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THE PHILADELPHIA INCIDENT.

The Holmes case is unending in sensations. The plot which District Attorney Graham has unearthed, whereby Holmes' lawyer, Shoemaker, hoped, by the aid of a fictitious affidavit, to save his client's life, was a most diabolical one, and shows to what extent human conscience may be deadened to gain a coveted point. The exposure of the offending lawyer was complete, and the people of Philadelphia will expect to see summary justice dispensed.

A clean judiciary is one of the safeguards of the nation, but such a condition will be hard of realization when discredit falls upon the bar from which the judiciary is taken. In the large cities it has become common to look upon a lawyer who makes a sole business of defending criminals with feelings not altogether of trust, and it is such deeds as that of Shoemaker which has caused this feeling. Not only do we hope that the offender in this instance will be punished, as he richly deserves, but that others who may do similar deeds may be caught at it.

The American bar contains some of the brightest, purest and most trustworthy of the nation's citizens, and anyone who has noted the services rendered by these eminent men, dislikes to see the profession brought in any disrepute by the actions of unworthy members. The lawyer is a minister of justice, and is under an solemn obligation to the state as to the client whom he serves. The method of admitting attorneys to the bar has been too loose, and the result is that unworthy men have obtained places in the ranks of lawyers. The Oregon Bar Association is doing good work in trying to weed out men who are considered undesirable, and the work should be aided by imposing greater instructions at the start.

The rumor of the sultan's assassination causes little surprise. Although the report lacks confirmation there are excellent reasons for believing it true. The discontent and intrigues, which from time to time have been discovered within the imperial palace, indicated that opportunity was all that was wanted for the deed to be done. The assassination of Abdul Hamid will cause neither the consternation nor regret that the death of any civilized ruler would have occasioned. Turkey has long ago forfeited her place in the esteem of nations. Her dissolution may be delayed, but it is no less sure in coming. The only thing that prevents an immediate breaking up of the empire is that the division of the spoils has not been settled.

The Mitchell Monitor, which for over a year has had a varied existence, closed its life with its last issue. The publisher announces that getting out a newspaper in Mitchell is not what it was cracked up to be. The Monitor, under the recent management, was a newsy paper, devoted to the interests of the section where it was published. We are sorry to miss it from our exchanges.

THE BEAUTIFUL COLUMBIA.

Graphic Description of Scenery Between The Dalles and Portland--Kind Treatment by the Officers on the Boats.

There is no beauty in bud or blossom until gazed upon with a loving eye, so we suppose in the ancient days the Indian plied his light canoe on the lordly Columbia and saw no beauty there, but at length some poet of nature on pleasure bent took a sail up her blue waters, saw and noted the charm of river, tree and shore and then poured forth the whole in immortal story, and since then the most matter of fact individual has been unable to take the trip from Portland over the Rhine of the West to The Dalles without seeing beauty everywhere.

A few mornings ago we stepped on board the Dalles City at the Portland wharf en route for The Dalles. It was a few minutes before six, and Oregon's metropolis had not yet awakened to the full activities of the day. The electric lights were still burning, while the sky wore a dark frown that told us we must not look for the sun for a full hour. "All aboard, sir," was sounded at six sharp and we steamed away to be delighted by the pleasing and varying shadow effects along the river. Many boats were crowded along the banks, each carrying its colored lanterns that in the gray dawn shone like the bright eyes of some sea monster, while the electric lights from the city cast long trailing silver streams that seemed to be running

between banks of golden gravel and to go on and on to where no man ever was certain. Afar on Portland Heights the electric lights flashed in jeweled beauty, and one involuntary began to look for Orion's shield, the bright Pleiades and the many other constellations that make the midnight sky so attractive to the observer. The steamer behind threw out a heavy black pillar of smoke in which the dancing red sparks frolicked and played like children just out from school, then the breeze would catch the smoke, carry it lovingly for a moment and our pillar would be transformed into some dark genii.

But day dawn is approaching, for the red altar fires are burning on the mountains in the eastern horizon, while the west remains dark and presents only rude charcoal pictures. Mt. Hood, the bride of the morning, has now caught the glowing flame, her snowy crystals are turned to gold, brighter and brighter she appears till the eye is dazzled with the brilliancy, and the king of day has appeared. His first command seems to be to send a troop of angels with burnished wings to throw a shower of spirit flowers over the blushing bride, making her so fair and beautiful that we hold the breath in ecstasy, only for a moment are we thus delighted, and then smiling most sweetly she wraps a white veil of mist around her and our bride of the morning retires with the king of day to a white palace of fog.

At about 9:30 "the mists have rolled in splendor from the mountains and the hills and the sunshine warm and tender falls in kisses in the rills." The scenery along the banks is most pleasing, the forests are in their brightest autumnal foliage. Old nature has been at work with her paint brush, and seemingly has used either shore for her palette on which she has placed her most brilliant reds, golds and crimsons. These bright colors are caught and reflected in all their beauty in the river below.

Rooster Rock is one of the first points of special interest pointed out, we say special because all have been interesting from the first moment. The next is Cape Horn, a most peculiar handiwork of nature, composed of massive rocks that rise in palisades in abrupt and rugged grandeur from the waters below. They are gray and moss covered and rest on a peculiar formation not unlike piling and one is lead to fancy the crumbled foundation of the castle of some feudal king, but closer study into the twisted tiers of stone above tell of the angry rage of the volcano in earlier days. The view becomes so fascinating that we long to be Argus-eyed in order to drink it all in. Ever and anon a white veil of mist is thrown over some scene that gives it a look of fairy enchantment. The Multnomah, Oneonta, Horse Tail and Bridal Veil falls each call out all the adjectives at our command and cause us to think of the sublimity and goodness of God. Castle Rock stands out in feudal splendor, surrounded by a striking background of dark green, fair and ragged cliffs.

The fish wheels that are scattered all along the banks of the river are most interesting and we so wish we could see them in operation. We are approaching the rapids now, the waters seethe and boil and try to make us believe we are in the St. Lawrence, among the Thousand Isles. At the Locks we rest an hour and investigate the extensive works being constructed that are at present employing some 300 men. The undertaking is a large one to give an open river, but we believe the surrounding country will more than pay for it in a few years.

We next board the Regulator. For an hour or more the scenery is seemingly more rugged and the mountains higher than before. The rocks become hills, the firs grow thicker and denser, and their needle pointed fingers sharper as they point upward to the clear sky, along the river banks the shore is sandy and trees with golden foliage grow that form a bright frontispiece to the shadowy firs and mountains beyond. Mémaloose island, the burial ground of the red man of the forest, is past and we note the solitary grave of the one pale face, who was such a friend of the braves and desired to be buried among them. The mountains are growing lower, we have less timber, little stretches of grazing land appear, cattle are seen feeding and we realize we are coming into a different country. The colors of the hills are so different, black, brown and burnt gold are the leading shades that are brightened with an occasional bit of purple and cardinal. The burnt grass tells of more sunshine than in the Willamette valley.

Through the kind courtesy of the captain we enjoy the sunset effects from the upper deck. He shows us many points of interest along the way. Here, he said, was a petrified forest, trees had been dug out from 40 to 60 feet long and from 5 to 7½ feet in diameter. It is thought that they were preserved by some rapid form of volcanic action. Where we were sailing the channel of

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