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THE GOLDENDALE WOMAN

A PRETTY story is told of an Ohio woman of 60, who left her native state nine years ago and settled on a homestead near Goldendale, Washington.

But, how will it be as to such opportunities twenty or fifty years hence? If Guggenheim gets his hands on Alaska as he programmed, what opportunity will there be for a penniless Ohio woman of 60 or any other age to go there, get a homestead, and grow up with the country?

Or, if the old system of grabbing land grants and monopolizing the lands at inflated prices goes on, what chance for the landless to get a holding in the United States twenty or fifty years hence? Or, with private corporations irrigating the land and then demanding \$50 an acre for it, as is the case at Kennewick, Washington, what are the opportunities in reclamation for those who are both poor and landless?

There are those who criticize Gifford Pinchot. But what is it that Gifford Pinchot is doing except to save, if he can, to penniless women of 60 and others who are landless, the opportunity to do exactly the thing the woman has done near Goldendale.

STEPHENSON'S PLIGHT

SENATOR STEPHENSON is in a bad plight. Senatorial candidacies on a basis of purchase and sale worked well under the former order, but it is a dangerous business under the direct selection plan.

The purchase of senatorial seats has gone on under the legislative system of election for years and years, and with success. Only a few legislators had to be bought. Knowledge of the trafficking was narrowed to a limited few.

Stephenson was of the old school, and thought the legislative system of dollar senatorships could be applied to the people.

Some will confess that bribery is no bar to a seat in that body. Any senator who votes for him to remain in the senate will thereby acknowledge that the purchase of a senatorship is legitimate.

A NEW FAMILY COURT

IN the Boston Transcript Dr. W. E. Barton describes the details of a new court established in Chicago, and called the Chicago Domestic Relations Court.

The idea is to remove all family troubles from the police courts, and have them submitted to a judge who occupies a similar relation to fathers and mothers, husbands and wives to that held by the judge of the juvenile court to the children.

"I am anxious, also, to see the time when we shall segregate all cases of prostitution in a similar court. I do not want them in the Court of Domestic Relations, but wish to keep its atmosphere as clean as possible."

This court bears cases dealing with offenses against women and children in which the municipal court has final jurisdiction. Leaving the child to his special court this new one deals with the person who makes the child delinquent or dependent.

HELPING THE UNEMPLOYED

TACOMA paper describes the plan of a general un-employment office, provided by the municipality, which shall work in connection with similar offices established in Seattle and Spokane, and probably in other cities in Washington.

The scheme seems to be almost identical with that set on foot in England by Mr. Lloyd-George, which has already proved its value. If the need of the applicant cannot be filled at the office in that city where he finds himself, particulars of his case are sent to the other offices, and he is promptly advised of the result.

SAVING MINERS

ON the 30th of this month there will be held at Pittsburgh a national mine safety demonstration. Teams from every mining district in the United States will compete in the first aid-to-the-injured work. The operation of every explosive known will be tested in actual fact.

and, competitive tests between teams from various mines will be carried out to determine the quickness and efficiency of their work in rescuing comrades. First aid miners will exhibit work in artificial respiration and oxygen breathing, using the first-aid kit and such other remedies as would be at hand in case of real mine accidents.

A team of eight Washington miners from Roslyn and Cle-Elum is entered. President Taft, Secretary Fisher, Governor Tenney of Pennsylvania, and Joseph A. Holmes, director of the United States bureau of mines, will give addresses. To the last named is due the arrangement of this unique demonstration.

THE SANDY CREEK TEACHER

BECAUSE she thrashed nine boy pupils of her school in Sandy Creek district, Pennsylvania, Miss Roberta Atkinson, the athletic teacher, is about to be dismissed, though her services are sought in several schools where boys need physical training.

Suddenly, a brand new rattan wished across his legs. He was too surprised to move before he had received half a dozen strokes. He tried to seize the whip, but she detestfully kept him at arm's length, raining on him a flood of blows.

It was all over in three minutes. "Boys, do I win?" she asked, with a generous smile, as she did up her hair. "Yes, teacher," they stammered in chorus, and the dove of peace hovered the rest of the day over Sandy Creek school.

But her insistence on discipline and determination to have it, are a splendid example for teachers and parents. The jails are full, the penitentiaries crowded, the reform schools peopled, and the almshouses congested, because youth is not restrained or controlled.

CUBA AS IT IS

THE well known English writer, Sydney Brooks, has recently traveled Cuba from one end to the other and has recorded his observations in a Forum article.

The first thing that struck him was the aspect of health and cleanliness, not in Havana only, but in all towns and villages. The Cuban death rate, he says, is the lowest but one in the world, while Havana, the former dreaded haunt of the yellow fever microbe, has become one of the favorite tourist and winter health resorts of the West Indies.

On the foundation of minute and scientific attention to these problems of modern sanitation a commercial prosperity has been built up which this writer found marvelous.

There has been perturbation at West Meriden, Connecticut. The state meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was in session, and the members were faced with the alternative of using street-car transfers on which there were

advertisements of a local branch of the A. L. R. accounts the fact was over and the train for the untaken was packed with passengers for untaken.

Letters from the People

Portland, Oct. 21.—To the Editor of the Journal.—In vaccination, please through your columns ask the writer of the Oregonian editor, if married, has his wife been vaccinated? If the father of a family, are his children vaccinated? Does he see to it that his employees are vaccinated? Has he or anybody else vaccinated his property, as in the case of some body a foreign ingredient? Why not, on the same principle, take action for the following:

There is no statutory law against about the ears and the hair, and new combs have put in an appearance. If Jackson county were careful it will get a much bigger and better one than it has already.

