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He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.—Isaiah.

RAILROAD LANDS IN OREGON.

AT THE TIME many people were rushing out to file on Southern Pacific lands in Oregon, on the ground that they were forfeitable and could be so obtained, The Journal discouraged the movement...

That the lands have long been in equity, and ought to have been in law, forfeitable, we have no doubt whatever. A private citizen would not have broken the terms imposed by the government for as many days as the railroad has broken its contract for years without forfeiting his land.

OLD THINGS MUST PASS AWAY.

THE WORLD teems with people who cling to worn-out ideas and antiquated forms. They refuse to climb into the triumphal car of progress. In districts of China and northern Japan a sharpened stick is still used in plowing.

BIGGER THAN UNCLE SAM.

KLAMATH FALLS paper says: "Over 158,000 acres of timber land in Klamath county and nearly as large a tract in Lake county is to be thrown open to be leased to the cattle and sheep men for grazing purposes."

LEGISLATURES AND PEOPLE.

THE MORNING PAPER continues to attack the initiative method of legislation, representing that the proposed measures are all brought forward by impractical faddists or self-interested parties, and that the voters are not competent to distinguish the good from the bad, or to judge of them at all.

all. But what a delightfully perfect and completely satisfactory method we had before the adoption of the initiative and referendum—and have yet in the biennial legislatures. Do the people get such laws as they want and need? Seldom. Cannot faddists and interests get their measures through? Generally. In every session a lot of holdup or blackmailing bills are introduced, for trading purposes or to obtain straight boodle.

THE HALL VERDICT.

THE VERDICT in the Hall case is rather surprising to many who believed from the evidence that he could have been guilty only in a negative sort of way of the specific offense charged. But evidently the people are in a convicting mood. There has been so much grafting and crookedness and malfeasance and political wire-pulling in office, to the people's hurt, that it does not take as direct and positive evidence as it would have done a few years ago to convict an officeholder or ex-officeholder.

BIG-MAN-AFRAID-OF-THE-PEOPLE.

MR. GEER, in his paper, is occupying a good deal of its editorial space these days with what we suppose he considers arguments against Statement No. 1 and the pledging of legislative candidates thereto. He ridicules the plan and idea of such candidates so pledging themselves, saying that to do so is to "agree to be a docile parrot in the legislature as to the United States senatorship"; and that "the people had just as well install a megaphone at the speaker's desk and have the secretary of state read into it the tally sheets setting forth the results of the June election on United States senator."

A DEEP QUESTION.

AS RELEVANT to the proposed constitutional amendment exempting buildings, farm machinery, fences, fruit trees, livestock, household furniture, tools, and manufacturing plants, from taxation, the idea being to lay the burden of taxation almost wholly upon land values, the following remarks from Collier's Weekly are reprinted: Here is a question which plunges recklessly into the abyss down to those considerations which some of us avoid: down amid the world's sufferings and the poor man's penalties for being poor; down, perhaps, to the roots of mercy and the springs of right. If real estate in all our cities were taxed truly according to its value, and if the property of the wealthy were assessed honestly even under our present rich-man's law, how great a burden would be removed from those who have too little for the needs of life? A study of this topic by each voter would do no harm either to his own humanity or to the stability and worth of this country in the centuries to come.

THE A.-Y.-P. APPROPRIATION.

SENATOR BURKETT of Nebraska, tried to defeat the appropriation for the Seattle exposition in the senate, but failed. He showed that the government had spent nearly \$21,000,000 on exhibitions since 1876, when the first one was held in Philadelphia. That showing made for, rather than against, the appropriation, for considering the great sums that have been spent in worse ways, this is a small amount to have expended in aiding great industrial, agricultural, mining and educational exhibits. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition is one peculiarly deserving of government aid, and we hope the house will act in accord with the senate and pass the desired bill. The governorment will lose nothing in the outcome, and this region is well entitled to the aid asked.

PLAIN FACTS FOR THE RANK AND FILE

HAS ANYBODY thought of the Republican who has served in the ranks in his party in Oregon for the past 15 or 20 years? He is honest, and patriotic. He has held up the banner of his party as he plowed and sowed on the farm. He shouted the slogan as he hammered iron or wrought wood in the shop. He has voted the ticket faithfully and advised his neighbor to do the same. He has held no office, nor sought one. He has seldom been to a convention, for that was the place for the politicians to go. He was never asked to take office, because the offices were for the men the bosses wanted. All that was wanted of him was, to vote on election day. The politicians did the rest. They ran the party. They fixed up the ticket for him to vote. He was, in short, a pawn, a mere pawn, in the game of politics that they moved at will. He was exploited, year in and year out by them and that was the beginning and the end of his usefulness.

