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ORCHARD'S STORY.

The tale that Harry Orchard is unfolding at Boise is one, which, true or false, will make a tremendous impression on the country, since it comes from the lips of a man who is without hope of reward; who knows that death is his only portion; that life holds absolutely nothing for him after the telling of the story; who knows that the wide earth is not big enough to hide him from the vengeance of man nor the gnawing of a deathless conscience; who, but guilty of one-hundredth part of the crime with which he charges himself, is too guilty to lift his head among his fellows, ever again, in freedom.

These conditions must contribute largely to the credit that will be given the wretched history he is unfolding, and this will be eked out by the deep conviction dwelling in the public mind, of the truth, in part, at least, of what he shall allege against the Western Federation of Miners, of which the country has heard enough to damn it forever, during its career of the past 15 years. No one knows what grim and desperate motives are actuating this famous, and infamous, witness; what of reprisal, hatred, fury, hopelessness, or hope, may color the text, and accents, wherewith he shall utter by way of damning prologue of fate for his associates in crime. It goes without saying that he will tell what he has to, with such adherence to fact, and sequence of fact, as will invest the tale with enough truth to invoke the farthest limit of the law and leave his colleagues in a very pit of torture, from whence they will not emerge until hearts and lives are broken in the awful experience.

There is no particular reason why Orchard should not tell the truth, and there is some reason for his not telling it all. The record may be even too vast for the tongue and conscience of any one man; too awful for sustained recited and too great a demand upon his powers of endurance under the conditions confronting him. He may qualify some parts of it as a sop to his own dreadful burden, and the greater that burden becomes, the more he may gloss, disguise and hide. The strain will be incalculable on his nerve and he may take refuge in silence at a critical stage of the proceedings. But if he goes to the fearful end of his contribution, it will constitute a record without parallel in the annals of crime and stamp him as the arch type of his kind.

While he is at it, it is hoped he will make the story so complete, so susceptible of proof at bar, as shall wind up forever the existence and influence of the Federation behind him, and give a tone to the future of organized labor in this country, as shall make it safe from similar history for all time to come.

VICTORY BEGRUDGED.

The Englishman, the world over, is known as a game sportsman and is reckoned, under all circumstances, as "square." But he cannot stomach the success of Richard Croker in the Derby. That sporty American put up a horse that nothing in the "light little isle" could get away with, and the racing gentry over there are sore. Even the press begrudges him the victory he has won in all fairness, and Mr. Croker, naturally resents the whole thing.

There will be little or no sympathy on this side of the water for the Anglified American. He had no business to desert his country and take his fortune and his horses over there. There are racing events as great on this side and

plenty of money to win, as well. The snob has been snubbed and we are in no whit sorry for it; but we are a bit surprised at the unfair tone taken by the "fraternity" and the press in England, for the reason that they are of the gamiest, game, always, and this departure is quite unaccountable upon any decent hypothesis. We can only assume that Mr. Croker's side bets were enormous and far-reaching, and the growl emanates from a panicky crowd that has been "done brown" by the sporty exploits of Tammany.

THE GATHERING CLOUDS.

We confess to no amazement nor sorrow at the finding of 180 indictments against the furniture trust of Oregon. On the contrary, we are infinitely glad the cloud is gathering, for when it shall have cleared the people will be free of one burden, at least. We know we have been robbed, deeply and long, by this and other combinations, and that the day is at hand when the whole business must be shown up and relief granted. Values of all sorts have been far above the normal for years and humanity has paid the exactions about as long as patience and sense permit.

If this combine is opened up and exposed to the last vestige of its rapacity and recklessness, the whole state will be the better for it, and it may compel the voluntary amendment of other concerns just as ruthless, and so bring things back to a level of decency and equity. The people are not humbugged now; they know just about where they stand in relation to all lines of business, and there is a growing determination, everywhere, to pull down the thieving agencies that have fattened off the masses for so long. The campaign has opened and will not be closed until there has been general and complete overhauling of all elements of trade.

FIREPROOF HOME IN A WINTERLESS CITY.

