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The fact that when we sow an act, we reap a habit, and when we sow a habit, we reap a character, and when we sow a character, we reap a destiny, reveals at once the important place that is occupied by habit, in life. It must be obvious to anyone who cares to observe, that man is a bundle of habits. The artisan uses his tools as the result of habit. The accountant brings light out of a chaos of figures as the result of habit. The act of the liar, drunkard, swearer, sensualist, is the result of habit, and the impressive fact is, that wherever we go, whatever we do, we are followed, actuated, mastered by habit, and man is a creature of habit. It is of the utmost consequence that we exercise care in the make-up of our bundle. —Charles E. Vert, in Pacific Monthly.

RANK PATERNALISM.

The house of representatives yesterday passed one of the greatest grafting bills imposed upon the people for many a day, when it voted to guarantee American capital a five per cent income on investments in railroads in the Philippines.

The bill was passed on a strict party vote of 139 republicans for it to 123 democrats against it.

When the house voted to permit this graft upon the people, it placed a premium on subsidies. It opens the door to every form of commercial parasite known to the world, to lobby for guaranteed earnings in the islands, where the concessions are already so great that they amount to subsidies.

The Philippines are not new territory from the trade standpoint, nor from the standpoint of settlement. There is every facility there to build railroads almost as cheaply as here. Timber is plentiful, labor is cheap, and the business is waiting the roads. They will pay a profit from the day of completion, as American capital is investing in factories, and agricultural enterprises, very rapidly.

From all reports from the islands, the country is not a difficult one in which to construct roads. The cost of roadbed would be much lighter than in this country and this pap-sucking bill, guaranteeing the merciless corporations a five per cent income, means that all the boodlers in congress and the government are not in the postal department.

Enterprising capitalists should be glad of the chance to invest there with trade concessions already granted in favor of the islands. The people's money should not be distributed to syndicates which get their chief activity from congressional favoritism. If the railroads must be guaranteed a fixed income, why not guarantee the American farmer, the American laborer, the American manufacturer, now looking toward the Philippines?

Why should not American miners, risking life in the frozen fastnesses of Alaska, be guaranteed $20 per day for their work? They are civilizing new American territory. Why should not the mining companies and merchants now bringing order out of chaos in the wildernesses of the Yukon, be guaranteed fixed incomes? They are the pioneers of trade there.

The simple reason is here: They have no millionaire lobbyists in the halls of congress, buying and bulldozing from the national legislature these priceless concessions, which men of moderate circumstances are denied. It is the rankest brand of paternalism.

Beside being unfair to the taxpayer, this pernicious policy will hold back trade conditions there. This guaranteed income will encourage the syndicates to build and maintain their properties in the most crude and cheap manner possible. Good service will count for nothing. Good management will be a secondary consideration, because the government guarantees an income, no matter how slight an effort the roads make to meet public demands.

That the policy of Assessor C. P. Strain is unreservedly and unqualifiedly indorsed by the people, is proved by the fact that not a word of objection is raised to his assessment now in progress. Although the heavy state appropriations of last year, made an extraordinary burden on the taxpayer, they understood that the assessor was not responsible for those appropriations and that the assessment made last year, in which valuations were equalized, laid the foundation for lower taxes in Umatilla county, after the appropriations are paid off. Mr. Strain brought property to light that had never been assessed before. He discovered cash, notes and accounts that had always escaped their share of the burden. His raise of railroad values to a basis fixed by their earning capacity and equal to the values of other classes of property, has given the state of Washington a living precedent which her assessors will cheerfully follow in making their assessments this year. Compare 34 mills in Umatilla county on a valuation of $9,000,000, to 66 mills in Baker county on a valuation of about $5,000,000, and you have an argument in favor of Mr. Strain's assessment that cannot be refuted. The best proof of its justice and popularity is the entire satisfaction with which the taxpayer views it.

Thinking taxpayers of Umatilla county will read with great delight and admiration the spirited campaign editorial in the Tribune this morning, in which it rolls up its sleeves for a genuine mud slinging onslaught. While the Tribune was slurring T. D. Taylor and Judge Hartman, two of the most popular officials in the county, irrespective of politics, it forgets to say anything in commendation of the present county commissioners who entered into a job with the Tribune, in spite of Judge Hartman's opposition, to hand over $700 of the people's money to that paper, for county printing that could have been done for less than $200. No matter what the politics of the voter, he will wonder what public interest the Tribune could have in recommending anybody for election after having exposed to public view its reckleness and determination to levy tribute on the taxpayers through partisans it has boosted for office. It has been but three months since the Tribune permitted itself to be used as a tool to fabricate an interview with Charley Cunningham, in an effort to send him to the penitentiary. This is the kind of salve it has been spreading over the ranks in this county.