And what did they do for the party? What has the leadership and management of the party by bosses and politicians resulted in? Have they brought to it honor and confidence in this state, such as the traditions of the party would suggest? Has the conduct of these bosses and the officials they have set up over the people been such as to reflect proper credit on the honest rank and file Republicans on the farms and in the shops, by whose votes power and prestige was maintained? Is the party now a compact cohered mass with an honorable roster of official names and a proud past, such as an honest and patriotic leadership would have presented?

The answer is not a pleasant one. These bosses and politicians who ran things, not only exploited him, but they exploited the party. They used it for what they could get out of it. They abused it and betrayed it. They set up conventions and jobbed one another. They divided into factions and split the party wide open. They held "regular" conventions and "rump" conventions. They held Mitchell conventions and Simon conventions. They held Mitchell-Democratic conventions and Simon-Democratic conventions. They went to Salem, and held up the legislators. They converted legislative assemblies into senatorial riots. They fought each other harder than they fought the Democrats. They divided the

cuts no figure, is not a pertinent matter for discussion, but if it were, what is Mr. Geer scared about, as a Republican, when there are about three Republicans to one Democrat in the state? If with that overwhelming Republican majority the people choose a Democrat, it would be certain that there must be some very good reason for it in the people's estimation. We don't believe Mr. Geer is helping his own cause any by fighting against the election of a senator by the people next June.

MICHIGAN AND OREGON.

MICHIGAN IS holding a constitutional convention, and it seems to be in the hands of the same elements that control the dominant party conventions in that state, and others with an overwhelming party majority, so that in the constitution the desires and interests of the people at large are for the most part disregarded and scorned, and nothing beneficial to them will be accomplished. Observing this, the Detroit News, a Republican paper but not a party organ, says: Indications seem favorable for a split in the ruling clique of Republican bosses in this state, and this, of course, promises a split in that overwhelming Republican majority which has so long been the comfort and malnastoy of those corporations which have found their promised land in Michigan. Heretofore Michigan Republicanism has swallowed almost anything rather than impair the solid ranks of a majority. There has been no boss so bold, no candidate too weak and vacillating, no policy too disregardful of the people's interests but what it has been properly coated with patriotic hurrahs and swallowed quickly to escape the taste. But now there seems to be a tendency to gag on that sort of thing.

THE NEW CORBETT BUILDING.

The new Corbett building, on the corner of Fifth and Morrison streets, now completed, is an ornament to the city and a credit to its owners, who are deserving of public praise for their enterprise and public spirit in erecting such a fine structure, which is said to be the equal of any in the west. The moving spirit in its construction has been Harry Corbett, and if his grandfather, who did much for Portland during his lifetime, could see this splendid structure, he would no doubt be proud not only of it but of the young man who has succeeded him.

HE KEPT McLEAN CAPTIVE FOR SEVEN MONTHS.

he kept McLean captive for seven months, and the expense had probably been heavy. Besides, victims worth while do not come along every day, and Raisuli has to live. It has been a long time since he got some \$50,000 for releasing that doubtful American citizen, Ferdinand, and this is but a bagatelle to a bandit of high degree like Raisuli. There are some who would censure his trade, but it is no worse than that of Harriman or the steel trust.

A Sermon for Today

The Living Death. By Henry F. Cope. "To be carnally minded is death,"—Romans, VIII.

Is not the fear of death passing from us? The dread feeling that dying was but falling helpless into the hands of an awful avenger, that it might be but the beginning of endless torment no longer oppresses any but those submerged in ignorance and grosser ways of thinking. More than ever men take the step into the lark in the confidence that it must be better far than...

HE WHO LIVES BY THE GUN SHALL PERISH BY THE GUN.

He who lives by the gun shall perish by the gun, as a rule, and the rule worked in the case of Judge Jim Hargis, of Breathitt county, Kentucky. And it is peculiarly appropriate that this multiple murderer should be killed by his own son, whom he had brought up to believe that it was all right to kill any opponent. Hargis' violent death was long overdue.

THE SEATTLE EXPOSITION APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Seattle exposition appropriation bill went through the senate all right, but now it is up against Czar Cannon. Wouldn't Washington better elect Cannon delegates to the national Republican convention?