A dwelling house that is unique in America has just been completed by Edwin Bergstrum, an architect of Los Angeles, California. It is designed for a winterless climate; in its construction the exigencies of cold weather have not been considered, because cold weather is not known there. The house is one of the architectural achievements in Southern California.

Mr. Bergstrum, while making a tour of Spain, came across an old, low-lying, airy building, the striking characteristic of which was coolness. Wide, roomy halls led to rooms that were nearly all windows. There was an abundance of space, and the breezes blew through unchecked. The architect decided to make a reproduction of his "find" and that is what he has done. At Los Angeles the climate is as balmy as at Saragossa and coolness just as much to be desired.

The house—all of it,—is constructed of hollow tile and plaster. Floors and walls inside and out, are all of this construction. The floors are supported by a network of reinforcing steel, and on this steel the hollow tile blocks are laid. Besides giving a firmness that will stand any weight, this construction makes an absolutely fire-proof building.

It is predicted that this "old Spanish home" will be just as good a hundred years from now as it is today. It costs \$20,000. It stands on a knoll between Vermont and Temple Avenues in Los Angeles, and around it are grounds nearly two acres in area. If any breeze is stirring it cannot miss the house on the knoll. From the balconies there are beautiful views in every direction. Nothing is lacking which can make the place an ideal home in a region where every month is May—"where falls not rain nor hail nor any snow, and never a wind blew loudly."

Ancient Rome

is now merely a memory of the past. Ballard's Snow Liment is the family liment of the twentieth century. A positive cure for Rheumatism, Burns, Cuts, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc. Mr. C. H. Runyon, Stanberry, Mo., writes: "I have used Snow Liment for Rheumatism and all pain. I can't say enough in its praise." Sold by Hart's Drug Store.

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION RATES.

June 6th, 7th and 8th will be next dates of sale for the Jamestown Exposition tickets. Take advantage of the extremely low rates in effect via all routes in connection with the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad. Tickets on sale and sleeping car reservations made at City Ticket Office, Page building. Don't think you can buy cheaper in Portland—rates are the same from both Portland and Astoria and if you buy in Portland you will simply be out the amount of your local fare from Astoria. 6-1-81.

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SUCKER STATE PLOT

Certain Clique Seeks to Kill Cannon Boom.

"UNCLE JOE" ONLY SAID FUDGE

Senator Bourne of Oregon Is a Busy Man Trying To Make the Southern Pacific Disgorge—Battleship Kansas Will Be Presented With Silver Service

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Although "Uncle Joe" Cannon's friends may be uneasy over the unearthing of a plot in the Sucker State to prevent the Speaker, from controlling the delegation from that state in the next convention, the favorite Son of Illinois doesn't show it. The report, which came from Chicago, is creating deep interest here. It is to the effect that a clique headed by Governor Deneen (and including such veterans as Roy O. West, chairman of the Republican State Committee, and Charles E. Dawes, former comptroller of the currency and now president of a Chicago bank) is at work to undermine the Illinois enthusiasm for Speaker Cannon for President. It is said the delegation will be so organized that it will be absolutely in the hands of the conspirators, and that on the first few ballots the Speaker will be given a complimentary vote, after which the solid vote of the State will be cast for Fairbanks. Mr. Dawes is said to be in constant communication with the Vice President, with which he is on most intimate terms. If all this is true, it means the practical elimination of Speaker Cannon as a Presidential candidate, and with a similar fight raging in Ohio, the only Presidential possibilities left are Vice President Fairbanks and Senator Knox. When the matter was brought to the Speaker's attention this week on his return from North Carolina, he chewed the end of his cigar viciously for a moment and said, emphatically and disgustfully, "Fudge!"

Senator Long called at the Navy Department this week with an appeal from a committee coming from his state to prevent to the new battleship Kansas a handsome silver service. The Kansans were very anxious to make a short cruise on the big fighting craft and desired the promise of Secretary Metcalf to make a voyage on the vessel from Philadelphia to New York. The Secretary was forced to refuse his permission because, in the first place, it is contrary to naval regulations, and then there are no accommodations aboard the battleship for civilians. The Kansans are coming East this month to make the presentation at Philadelphia, and there was much disappointment when Secretary Metcalf's decision was made known.

