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There is nothing capricious about religion. We get a soul the same way we get a mind and body. If a man does not exercise his arms he develops no biceps muscle. If a man does not exercise his soul he acquires no strength of character, no soul fibre, nor beauty of spiritual growth. Love is a not an enthusiastic emotion. It is a rich, strong, manly, vigorous expression of its whole Christian character.—Henry Drummond.

THE PORTAGE IN SIGHT.

It is said that Mr. Harriman, after one of his visits to Portland, and doubtless, too, after having been filled to the brim with suggestions of what he should do to improve conditions here, hinted that the people here were always asking someone else to do things for them, and intimated that it might be well if they started in and did something for themselves. Says the Portland Journal, and continues: "The people in the eastern section of the state realized that the future of that section was largely wrapped up in the question of an open river clear from Lewiston to the sea. "They have long realized that the key to the whole situation was below Cello and that the barriers once removed from there enormous benefits would likely flow. It is realized that the greatest benefits will undoubtedly flow from the building of the canal, but in the very nature of things that will occupy several years of hard work and the need for relief is immediate.

"Therefore the portage road is what they now seek to build and that work they hope to have completed by next fall. "It is a fact that few people here ever had within easy reach so great a boon and yet have so dallied with fortune while the precious days roll by, bringing age, incompetency or eternity, with the talents intended for their mature enjoyment unattained and valueless, continues the Lewiston Tribune. The proposition seems so simple that it ought to be stated again:

The state of Oregon has appropriated \$165,000 for the building of a portage road around the obstructions that prevent an open river to the sea. It has also appropriated \$100,000 for the purchase of right of way for the federal government for the construction of a canal that will permit continuous navigation.

The right of way has virtually all been acquired, but part of it is needed in the route of the portage road. The government canal will not conflict with the portage and it would seem the state could reserve enough for its own purposes in executing the canal title.

In effect, then, there is already in hand both the right of way and the funds for building the road. The state portage board, however, fears the appropriation made will not be sufficient and hesitates to proceed on a work that may remain unfinished and useless.

To meet this objection the Open River Association, composed of substantial citizens and business men, has offered to undertake the construction with the available funds and to give a guarantee bond to provide any additional funds found necessary. There is where the matter stands now.

That is all there is between Lewiston and the sea, with the commercial revolution that would ensue in turning the vast tide of commerce down the Columbia water route instead of hauling it out across mountains and gorges to distant Puget Sound ports.

While figures would be largely guess work, it needs no figures to know that Oregon would be enriched every year several times the original cost of the road, while the tributary country would be equally benefited by the transportation economies effected and the entire region for ever rescued from railway monopolies or exactions.

It is the project should fall now, with the goal actually within our grasp, the least that can be said is that we will richly deserve the worst that may come to us.

DROPS INTO SECOND PLACE.

For the first time in the history of the United States manufacturers are exceeding agricultural products in the exportation of domestic products. Figures are just issued by the department of commerce and labor, through its bureau of statistics, showing that in the month of July manufacturers exported amount to \$40,000,000, against \$31,000,000 of agricultu-

ral products; and in the month of June manufacturers amounted to \$42,000,000, against \$37,250,000 of agricultural products.

Even in the seven months ending with July, 1904, agricultural products exceed manufactures by nearly \$100,000,000, but in the month of May, 1904, manufactures for the first time in the history of the country exceed agricultural products in the volume of domestic exports, and this was again the case in June and July.

In the month of May, 1904, exports of manufactures exceeded agricultural products by about \$1,000,000; in June the excess of manufactures over agricultural products was nearly \$4,000,000, and in July the excess of manufactures over agricultural products was nearly \$2,000,000.

In the fiscal year just ended agricultural products formed a smaller percentage of the total exports than ever before, falling for the first time below 60 per cent.

This change in the character of the exports of the country—a movement from agricultural products toward manufactures—is due rather to an increase in the home production of manufactures than to any actual decrease in the home production of agricultural products.