A Hint to the Police Commission

Portland, Oct. 26.—To the Editor of the Journal.—We see in the account in the daily papers of Portland of how the police raised this or that joint in the north end and the public are led to believe these raids are made principally for the purpose of ridding the city of the mace or cappers.

A tremendous naval fighting power is being built up here, Secretary Meyer tells. Many military and civil officials say the same. But a lot of neighbors don't fill their houses and door yards with guns in order to have peace. If two or more of them fall out, they go to law—that is, arbitrate.

Single Tax and Rents

Columbia, Wash., Oct. 26.—To the Editor of the Journal.—The Oregonian puts forward communications over the signature of Henry E. Reed on the subject of single tax. On October 19, Mr. Reed again said the last word on the subject. He had done it before, but it seems that it didn't stick.

Reverts Boss Dictation

Portland, Oct. 21.—To the Editor of the Journal.—The appointment of the committee of 18, by Committeeman Williams, to run a Taft campaign, prior to the primary election, is an astonishing blunder. Yes, it is worse than a blunder. It is a disaster.

Favors Subsidy for Art

Portland, Oct. 20.—To the Editor of the Journal.—I am sure that my colleagues in the musical profession have applauded your editorial appearing October 20, entitled, "At Four Dollars Per," as much as I have.

High Taxes and the Farmer

Boring, Oct. 21.—To the Editor of the Journal.—If "Just a Woman" will look at the other side of the question she will see that it is the high taxes that are driving the farmer out of business.

Presidential Silence

From the Birkleton News. President Taft, in his trip through Oregon, was closely attended by the old guard of assemblymen, and it is said that at no time did he find occasion to commend that state's most noted political asset—the Oregon system.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

Small Change. Oregon Highlights. The quantity of foreign merchandise brought into the United States and re-exported to other parts of the world increases year by year.

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SEVEN VALIANT SEAMEN

Andrea Doria.

Andrea Doria was one of the greatest naval commanders and one of the truest patriots that the republic of Genoa could ever boast.

"Great Prince, he who makes use of the power Heaven has put into his hands, to reverse the common order of human affairs, employs it to a very bad purpose.

"I take the liberty to join my entreaty to those of my countrymen and to request this of you, as the reward of the services I have been able to render France.

"Francis returning no answer to this, Doria, returning to Genoa, was arrested by the French and taken to the Bastille. He was held there for several months.

The senate, astonished at his noble modesty and at his attachment to the republic, passed a decree which declared him "The Father and Deliverer of His Country."

Disquieting Thoughts

(Contributed to The Journal by Walt Mason, the famous Kansas poet. His poems are a regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal.)

The winter's at the door; full soon I'll hear him roar, and where the roll to get my coal and buy of grub's store; Oh, where the clanking chain to keep the kids in hand and shoo the other trash? The money—where's it at, to buy my frau a hat, and hay and how to feed the cow and soupbones for the cat? I spend too much, I ween, for wholesome gasoline; I blow my wad to go abroad and see the king and queen. I journeyed here and there, threw money in the air, and now I'm broke, my hat's in soak, and I am in despair. I see a million chumps, like me, in doleful dumps, while I gaze on bygone days and work their backs among the drakes and ducks, and have no roll to buy their coal—and life's all nips and tucks. When this dread winter flies you'll see me passing wise; in summer time I'll call the dime for winter's best and pie.

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Canada is our largest customer for foreign merchandise, the total value of exports of foreign merchandise to that country being, in 1910, \$13,500,000, the principal items forming this large total being bananas, nearly \$3,500,000 value; hides and skins, about \$2,500,000 value; india rubber, over \$2,200,000 value; manila hemp, nearly \$1,900,000 value; gum arabic, about \$1,800,000 value; and in less value, automobiles, britches, coal-tar products, glycerin, nitrate of soda, extract of quebracho, used for tanning purposes; mineral and vegetable waxes, cotton, raw silk, raw sugar, pig tin, coffee, cocoa, burials and other manufactures of fibers.

Tanglefoot

By Miles Overholt

He begins walking at the first faint blush of day and stops at dusk long enough to wash his breakfast dishes. Then a coyote starts a panic in the sheepfold and the herder wanders around the balance of the night looking for a place to camp.

He starts walking in the spring and travels eight times the distance around the world before the boss calls him in. When he goes home his wife demands an affidavit and a copy of his citizenship papers and a birth mark before he will admit to the domestic.

He receives \$30 a month, which his wife saves him the trouble of drawing, and he spends \$2.75 in riotous living and wearing apparel. He follows the sheep 10 months each year, and at the end of the first year the shepherd may be found muttering "Ba".

The Free Locks and Canal

For five years a campaign has been waged to give the people of western Oregon a free and unobstructed waterway to the great Oregon market—Portland.

There is already a locks and canal around the city of Oregon City, but because it is the property of big corporations there is much prejudice against acquiring that.

Two locks and canals around the falls are as unnecessary as two tails to a dog—but there are people in the world who would rather have two tails, just for the novelty.

Under the state law and act of congress the war department can buy the present locks and canal, can condemn the property or can build a new system on the east side of the falls. The shippers at Portland and up and down the Willamette valley are not caring whether the canal and locks are on the one side of the river or the other, but they are caring whether the action that will make results impossible is to be avoided.