Senator Beveridge says there will be no more postoffice investigations this year. Beveridge is a member of the committee on postoffices and knows what he is talking about. So far the efforts of ferreting out postal frauds have been highly satisfactory to the people. The task is not half completed. Every step so far made in the investigation has revealed some new form of fraud from some unexpected quarter. There is no reason for suspending investigation now. If the people's money is being stolen through official dishonesty, it is the duty of the president and congress to pursue the investigations and bring the thieves to justice, although it is a presidential election year. To stop the investigations now will be to admit that the president is afraid the revelations will hurt somebody. To break off in the midst of a highly fruitful search for fear of exposing some still higher official is the rankest brand of cowardice. The people demand that the rottenness in the postoffice department be exposed and checked. They demand that the administration show its good intentions by fearlessly pursuing this official rascality through the very jaws of a presidential election. To stop now is to admit that still greater frauds are hidden away in the meshes of the department. To stop now is to admit that this campaign against fraud was started simply for effect, only to be discontinued before it damaged the political chances of anybody big.

The spirit and intellectuality of the Russian people may be estimated by their religious beliefs. The press dispatches from St. Petersburg say that the Russian populace is in mourning since the loss of the warship in the harbor of Port Arthur, Wednesday, believing devoutly that that accident is a certain sign of God's displeasure at Russia's position in this war. To the thinking, God-fearing American, this groveling superstition is a dangerous and disgusting thing. Would it not be better for civilization if Japan, with her wooden gods, impassive and irresponsive to the human drama, to win the contest in the East, than for the groveling Russian, with his beastly ideals and his barbaric notions of a God, to implant such religious belief in new territory? The Japanese's wooden god is yielding to civilization. The Russian's bigotry and superstition refuses to be reconciled with the living truth.

It is said that when Admiral Dewey recently visited Santo Domingo, he had the first genuine scare of his life. On his arrival there he made the discovery that United States Minister Powell, about whom so much has been heard recently, is a gentleman of color. To have called upon him would have necessitated a return call by the minister, with the usual refreshments on the admiral's ship. Another Booker Washington incident loomed up and the distinguished officer who had no fear of the torpedoes in Manila Bay, lost no time in putting many miles of the blue sea between himself and that same dusky diplomat.

The failure of the cattlemen to hold a state convention in Portland as advertised last Saturday, was particularly unfortunate. It shows a weakness in the industry in this state that does not actually exist. While the cattlemen are progressive and aggressive in fighting for their rights and interests, they undervalue the importance of organization. It is significant to mention that not a single scheduled meeting of the sheepmen's association has ever gone by default. It pays to meet and discuss your interests. It pays to maintain an organization. The market is organized against you, and you stand unprotected and helpless.

The local option and direct primary amendments to be voted upon at the coming election are not confined to any party. Like the initiative and referendum and the popular vote for senator, they belong to the masses and will be accepted regardless of the party lines that may be drawn.

Country boys are rushing to the city as rapidly as scanty openings are found for a livelihood. But this rush is entirely offset by the rush of professional men to the refreshing life of the country, as fast as they accumulate means with which to purchase country homes.

DRIFTWOOD.

Counsel.

If thou shouldst bid thy friend farewell,
But for one night though, that farewell should be,
Press thou his hand in thine; how can'st thou tell
How far from thee?

Fate or caprice, may lead his feet
Eere that tomorrow come; men have been known
Lightly to turn the corner of a street
And days have grown

To months, and months to lagging years,
Before they looked in loving eyes again.
Parting, at best, is underlaid with tears—
With tears and pain.

Therefore, lest sudden death should come between,
Or time, or distance, clasp with pressure true,
The palm of him who goeth forth. Unseen,
Fate goeth, too!
Yea, find thou always time to say
Some earnest words betwixt the idle talk,
Lest with thee henceforth, night and day,
Regret should walk.
—Mollie E. M. Davis.

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"Three centuries backward," says the Kansas City Star, "and before the inquisitive DeSoto had lighted his campfires on the banks of the Mississippi, the Spaniards had achieved two settlements in this land of the Occident—Santa Fe and St. Augustine.

"They had no knowledge of the country which lay between these two points or its inhabitants. As to what might be the dangers or deadfalls of a journey from one place to another they were as blindly ignorant as of the history of the moon.