As a much-married woman, Grace, the daughter of Amos Snell, the Chicago millionaire who a few years ago was murdered in his own house by the burglar Tascott, now claims the palm. Here is her record: 1880, Grace Snell; 1881, married to W. S. McCrea; 1882, divorced from W. S. McCrea; 1883, married Douglas Green; 1883, divorced from Douglas Green; 1884, married Frank N. Coffin; 1884, divorced from Frank N. Coffin; 1888, remarried to Frank Nixon Coffin; 1889, divorced from Frank Nixon Coffin; 1899, married to James C. Walker; 1900, divorced from James C. Walker; 1901, married to the third time to Frank Nixon Coffin; 1901, divorced for the third time from Frank Nixon Coffin; 1903, married to Perkins A. Layman; 1904, divorced now asked from Perkins A. Layman; 1905, another marriage in sight.

It turns out now that Kuroki, the Japanese general who is doing such effective military service, is not a Jap at all, but a Pole, the son of a Polish revolutionist of 1831. It is stated that when his father was dying, he asked the son to avenge the wrongs of Russia to his country. And it looks a good deal like Kuroki is carrying out his father's dying request. But it makes no difference what he is or by what animus he is prompted, he is such stuff as generals are made of.

The third battle of Bull Run, which is to be fought this month, will cost \$1,500,000. Already troops are on the march from Fort Ethan Allen, in Vermont. They will have a 700-mile tramp. One thousand horses will be taken to the field there will be 35 ambulances and six escort wagons. The boys all over the Union are enthusiastic at the prospect of fighting on the same field where their fathers fought and died more than 40 years ago. It is expected that a vast crowd of spectators will witness the mock carnage.

Hunters who anticipate an elk hunt will do well to remember that the law prohibiting the slaughter of elk was extended to 1907, by the special act of the special session of the legislature last winter. The number of elk in Oregon is perceptibly increasing, and if the law is rigidly enforced against Indians as well as whites, this noble game animal will have become plentiful in this state, by the time of the expiration of the law.

A valuable advertisement for Umatilla county has just been consummated by the arrangement of the Pacific Monthly, whereby it will hereafter use a Moorhouse photograph as a frontispiece each month. The September issue contains the picture of an Indian mother and child, which is characteristic of the photographic art of Major Moorhouse.

The careworn looking man who is haunting Wall street disguised as a sufferer from the slump in Steel is National Chairman Cortelyou. His palm itches frightfully and Treasurer Bliss is waiting anxiously at headquarters with a bundle of receipts in blank.

It's a perfect nonsense, Bessie, for you to talk of being laid on the shelf. Why, it all depends on yourself. Forget your worries, your aches and ailments; do as I did, take plenty of out-of-door air, cultivate happiness by not allowing your mind to dwell on the trifles and the worries of life. I sent thirty-one cents in stamps to Dr. K. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., for his Common Sense Medical Adviser, and found it contained much useful information about the care of my health, about physiology, anatomy, and everything a woman should know. I then decided to write Dr. Pierce and tell him all about my ailments. I received such a nice, carefully considered and confidential letter in reply, giving me advice about my diet, exercise and all. This advice is free to everyone and I wonder you don't write him at once. It didn't take me many months to regain my good looks. Ever since I was fifteen I have suffered untold agonies periodically but now I am free from pain, worry and bad temper. Occasionally I look Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets—for the complexion, and to stimulate the liver. Then I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription three times a day for those womanly weaknesses he told you about. That's my secret of beauty. It's the easiest thing in the world to be happy and keep one's good looks. Look at the thousands of women who have been made well by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription; look how they keep their good looks. Dr. Pierce offers \$500 reward for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Protrusion, or Falling of Womb which he cannot cure. All he asks is a fair and reasonable trial of his means of cure.



A CONFIDENTIAL CHAT.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The census just completed gives the population of France as 38,961,554, or a gain of but 44,613 in 10 years.

An excursion boat returning from Athens, Greece, from a trip along the coast, was caught in a gale, overturned and 25 persons drowned.

Over 100 cases of typhoid fever have developed within the past week in The Bronx, a suburb of New York, and great concern is felt.

Armenians raided the town of Van, in Turkey, Sunday, killing about 20 Turks, who besieged the buildings in which the Armenians were barricaded.

President Gompers has refused to call a conference of the federation of labor to take action on a sympathetic strike with the packing house employees.

