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Reply to "Beautiful Soul."

BY WM. ANGUS M PRESSON.

To Frances Fuller Victor, the authoress and true friend of my adopted state, the following lines are

respectful y inscribed. "Whither away" dost thou ask friend, of earth! Clothed as thou art with thy mantle of cay, Wouldet the u seek to view, from the dreary dearth Of thy present abode, the "perfect day ?"

Art theu weary waiting to enter in To the viewless realms of the angel home, Where, freed from tell and sorrow and sin,

Bright "spirit feet" are permitted to roam ! Wouldst thou view, through a lens of earthly mold Scenes designed only for infinite gaze, And back in the light of purple and gold

Spirit imprisoned, the soul thou hast rought Hovers, invisible nigh, even higher It comes as an echo, "a perfume, a thought," Inspiring the numbers that flow from thy lyre.

Ill uming the spheres? O beautiful rays!

Uncreated, in mortal, fearing not death, Ere lorg it will welcome tree to its embrace. An esserce, a vapor, a child of God'e breath, Its home, all the inhalte regions of space.

Thou'lt not be "alone" when thy soul takes its flight,

Long ere Jenovah said ",et there be Lght," Twas the home of the roul, more desightful than Then resting, with faith in that Power divine

To enter again that empire of bies;

That spread out the heavens, a star- bedecked scro! In baseful expectancy, biding thy time, Fear not, thou shall meet thy "beautiful soul." I, too, am waiting and watching the time When, need from the buildens we all a ust bear

Our eyes shall be o, ened on scenes subline, Peopled with souls, bright, beautifus, fair. Until then let us toll in our lowly s, here, Seeking, far out in the regions of thought,

And ba in to recompense earth's bitter draught ASHLAND, OREGON, Jan., 1878.

FROM MOHAWK VALLEY.

CLIMATE ADVANCEMENT OF SETTLEMENTS, INCIDENTS, ETC.

Jan. 1st. 1878. This valley is located in a northeast course from Eugene City, and is drained by a beautiful little river called Mobawk, a tributary of the McKenzie. This country is cut off from the main Willamette valley by a high wall of hills, which extends from Dick Finley's mill, six miles above Brownsville, southward to Spore's Ferry on the McKenzie. This is a country of beautiful creeks and spring branches, of fine alder groves, prairie lands, heavy forests, and great stretches of fern ridges. But the climate is the most important consideration pertaining to this section. It is effectually protected from the prevailing winds-the porthwest and the southwest; and, in the upper part of the valley it is free, in a great measure, of the disagreeable fogs so prevalent in the main Willamette valley, in certain times of the year; and, consequently, perhaps there is not a Call and see Specimens. [v2rgtf | more healthful spot to be found in all the world than right here in this valley. We have a clear son-rise here every morning, sometimes for weeks, and bright supshine all day, when, for the same time, the people of the main val-THE UNDERSIGNED WISHES TO RE- ley, do not get a ray of sunshine. We fellow, and if it had hit him, he would have a very fine climate here, and a have accorded in his propose?" The productive soil. Even corn and peaches, they rushed to the office of the Jussucceed very well; but the Lawton tice of the Peace, where they accom-

ly adopted to this climate and soil. New settlers are continually coming in and attacking the fern and the forests. It is truly wonderful

WHAT ENERGY AND INDUSTRY CAN DO. A couple of gentlemen, of the name of Forbes, a year or so ago, moved right into one of our heaviest forests, and boldly attacked it with true Britton resolution (they are Englishmen), and

MADE A GOOD HOME

in so short a time. Fifteen acres o that forest is swept away, and the ground is in garden and grass. They have a good comfortable house with the modern conveniences, and the dooryard neatly picketed in, like a lot in town, with splendid broccoli and even celery standing in the garden. Mr. Linton moved with his family into the wild woods a couple of years ago and camped by a big spring when the fern was as high as his wagon, and went to work-now he has a good home. He has a field and garden of several acres, and raised plenty of corn and vegetables. They "picked their own Lawtons," and he raised 'his own tobacco," and of a very fine quality too. The Selfridges are among the first of these

PIONEERS OF THE WOODS, and it is truly astonishing what these nounced the actors with a bitterness \$30,000.

taught us a great lesson, and proved overpowering-his victory was signal and demonstrated some very important and complete-he was facts. For instance: That, if there is not employment in the cities and towns, awaiting the hand of energy and industry; that if the thousands of men who are howling through the cities for employment-contending with the Chinamen, jostling with him over the picking of garbage, the cleaning of streets, fine supper at midnight, and old folks sewers and other places still nastierwould imitate the courage and enter prise of these brave men who have so resolutely taken hold of these woodlands, they would not only reach a ready solution of the