THE FEDERAL OFFICEHOLDERS DOWN SOUTH.

The federal officeholders down south seem to be running the Republican party, to be in fact the greater part of it. Is the president going to say anything about this?

THE AUTHOR OF THE REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN BOOK.

The author of the Republican campaign book will need to be a nimble-minded fellow; he must praise the record of the Republican party and also Roosevelt's administration.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO DIED IN NEW YORK FOR LACK OF COOL WATER.

Parents of children who died in New York for lack of cool water, because ice was beyond their reach in price, will not grieve over Morse's troubles.

THE ASTONISHING NEWS COMES FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

The astonishing news comes from San Francisco that "the Ruef case has been delayed." This is incredible.

THE OLD MACHINE POLITICIANS ARE GETTING FAIRLY DESPERATE ON THEIR GRASS DIET.

The old machine politicians are getting fairly desperate on their grass diet.

Hymns to Know

The Love Divine. By Oliver Wendell Holmes. [The name of Oliver Wendell Holmes is most readily associated with the genial humorist and keen observer of human nature who talks with us in "The Autocrat at the Breakfast Table" and the other books of that series. Yet he was the author of two charming hymns, both of which have come into general use, the one below and all other beginning "Lord of all being, throned afar." This hymn was published in the series under "The Professor at the Breakfast Table" in 1859.]

SIR EVELYN WOOD'S BIRTHDAY.

Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, one of the most famous soldiers in the British army, was born in Brantree, county of Essex, February 9, 1838. Although his father was a clergyman he embarked on a warrior's calling at an early age, and his first love, strange to say, was the navy. He went through the shot and shell of the Crimea, and was severely wounded in carrying a scaling ladder in the unsuccessful assault on the Redan. He was mentioned a number of times in dispatches and was also recommended for the Victoria Cross. But as he did not remain in the navy he was not destined to win that coveted decoration until some years afterward during the Indian mutiny. While still a captain in the Seventeenth Lancers Sir Evelyn invented a new cavalry saddle, and sent it to the war office for inspection and consideration. He heard nothing of the matter until 20 years later, when, as quartermaster of the forces, he came upon an unopened parcel in the war office. He cut the string and found his improved saddle. Since the Crimean war Sir Evelyn has fought in every part of the world in which the British arms have been engaged, including the Indian campaign, the Nile expedition and the Afanthe, Kafir, Zulu and Transvaal wars.

Sentence Sermons

By Henry F. Cope. The effective are never affected. Our lives are made by the love we lose. The Lord helps those who are helpless. Humoring our sins will not heal our sinfulness. There can be no recreation in any desecration. High livers are likely to come down to low levels. It's hard getting solid with sin without getting soiled. Folks seldom fuse together much in a heated argument. It's not much use praying for fruits until you get some roots. It is better to find freedom through pain than freedom from it. Praying is not a scheme for making peaches grow on pumpkin vines. Heavenly treasures are only saved for ourselves as we share them. The nearer home any reform begins the farther and higher it will go. Many think they are bold because they enjoy entertaining the devil. There are no good points about the character that sticks into everybody. There is little of the bread of life if the sermon preached for bread and butter. The holiness that makes no one happy is one of the most subtle forms of iniquity. Making a child happy is the first step and a long one, too, toward making him holy. The markets of sin are those where many characters are sold and yet none are bought. When a man gets to worrying over his crown he is simply discounting an imaginary future. You will not need to worry much about your good nature if you take care of your good nature. It may be a monkey to talk about loving those who need our love unless we hate the things that harm them. You have the wrong kind of faith when you expect the needy to make a good dinner off a dewdrop of sympathy.

This Date in History.

1670—Frederick III of Denmark died Nov. 17, 1699. 1748—Luther Martin, counsel for Aaron Burr, born. Died July 10, 1826. 1768—William King, the first governor of Maine, born. 1793—American frigate Constellation defeated and captured the French frigate L'Insurgente. 1814—Samuel J. Tilden, American lawyer and statesman, born. Died Aug. 4, 1880. 1826—General John A. Logan born in Illinois. Died in Washington, December 26, 1886. 1841—Union of Upper and Lower Canada. 1855—General Robert E. Lee made commander-in-chief of the Confederate forces. 1910—United States signal bureau established by act of Congress. 1879—Railway communication opened between Quebec and Montreal.