There is little or no question but that the British expedition into Tibet will result in all demands made by the British.

The Pacific States Mercantile Company of San Francisco, bucconed Seattle capitalists out of about \$100,000 last week, before they found out they were being robbed.

Four people were killed in a tenement house fire in New York City Saturday night, in which several buildings in a thickly populated portion of the city were burned.

Tatham Bulwers, of New York, the oldest shot manufacturing concern in the United States, has been absorbed by the United Lead Company, at \$1,000,000. It is a shot trust now.

W. W. Weichtman, manufacturing chemist of Philadelphia, is dead. He left his entire fortune of \$50,000,000 to his widowed daughter, Mrs. Anna M. Walker, who is now one of the richest women in the world.

William Mahoney, aged 3 years, fell from a seventh story window in New York and struck a canvas awning four stories below. He was unhurt, and was taken inside the building through a window, laughing.

A portion of a main street in Knoxville, Tenn., is caving in, and surrounding lots also upon which stand the court house, a hotel and other buildings. It transpires that a portion of the city is built over a cavern.

The sugar freight rate war from the East to Chicago and Missouri river points has ended, the companies reaching an agreement to continue the old rate of 27 cents to Missouri river points and 47 cents from New Orleans to Kansas jobbing points.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

The grand jury of Silver Bow county, Montana, has returned 20 indictments against county officials for pilfering the public treasury. The forest fires on the Nehalem are burning so furiously that green timber is being destroyed. It is the most disastrous fire for 14 years in that vicinity.

The sheriff of Lake county is said to have secured the names of the sheep killers who committed the crimes at Benjamin Lake, earlier in the season.

Seattle citizens returning from the St. Louis fair declare that the joint exhibit of their city and county at the exposition, is a rank failure and does more harm than good.

Eugene has experienced a \$15,000 fire, early Wednesday morning. Several persons had a narrow escape from death by reason of the explosion of a quantity of gun powder in a store.

Columbia river salmon are beginning to run and canneries along the river are preparing to start. The Hurd cannery, at Arnie, Or., one of the largest, will begin operations Monday.

An unknown young man was found dead in a city park at The Dalles Saturday night, having taken carbolic acid. He is thought to have been an ex-convict because of the prison clothes he wore.

The livestock men of Malheur county

ty have organized a protective association to rid the country of horse thieves; T. W. Halliday, president; and J. S. Edwards, of Bell, secretary.

The Emporia Coal Company, of Roseburg, has filed articles of incorporation. The capital stock is half a million. The company claims to own a coal deposit, second only to the mines of Coos county in Oregon.

It is believed at the Bremerton navy yard that Captain W. T. Burwell, recently in command of the battleship Oregon, will be returned to that place. Captain Burwell formerly had charge of the Bremerton station.

The Oregon City woolen mills advised free transportation to expert spinners who would come to the mills permanently, and two young men from Indiana accepted the offer. They worked two days in the mills and then mysteriously disappeared.

A deed conveying 2065 acres of timber land in the Roseburg land district has just been filed at the Douglas county recorder's office. The transfer is from the Northern Pacific railway to the Weyerhaeuser syndicate. The consideration is \$10,324.65.

Last week a company of show people having a cage of 20 snakes, were prevented from exhibiting in Forest Grove because they refused to pay the license. To get even on the city the company disbanded and turned the snake menagerie loose in town. Some of the specimens were of great length.

Antone Wehoo, an Austrian, has been rearrested at Black Diamond, Wash., on a charge of having murdered John Sketscher. When the crime was committed Wehoo and Sketscher's widow were charged with the deed, but were released because of lack of evidence. The sheriff at Black Diamond claims to have fresh evidence concerning Wehoo's guilt.

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Large advertisement for Wheat \$1.00 per Bushel, featuring the name A. KUNKEL & CO. and Phoenix Pure Paint. Includes text about protection and why to use the paint.

Large advertisement for Lee Teutch's Dept. Store, featuring clothing and shoes. Includes sections for Boys' School Suits, Specials in Men's Suits, and Shoes for Men and Boys. Includes illustrations of clothing and shoes.