"GREAT LABOR PROBLEM," nity of independence and true manhood, and advance the cause of gener-

al prosperity and civilization. fine ball at his house. Between seventy-five and a hundred tickets were sold;

orderly and elegant dance. "war of roses." It was a "jar," a "bicker," between our principle of church M. had obtained possession of one of our district school houses in which to teach a writing school on certain evenings. After the close of the school one evening, it seems that some

of the boys had A QUIET GAME OF CARDS-

"Just for amusement." This little affair spread around the neighborhood with great rapidity, and the more it spread the more it grew. The members of Church C. began to "kick up," and with a zeal closely akin to "straining at a gnat," they proceeded to close the school house. The evening came round for the writing school, the scholars and teacher arrived. The teacher lifted a sash, opened the door, and went on with his school. The members of Church C. "kicked up" still higher, and strained at the guat still more fiercely; one of them, a constable and a stalwart, rawboned, giant of a fellow, thrust himself up against the writing master, a mere boy, with great offensiveness, daring the boy to bit him. Finally the boy slapped his face with his open hand. Instead of turning his other cheek, according to the Scripture, and his pious profes sion, he seized a great rail which he swept through the air at the writing master, with great fury, giving a loud and fearful grunt which has been heard of all over the neighborhood. The boy squatted and the missile pass ed over his head. This eminently zealous and intelligent officer said he "threw the rail on purpose to kill the swearing-very strong swearing for people whose Scripture enjoins them to

"SWEAR NOT AT ALL"-And so strong, it has been hinted by some, as to endanger their freedom under the Statutes of the State, if the matter should be taken up and prosecuted. But the champions of Church C. proceeded and arrested the boys of the church M.; they failed however to make their prosecution stick. At this etage of proceeding an old "Soldier of the Cross,"and pillar of the Church M., of forty years standing, came to the front and opened upon the track. The power of the spirit was upon him-the spirit of "righteons indignation." Eloquence is a thing of rare occurrence; a few only possess the genius to imitate it. It is eloquence when the soul acts above and in defiance of all earthly considerations. He began by saying the could stop his voice by stopping his breath; then came a torrent of abuse, perhaps never surpassed; not loud, but with a pervous tremor in his voice, that sent his words and sentences like winged arrows and scorching fire. He showed how the boys should have been spoken to, and corrected; he pictured ont the true Christian course, and also

people have accomplished. They have and a power that was truly awful and

MASTER OF THE FIELD. And the situation. He appears to have there is plenty to do in the country; utterly subdued the barbarous elethat locked up in the brush and woods | ments and restored to the neighborthere are thousands of fine houses hood, harmony and peace, and made us all feel that there is

"A POWER IN THE WORD!" On Christmas night there was a party at Applegate's house; it was composed of invited guests; they had a and young folks had a good time-the music was of the very best, and the dancing good, and the general joy not to be exceeded.

A few nights after this party, a company of musicians-singers and players-went up to serenade the Applegates. It was at a late hour and the house was all dark except a solitary candle in Frank A's apartment. They struck up on one of their finest pieces. Mr. Ike Stephens, lately had a very In a few minutes light flashed up throughout the house, and it was interesting in the extreme to see Applethree dollars a ticket. It was a very gate, dressed in a long white gown, with a tall lamp in his hand, sailing The harmony and even tenor of our the full length of a fity-feet porch, to Mohawk community was disturbed not | see what was the matter. The musilong ago by a slight episode in the cians stopped to bow and A. started upon a speech. He said: "The

MARCH OF CIVILIZATION churches. It was in this wise: A boy | Has taken place, and"-at this point the musicians started loudly upon a march and suppressed the freedom of of speech! The company was invited into the bonse, a great fire was built ep, and in a few minutes the family appeared, refreshments passed around, and a very pleasant time was had.

> The Mohawk Dramatic Company will perform at the lower school house on the 10th. More anon,

A. GAB. SHOOTING AT BURGLARS .- On Saturday night last a young man named C Smith, in passing a couple of men ou the street, overheard a remark made by one of them, which aroused his sus picions that they were up to some kind of devilment. They were closely muffled up, evidently to conceal their features. Young Smith dogged their steps from street to street until they entered the yard of Col. John C. Bell, in the northern section of the city. They were soon frightened out of there by the house dog. They then passed down the street to Dr. A. M. Belt's residence. After a short consultation they entered the yard and commenced examining the house, as though they intended to burglarize it. One of them passed near where Smith was lying watching them and discovered him. He immediately signaled his companion and started to run. Smith ordered him halt, to which he paid no attention, when Smith fired several shots at him as he ran, but failed to bring him down and the two midnight prowlers succeeded in making good their es cape. These fellows evidently belong to the band who have been burglarizing dwelling houses in this city and it

We flourish awhile. Men take us by the hand and are anxious about the health of our bodies and laugh at our jokes, and we really think, like the fly on the wheel, that we have something to do with the turning of it. The sun does not stop for our funeral, everything goes on as usual, we are not miss ed in the street, men laugh at the new jokes, and in three days the great waves sweep over our path, and wash out the last vestige of earthly footprints. Such is life.—Albany Register.