There was a wail from the State of Washington this week when Frank Waterhouse, a prominent steamship man of Seattle reached town. Mr. Waterhouse declares that his city is so short of labor that nearly all industries are in a crippled condition. He declares that the people of Washington have no sympathy with the Californian agitation that has barred out the Japanese. The state, he says, will welcome gladly the coming of Japanese immigrants, because they are hard workers and can be utilized in all kinds of employment. As a result of the San Francisco agitation the little brown men are flocking into Canada, where they are being welcomed by the Dominion government. The lack of labor has practically caused a shut-down in the Washington mines. Because of this state of affairs coal is being imported from Wales, Australia and Japan and Mr. Waterhouse declares that unless something is done the labor situation there will grow worse.

Senator Bourne of Oregon, is hot on the trail of E. H. Harriman. With the exception of the ubiquitous Mr. Beveridge, of Indiana, Senator Bourne is probably the most persistent visitor at the White House these days, but with the exception that he actually has business there. The Oregon statesman is seeking to have the Administration begin proceedings in the United States Courts to compel the Southern Pacific road to open to settlement about three millions of acres of lands in Oregon. This land, Senator Bourne says, was granted to the railroad by the government many years ago, as a bonus, and it was given under the railroad's solemn pledge that the land was to be opened for settlement at \$3 per acre. The original grant was for six millions acres, and the road disposed of half of it, although it is said to have violated its agreement by selling it in parcels at \$15 per acre and withholding from settlement the best part of the property. It is undoubtedly

being held as a matter of speculation, and much of it now is worth \$100 an acre. The matter will be thoroughly investigated.

Members of the Inland Waterways Commission and others interested in waterway development are regarding with satisfaction the plans being completed for an extended system of canals from Indiana Harbor to a point between Gary and Michigan City. These canals are held necessary to the development of the steel and iron industries lying just south of Chicago, and to accommodate which the U. S. Steel Corporation undertook the building of a town. The first surveys provide for waterways fifty miles in length, to cost \$10,000,000, and engineers are already at work in the interests of New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Indianapolis capitalists, who will finance the plan. According to the advices received here the main channel is to be 250 feet wide, with lateral canals 200 feet in width. A uniform depth of 24 feet is to be had, and turning basins 800 feet in diameter will be constructed at intervals of two miles. The work is a mammoth one, and it is estimated that it will require ten years to complete it. This gigantic undertaking merely goes to show the faith of American capitalists and American business men in the question of waterways developments, and the great importance in this form of internal improvement bears to the future prosperity of the country. This sentiment is due in a large measure to the missionary work of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. This organization of business men and shippers, hailing from every state and territory in the Union, finally has succeeded in awakening the American people, and through them the Congress of the United States, to the crying necessity existing for added means of transportation to handle the country's growing commerce and to supplement the overcrowded railroad lines. To keep up this interest and strengthen the organizations and boards appointed by the President, the National Rivers and Harbors Congress is making renewed efforts to increase its already large membership. Captain J. T. Ellison, its secretary is calling to the attention of such individuals and shippers as are interested in the problem, but who are not yet interested in the problem, but who are not yet members, the fact that the membership fees are very low, and urging them to join and lend their moral support to the work.

Do Not Neglect the Children. At this season of the year the first unnatural looseness of a child's bowels should have immediate attention. The best thing that can be given is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy followed by castor oil as directed with each bottle of the remedy. For sale by Frank Hart and Leading Drug-gists.

STRIKEBREAKERS LEAVE. Say the Frisco Car Strike Is The Quietest Ever.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—Fifty strike breakers whose contracts had expired with the United Railroads, left tonight for the East. One hundred and fifty men who had been imported to take the places of the striking carmen left last night. The men stated that it was the quietest car strike they had ever participated in. There was no change in the strike. Very little trouble attends the operation of cars. No attempt has been made to run cars tonight.

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