"But this ignorance affected not, and full of uneasy spirit of the hour, a military party in Santa Fe resolved on an overland expedition to St. Augustine.

"The expedition, numbering some hundreds of men, left Santa Fe in the summer, and crossing the mountains at the Raton Pass, the present route of the Santa Fe railroad, they camped that winter on the present site of Trinidad.

"The grass was long in the valley, the game was plenty on the hills, their own stores were ample, and sending back to Santa Fe for minstrel and glee maidens, these gentlemen of the sword, with wine, women and song, got in as gay a season as they ever have since.

Those old dons were lads of spirit, and possessed high hearts as well as a taste for travel. Before them, to the eastward, as far as the eye could sweep, spread the desert unconfined. What was to be met there they knew not, but their lack of knowledge was coincident with an equal lack of care.

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"With the melting of the snows in the spring sunshine, their women and camp followers returned to Santa Fe. The last hand was waved good bye; the last adios was uttered, and the explorers turned their resolute faces to the work in hand.

"They marched down the valley of the little river, which flows as you read through the town of Trinidad. The ones who were to return to Santa Fe watched them for miles, assisted by the gilt of the sun on steel cap and harness. At last they were hidden in the willows far down the valley, and this was the last that was ever known of them. With the last flap of the banner it was as if they had marched out of existence, and whether they sunk in the rivers, or perished in drifting snows or were done to death by Indians was never told.

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"No sign or trace of the expedition or its people were even found. With that effort at commemoration, which was the spirit at that time, the little muddy torrent in whose valley the lost explorers were last seen, was called El Rio de Los Animas Perdido—"The River of Lost Souls."

"There was something so eerie and mysterious in the complete disappearance of this band, something so dark in the silence of their fate, that the superstitious Spaniard made the sign of the holy cross when he recalled it."

Tutuilla, April 14.

COMING EVENTS.

April 19—Democratic state convention, Portland.

May 2—Oregon Federation of Labor, Oregon City.

May 4—General M. E. conference, Los Angeles.

May 18-21—I. O. O. F. grand lodge at Astoria.

May 27-28 — Caledonian picnic at Athena.

June 2, 3, 4—Umatilla county pioneers' reunion, at Weston.

June 6—General election in Oregon.

June 15, 16, 17—Oregon encampment G. A. R., Hood River.

GENERAL NEWS.

R. van Swinderer is the new representative of the Netherlands to the United States.

The Canadian Pacific railway has lost by flood its famous long, steel bridge over the Saskatchewan.

The Philippine exhibit at St. Louis will cost $1,000,000 instead of $250,000, as was originally intended.

A mandate enforcing the decree of the supreme court in the Northern Securities case, issued April 15.

A game cock knocked down a 3-year-old girl at Camden, N. J., and spurred her so badly that recovery is doubtful.

Speyer & Co., and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have purchased $10,000,000 of Baltimore & Ohio 4 per cent mortgage notes.

The battleship Ohio will be ready for commission at San Francisco in about four months, at present rate of progress.

It costs $92,000,000 to run New Yory City a year, and its share of county and state expenses is $16,000,000 more.

Mrs. Abby Morton Diaz, the famous writer of juvenile stories and other works for young people, is dead at Boston.

There are only two vessels in the Russian squadron at Port Arthur that have not been more or less damaged since the war began.

The Mexican International and National railroad, of Mexico, will be at once merged. E. N. Brown has been elected president of both.

Congress has appropriated $25,000 to reimburse W. R. Radcliffe, a British subject, for property destroyed by a mob in Colorado, in 1901.

Daniel Keegan, a buglar who blew the last call at Appomattox, and really the last bugle call sounded for the Confederacy, is dead at New Orleans.

The Amalgamated Steel Workers Association of Pennsylvania, is trying to force all its employes to accept a horizontal cut of 10 per cent in wages.

Joaquin Miller has sued William Randolph Hearst for $3,000 alleged overdue salary as Hearst's correspondent in China during the Boxer troubles.

W. E. T. Neumann, a midshipman on the Missouri, and who lost his life in the Pensacola explosion, was a San Francisco boy, and graduate of Annapolis.

The Rock Island road has withdrawn its California fast train, the Golden State Limited, between Chicago and Los Angeles, as a losing proposition.

The Pacific mail liner Colon, which was beached on the Pacific side of the Isthmus of Panama, is a hopeless wreck and will be dismantled on the spot.

The art world experienced a very great loss in the death of the Russian scene painter, Verestchagin, who went down with the Petropavlovsk at Port Arthur.