Washington, Jan. 7 .- Col. Shafter, a member af the sub-committee on military affairs, to-day stated that there was less stealing on the Texas border during the past year than in any former

Chicago, Jan. 6.-The Tribune'. Washington special says the impression in diplomatic circles is that the President and cabiuet will soon, possibly this week, decide favorably concerning the recognition of Diaz.

Chicago, Jan. 7 - The Times, Appleton, Miss., special says: A fire this afternoon destroyed a number of basi pictured out the meanness and hypocness houses; loss, \$45,000; insurance, ricy of the course pursued, and deHEROIC RUSSIANS.

GEN. SKOBELEFF'S STORMING AND CAP-TURE OF THE LOFTCHA REDOUBT-TER-RIBLE SCENES OF SLAUGHTER.

The redoubt Skobeleff was attacking was a double redoubt in the bend of the Loftcha road down near Plevna. He had advanced his troops down the slope of the mountain to within easy range. As the Turks immediately opened fire upon him from the redoubt, he returned the fire with steadiness and precision, putting his men under cover as much as possible, his cannon pouring a steady stream of shell and canister into the redoubt as well. In fact he worked his cannon so much that several pieces had been spoiled. He had evidently determined to risk everything to capture this redoubt, and if Plevna were not taken it would not be his fault. For three hours he kept up this fire, and, just after Krilon's second repulse, the Turkish fire having somewhat relaxed, dominated by the Russian, he thought the moment had arrived for making the assault.

He had four regiments of the line,

and four battalions of sharpshooters.

Still keeping up his murderous fire, he formed under its cover two regiments. the Vladimirski and the Zoozolski, in the little hollow at the foot of the low hill on which was built the redoubt. together with two battalions of sharpshooters, not more than twelve hundred yards from the scarp. Then, placing himself in the best position for watching the result, he ceased fire and ordered the advance. He ordered the assaulting party not to fire, and they rushed forward with their guns on their shoulders, with music playing and banners flying, and disappeared in the for and smoke. Skobeleff is the only general who places himself near enough to feel the pulse of a battle. The advancing column was indistinctly seen, a dark mass in the fog and smoke. feeling as it were, every throb of the battle. he saw this line begin to waver and hesitate. Upon the instant he hurried forward a rival regiment to support, and again watched the result. This new force carried the mass further on with its momentum, but the Turkish reboubt firmed and smoked, and poured forth such a torrent of bullets that the line were again shaken. Skobeleff stood in this shower of bullets unhurt. All his escort were killed or wounded, even to the little Kirgniz who received a bullet in the shoulder. Again he saw the line hesitate and waver, and he finng his fourth and last regiment, the Libausky on the glacis. Again this new wave carried the preceding ones forward, until they were almost on the scarp; but the deadly shower of bullets poured upon them; men dropped by hundreds and the result still remained doubtful. The line once more wavered and hesitated. Not a moment was to be lost, if the redoubt was to be carried.

of sharpshooters left, the best in bis detachments. Putting Fimself at the blackberry appears to be most especial- plised some very comprehensive is hoped that they will yet come to head of these, he dashed forward on the wavering, fluctuating mass, and gave it the inspiration of his own courage and instruction. He picked the whole mass up and carried it forward with a rush and a cheer. The whole redoubt was a mass of flame and smoke from which screams, shouts, and eries of agony and defiance arose, with the deep-mouthed bellowing of the cannoa and above all the steady awful, crash of that deadly rifle fire. Skobeleff's sword was cut in two in the middle. Then, a moment later, when just on the point of leaping the ditch, horse and man rolled together on the ground, the horse dead or wounded, the rider untouched. He sprung to his feet with a shout, then with a formidable, savage vell the whole mass of men streamed over the ditch, over the scarp and counterscarp, over the parapet, and swept into the redoubt like a hurricane, Their bayonets made short work of the Turks still remaining. Then a joyous cheer told that the redoubt was captured, and that at last one of the de fences of Plevna was in the hands of

Skobeleff had now only two battalions

the Russians. But at what a sacrifice! In that short rush of a few hundred yards. three thousand men had been left on the hillside, on the glacis, the scarp and the ditch-one fourth of his whole force.