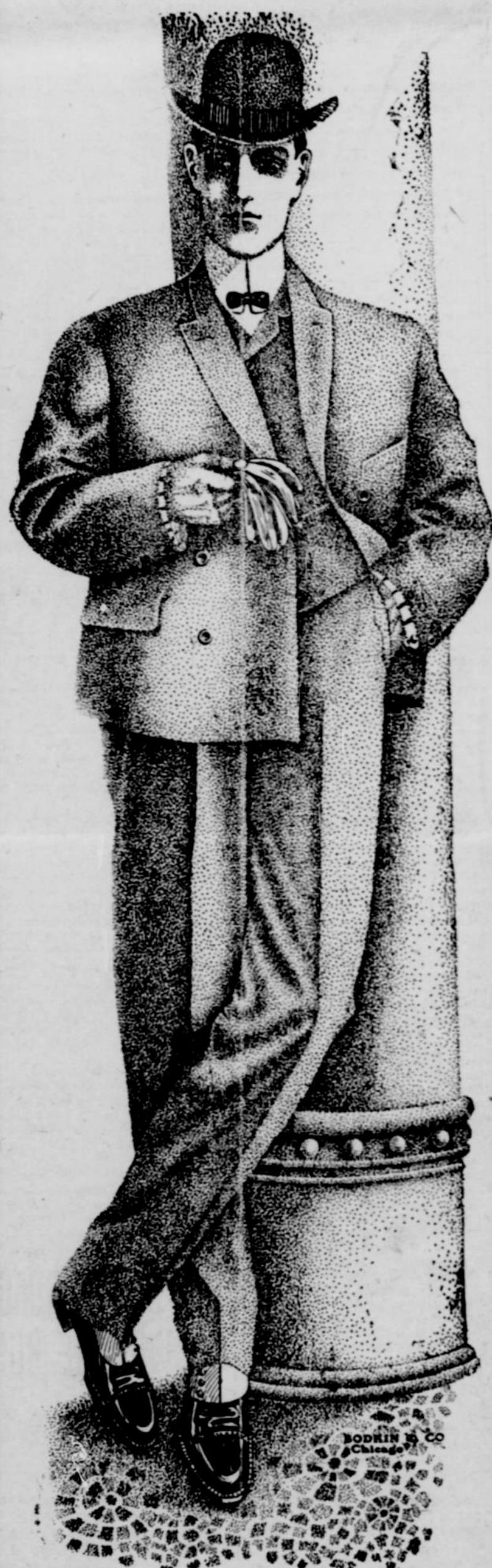
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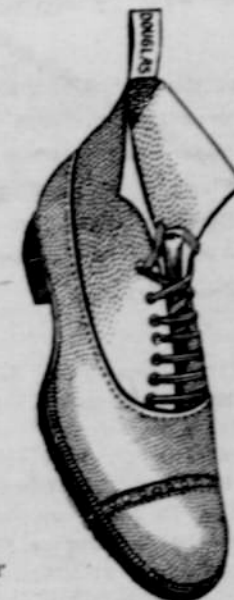
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\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2,
\$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4,
\$4.50, \$5, \$6, \$10

TOP COATS

You have doubtless wondered who was responsible for flooding the city with all these late style garments. We acknowledge the impeachment, please show us that you approve by buying one today. These were taken "fresh from the factory," "warm from the iron." Are you with us?

12%\$ 15\$ and more

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