Captain D. P. Wheeler and Corporal Percy Heyvelt, of the 26th infantry, were both stabbed in the abdomen and killed, at Taraca, P. I., in a quarrel with natives.

The Occidental hotel, containing 300 guests, burned at Indianapolis. Nearly 70 were marooned in an upper story and for a time it was believed they could not be saved.

Certain schemes for the improvement of Greater New York, notably the scale upon which the water system is projected, allow for an expansion of the population to 15,000,000.

The United States Steel Corporation has negotiations under way for a community of operation between it and the German steel producers; in other words, an international trust.

H. J. Enright, a New York patrolman, was killed in a fight with burglars. His aged father-in-law became ill from grief and died declaring that Enright was calling for him to come.

Snow fell in New York City April 14, the first time so late in the season for very many years. An estimated three-fourths of an inch came down, but melted as fast as it struck the ground.

H. F. Mellen, for years one of the most prominent society and club men of Denver, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for four years for embezzling $10,000 from the National Trust Company.

State Mine Inspector Cunningham and Superintendent of Mines Cowden, of Pennsylvania, have been held responsible by the coroner's jury for the Harwick mine disaster of January 27 last, in which 178 men lost their lives.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NEWS.

Grant's Pass is to have a cyanide plant costing $10,000, this spring.

The democrats of Tillamook have indorsed W. R. Hearst for president.

Three female applicants took the examination for rural mail carriers at Portland Saturday.

The entire democratic county ticket in Lane county was nominated by acclamation on Saturday.

The rural mail service in Polk county has been increased from three to six trips per week.

Clyde McGraw, aged 3, was drowned while playing on an old millrace at Walla Walla Sunday.

The first freight train to reach Lewistown, Mont., in three months, has been brought through the blockade this week.

The river steamers George H. Vesburg and Sue Elmore, collided at Astoria, Thursday, doing about $50 damage to each boat.

Only one cattleman from Eastern Oregon and five from Southern Oregon attended the cattlemen's convention in Portland on Saturday.

The Jeffersonian banquet at Walla Walla Thursday was attended by 300 prominent democrats, and Parker was indorsed for the presidency.

All traffic over the John Day river has been stopped by the high water. Many bridges have been washed out and ferryboats cannot be operated.

A. A. Huston, a prominent contractor, and Sam Glasgow, a carpenter, were fatally injured by a falling scaffold at Baker City, Friday.

The Willamette river has been at the danger point near Salem and Oregon City, for the past four days. Cooler nights prevented a serious flood.

An Indian girl baby belonging to the Golovin Bay tribe, was burned alive Saturday, because of the superstition of the tribe against girl babies.

A hobo passed a $10 counterfeit bill on a Nampa merchant Sunday. The counterfeiter was afterwards caught in Boise with $100 in clumsy counterfeits on his person.

The body of an unknown man was found in the bush near Seattle, Friday morning by several school children. The body was badly decomposed and could not be identified.

Ashland city officers who were ridding the town of tramps Saturday, were fired upon from ambush by a gang, after which one tramp was shot through the arm. The city jail is now full.

Reason McConnell, a prominent farmer of King's valley, near Corvallis, was found dead in his room, Thursday, shot through the head. It is thought by friends to have been an accident.

Henry Waterson will lecture at Salem on Tuesday, April 19, on Abraham Lincoln. The lecture is under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., the proceeds to be used in lifting a mortgage on the Y. M. C. A. building.

The Washington irrigation commission will hold its first meeting at Tacoma on April 26. In the meantime it will apply to the Oregon commission for information on different points to be handled by the commission.

The family of C. J. Schulz, of Portland, was poisoned by dairy milk on Friday morning, and it was thought an attempt had been made to murder the entire family. Medical assistance reached them before any of the victims died.

Two men who robbed the government trading post at Ross Fork, Idaho, were sentenced to eight years in San Quentin prison, Thursday. They were captured and tried, convicted and sentenced within a week after committing the crime.

On a bet of $1.50, an Indian swam the John Day river near Fossil, Friday. The river was full of drift and raging at its highest stage, and no one expected the Siwash to accomplish his feat, but he did so, apparently none the worse for the trying ordeal.

A Jap section hand outwitted the Northern Pacific Thursday in escaping from the regular fare charged on a corpse. The man desired to ship his dead child from Prosser to North Yakima, but declined to pay fare on it. The company refused to haul it free, and the Jap bundled the corpse up and carried it in his arms the entire distance.

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