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The people of Oregon are promised a senator this week. Better promises have been broken.

More men and more horses are wanted in South Africa. The cry also comes for more men for the Philippines. Probably if there were more brains in power both at London and Washington these demands need not be made.

In spite of the millions that have been spent for war in the last few years it is pointed out by the London Spectator that "the number of papers in London is only 195 less than there were a year ago, a difference which may be dismissed as meaningless," considering the huge total. The Spectator concludes that there is nothing in the contention that a time of war is usually a time of little or no pauperism.

Only a short while ago the newspapers were filled with "The Man With the Hoe" and matters which concerned him. Now they teem with the doings of "the woman with the hatchet." History records that the roughest and crudest weapon of civilization has been the hatchet. Mrs. Nation is decidedly primitive in her arguments and as an uplifter of society she is fully 6000 years in the rear, and there is little chance of her getting any nearer.

Now it is rumored that B. Campbell, traffic manager of the O. R. & N. Co., is to resign his present position to become traffic manager of the Oregon Short Line. If this proves true the O. R. & N. will suffer a loss that will be a great gain to the Short Line. There is not an abler man in the employ of railroads than B. Campbell. His endowments and capabilities are many, and a more faithful worker never struggled to keep a corporation on its financial feet.

The legislature at Salem will spend more money at this session than heretofore. Those who make up the legislature seem to have no fear as to the consequences, no regard for those who have to carry the burdens that they make. Of course, there are men in the legislature who are opposed to extravagance and the squandering of public money, but they are outnumbered by those who have the itching palm and are zealous in appropriating and spending what they never had a hand in producing. A thief always spends money more recklessly than an honest man. Nearer a legislator is to a thief more likely he is to vote for anything that makes a demand upon the taxpayers' pocket. There are very few men in public office who can spend the people's money with as much judgment and result as they can their own.

In the 70th State Treasurer E. N. Cooke built a \$33,000 residence at Salem, which is now offered to the state for a gubernatorial mansion for \$15,000. It is said the property is cheap at the price. The office of state treasurer in the 70s, as it does now, paid a salary of \$800 a year. Think of the folly of a man occupying an office, paying \$800 a year, building a residence to cost \$33,000! No wonder the house and grounds have been referred to for years as "Cooke's folly" while those whose attention is drawn to it, wonder how an honest and law abiding man can occupy an office which carries the intimation to all minds that those who do are subjects for the penitentiary, as they are expected to profit from looting and manipulating the state's money contrary to law with heavy penalties attached—that is if they are found out. When we all sink at criminality in high office, as in this connection, small wonder there should

was a ruffianly despot whose great mistake in life consisted in not having been born in a seraglio at Constantinople instead of in an English palace.

Edward VI. promised well, but his death at sixteen made it impossible to tell whether the promise was well founded.

James I. was a fussy, ridiculous old imbecile.

Charles I. had every private virtue and every public vice. He was every thing that a king ought not to be.

Charles II. had not even character enough to be a tyrant. He was degraded as a man and worthless as a king.

James II. was narrow minded, despicable and stupid, and lost the throne because he lacked the brains to hold it.

William III. was a foreigner, and, from the legitimist point of view, a usurper. Hence he made a much better ruler than the average.

The four Georges varied in character, from the domestic virtues of George III. to the vicious blackguardism of George IV., but they were all united in unvarying incompetence.

William IV. was an entirely unadmirable nonentity.

On the whole, not counting the neutral tints, the English people have reaped from their kings since the conquest about 170 years of distinctly good government and about 400 years of distinctly bad.

Looking back over the list, Edward VII. can see no name that need discourage emulation. There is no Washington in it, no Lincoln, no Gladstone, no Napoleon, or Frederick or Charlemagne or Caesar or Hannibal.

To be sure the opportunities of a king now are not what they once were. Edward VII. cannot mold the English constitution as Edward I. did. He cannot change the religion of the nation, as Henry VIII. did. He cannot get his head cut off, as Charles I. did.

But he can still exert the influence due to character and ability.

He can make it unfashionable to squander the nation's wealth on selfish amusements; he can encourage a feeling of brotherhood, and a recognition of the duties the favored members of society owe to those less fortunate.

He can promote good feeling toward other nations, and especially toward the great English-speaking nation on this side of the Atlantic.

It was said to have been the influence of Queen Victoria that prevented war over the Trent affair in 1861. Perhaps the influence of Edward VII. may be equally potent in leading English statesmen to take a reasonable view of the Nicaragua question.

In these ways even a king without actual power may make himself a historical figure not to be dwarfed by any of his predecessors who governed as well as reigned.

Rheumatism

Rheumatic pains are the cries of protest and distress from tortured muscles, aching joints and excited nerves. The blood has been poisoned by the accumulation of waste matter in the system, and can no longer supply the pure and health sustaining food they require. The whole system feels the effect of this acid poison; and not until the blood has been purified and brought back to a healthy condition will the aches and pains cease.

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