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What the fool does in the end, the wise man does in the beginning.—Spanish proverb.

OUR HANDICAPPED STATE.

OREGON HAS many handicaps. They militate against her growth. They contrive against her progress. They lose to her the important place on the map she deserves.

KELLY BUTTE.

THE KELLY BUTTE rock quarry and prison comprise an excellent county institution. It is not as aesthetic as an art museum, nor as scientific as a technological institute.

But there is a worse handicap. It is the criminal discrimination by railroad owners against Oregon. By them she is made the tag end of the country.

DEEPER CHANNELS WANTED.

IT IS NOT Portland only that is clamoring for a 40-foot channel to the sea. Even old Boston, with all the appropriations it has had the benefit of, wants a deeper channel, one of its papers saying:

Philadelphia, upon the Delaware, an insignificant stream beside the Columbia, is constantly pulling for a deeper channel in that stream to the sea. The Philadelphia Telegraph, noticing the prospective trip of a transatlantic ship that may require 40 feet of water in whatever port she seeks, says:

AN HONORED EMBEZZLER.

R. T. CADER POWELL, marshal of the Nome district in Alaska, is in Portland enjoying a vacation, though it was somewhat marred by the necessity of dodging a deputy sheriff who was trying to serve him with a legal summons looking to the payment of alimony to a former wife.

on account of the large sum he embezzled years ago, because the crime is outlawed. It was covered up by the officeholders in the good old days of bosses and rings and conventions, and the people from whom Powell stole the money will never get any of it back.

It may be that Powell has made a straight record in Alaska, but this was not to have been expected, if any safe opportunity for grafting or embezzlement occurred, and it was not very encouraging to men who aim to live up to high ideals in official life to see this embezzler and ballot-box stuffer given one of the fattest offices in the northwest.

Looking at this case, people cannot be blamed for saying that the administration's performance does not square with its profession and promise. If a man undeniably guilty of such crimes is thus honored and rewarded, where is the encouragement for ambitious young men to be honest and straight?

Small Change.

An I-told-you-so article by Miss Tarbell could be excused.

Last month of vacation for teachers and preachers. Too bad.

A lot of them still persist in printing "Teacher's Examination."

"Zion stands with hills surrounded."—Chicago Tribune. No, overrun.

We see no good objection to the Japs taking our forts—in a photograph.

The government doesn't seem to be afraid of Standard Oil's tainted money.

The chances are that if you don't get that fuel supply this summer you'll be sorry.

Daniel's comet has been seen, but where, O where, is the good old Daniel?

Marie Corelli's hatred of all men is a little evidence that they are rather a good lot.

When there is any time to spare from other work, good roads should not be forgotten.

Some Koreans think the name of their capital should now be changed slightly to Seoul.

Automobiles are being sold in Borneo. The wild men of Borneo should make fine chauffeurs.

Irrigation Irrigator: We will bet a white chick that the Milwaukee club is too dead to move anywhere.

We see no earthly use in discovering the north pole, but wish Peary and Wellman good luck anyway.

Some people will scarcely get the vacation debts paid up before they will have to buy Christmas presents.

What about that law that requires the cutting of thistles and weeds? Is somebody going to pay any attention to it?

But if President Roosevelt and Speaker Cannon do agree on the tariff, must everybody else agree with them?

If Wellman and Peary ever get back we will read the same old excuses or reasons, with perhaps a few variations.

On the theory that no news is good news, the theory that the news dispatchers may be considered a blessing.

try and with all classes. He is going to be nominated and elected, too, you can chalk that down right now." One wonders whether those editors really believe this sort of stuff.

It is a source of amazement that any newspaper professing common decency should come to the defense of that notorious embezzler, T. Cader Powell, one-time county clerk of Multnomah county and now United States marshal at Nome. Yet such a defender he has found, and here in Portland, too, where his crooked career is a matter of common knowledge.

Come to think of it, writing and sending letters by mail is cheaper, safer and more satisfactory than telegraphing. Uncle Sam's mail carriers sometimes resign individually, but never strike collectively.

Senator Fulton is to be commended for desiring to vote next year, but the chance of one vote changing the result is so small that a 6,000-mile journey is hardly to be urged.

Still down goes Standard Oil stock. Uncle Sam is a powerful bear.

FROM A FOREIGN WOMAN.

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Locating Land With A Gun.

Hay Creek, Or., Aug. 10.—To the Editor of The Journal—I wish to correct the article published in The Journal July 20, bearing the title, "A Home-stead Fight in Crook County." In regard to the same I wish the readers to know the facts of the above are as follows:

Jake Reams, at that time not an employe of mine, but a supposed neighbor, filed a homestead entry on a piece of land which cornered in my alfalfa field, the corner being a large tree in order to help the homesteader make out on the said piece of land.

Some months later trouble was made by Reams drawing a revolver on my self and employed men while removing my outside pasture fence, which was located on the land producing alfalfa, which was agreeably taken and in cultivation by me.

At the time he turned to me and asked if I was satisfied with the survey, I told him I was very well pleased with it. He also said that he was satisfied with it. When he was later with his two right-hand neighbors on the subject, he decided the survey was not correct.

H. Stewart, one of the above mentioned, had at some previous time taken the liberty to remark the corner stone near his house, and remove it, and by so doing he had made it impossible to determine whether his house is located on his own land or on government land.

There is the whole riddle solved. There is no more convincing truth in Shakespeare's words than a volume of argument. It is different in the old country. Black bread, work in the fields and blows are good enough for the man who has a right to his own land.

There is no law to protect her from her husband. The life is the husband's property, slaves any law to appeal to against the cruelty of their masters in the south? Just so pure law that the man who is the old country to appeal to against the cruelty of their husbands.

What mercy can a woman expect from a man who has a right to his own land? These men have such ideas.

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SUCCESSFUL GIRL TELLS HER STORY.

Won a Scholarship in 1906 and Was in a Good Position Within Six Months.

The Journal is now engaged in its second annual scholarship contest. The young people winning technical scholarships in the first contest have put their names to good use. One after another the successful contestants of last year furnish news of their progress.

Mary E. Powell, a winner in the 1906 contest, was in Seattle, where the contest began. She has returned to Portland and is taking an interest in the contest now in progress. She offers her congratulations to the young people who show the courage to strive for the Journal's scholarships. She gives her own experience as an example of what others may do to prepare themselves for and to secure good positions through winning scholarships in The Journal's Educational Contest.

Miss Powell's letter follows: Portland, Or., Aug. 7.—To the Oregon Journal:—I have a very great pleasure to extend in the form of a letter my heartfelt appreciation to the Oregon Journal for what it, through the year cooperation of my many friends and acquaintances, has done for me.

Since last September, after receiving the Journal's scholarship, I have been in the Journal's Educational Contest. I have tried to make the most of my time, and in the first four months, I received a position as assistant copy writer in the editorial department of the Chapman Advertising company. This is what I wish to mention of that department said of my work:

"Miss Mary E. Powell worked with us in the editorial department of the Chapman Advertising company for some time. Her work consisted largely in preparing copy for the daily papers and in editing the copy. She was at the time were entirely under her charge. In examining her work, I was well pleased with the results. She was to be entirely satisfactory to our clients."

"I have great plans for the future along the advertising line, which I have been studying since I began my work. Once more I wish to thank the Oregon Journal for what it has done for me, and for the help of all those who are working on its second Scholarship Contest. They will have nothing to regret for their labor in bringing this contest to a successful close."

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