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EXPRESS RATES.

Two items of express charges recently made in Pendleton, show how the people of the Pacific Coast are suffering from the injustice of the company's ratings. Six pounds from San Francisco cost \$1. Five pounds from Portland cost 65 cents. Taking the charges on express matter from the East to the West and instituting comparisons, one quickly arrives at the conclusion that the Pacific Coast has a righteous kick coming. The word "kick" appears to be the only one in the vernacular exactly suited to the case. It is a kick, and a hard one.

This excessive charge on express transportation bears heavily upon Portland, Seattle and Tacoma wholesalers and favors the concerns of other localities. It is impossible to see the express company's cars excepting for emergency orders, unless profits go and the transaction be a loss.

This might be a subject for action by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, representing as it does the trade of that center. The right sort of a "kick," again to utilize that modern word, might bring excellent results.

SIMON OR ?

Occasionally it occurs to the observant citizen as passing strange that he people of Oregon should seem to be in doubt as to the outcome of the present senatorial fight, in so far as it concerns Joseph Simon. That anyone should believe this commonwealth might again make the mistake of sending him to the upper national house, is inexplicable. And as a proposition of natural selection or the survival of the fittest, in the process of political evolution, Mr. Simon would be expressed, as a senatorial possibility, by the smallest measure of value in the vernacular.

That he is regarded as even an element in the problem is testimony to the debauchery of Oregon republican party politics. The stigma of Simonism has been upon this state. He has degraded the voter. He has proscribed the suffrage. He has prevented needed legislation. He has been the willing tool who has operated to delay Columbia river improvements. He has controlled the republican machinery in the interests of his employing corporations. He has

made good men ashamed to take part in party management. He has degraded his high born privileges as an American citizen. He has been to the youth an example to follow whom would be the wrecking of one's character.

And Oregon seems to doubt whether it may be defeated? With men such as H. W. Scott and C. W. Fulton as available senatorial timber!

WHAT ARE FILIPINOS.

Were a lexicographer to address himself to the task of writing a definition of the word "Filipino," he might accomplish it easily, with reference to the racial meaning. But were he to desire to define it as relating to the governmental status of the people to whom it applies, he would face a problem formidable.

He might go to Washington, there to listen to the congressional debates about the Philippines. Even at the capital, he would be in more of a quandary than ever, for just what a Filipino is, no human mind can conceive.

He is an American and he is not an American. He is subject to American laws, and he is not entitled to equal rights under that law with others who own its jurisdiction. He pays tariff duties on goods he sends into the United States. Hence, he is a foreigner. But, the supreme court declared the islands domestic territory, therefore, the Filipino is not a foreigner.

It looks somewhat to a man considering the question from the point of view of him who is up a tree, that the Filipino might well ask like that other famous historical character: "Which one of the boys am I, anyway?"

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Atlanta Constitution thus briefly describes an occurrence which sometimes happens in that country: "We bought a mule which father tried to break to the plow. The mule is still with us but father ain't."

The latest addition to the bright and shining galaxy of bank clerks who regularly show an admiring though somewhat amazed public, how easy it is to steal a bank, is a clerk named Goudie, who has just hypnotized the bank of Liverpool out of 170,000 pounds or \$350,000. Goudie was apparently a plodding, simple minded and gullible clerk, but he seems to have effectually succeeded in awakening the city of Liverpool.

The achievement of Goudie, however, fades into insignificance compared with that of Roodenbeck, head clerk of the deposit branch of the Bank of Belgium, who in 1876 helped himself to the funds and securities of the bank and its customers to the tune of nearly one million pounds sterling, or five million dollars. His audacity was such that, on a verification once being ordered, he actually stole 16,000 pounds while it was taking place. He did this by taking stocks out of parcels which had already been verified. He was at last discovered and was arrested at Queenstown, on his way to America, and was eventually sentenced to fifteen years confinement.

A traveler in Japan has this to say about that country: "Everything and everybody is slow. At Yokohama it took me thirty-five minutes to pay my hotel bill. An American hotel would have had my money in one minute. It required four days to make a trip of six hundred miles and all of it by rail except sixty-five miles. Everybody takes his own sweet time. You cannot hustle the east. "While the white man riles, The brown man smiles, And the end of the fight is the tombstone white, With the name of the late deceased, And the epitaph clear, A fool lieth here, Who tried to hustle the east."

It is announced that President

Roosevelt will complete the tour of the west commenced by President McKinley last summer, but it is somewhat doubtful if Irving Scott of the San Francisco Iron Works will get another chance to present a bill for hospitality extended to the presidential party.

That citizen of Portland who recently filed a claim for a pension, not because he had ever served in the U. S. army or navy, or in any war, but that during the progress of an Indian war in eastern Oregon, he had been riding with two companions who were both shot, while he escaped, shows an enterprising spirit which might go far to redeem the \$25,000,000 Lewis and Clark centennial.

An eastern poet thus moralizes on one way of striving for a college degree:

Thomas Henry Biggerson
I longed for a degree,
So he gave away
All his cash one day
To a school and a college and a library.

Thomas Henry Biggerson
Now has his degree,
For the credit men
With a large fat pen,
Writes "T. H. Biggerson, C. O. D."

When Mohammed started out to evangelize the world, the Aseatic borders were given the choice of the Koran or the sword. Present day Mohammedanism offers a milder, but no less effective program. A correspondent writing from the Philippines says: "Within two months, the religion of the Crescent has been securely established, not in Manila alone, but over the entire Philippines. Emin Nabolok, perhaps the most remarkable missionary in the world, and seven associates are responsible for this startling state of affairs. The fact that \$40,000 a month has already been expended and that the International Muslim Union has authorized the further expenditure of \$1,000,000 a year, indicates with what zeal the Moslems are working. The three principles which the Moslem teachers chiefly insist upon at present are said to be the abolition of slavery, the doing away with usury, and a wariness as regards new converts. For some years, Nabolok, the leader, who is a Russian by birth, conducted a mission in New York, but not being appreciated in Gotham, he travelled over the world, his rare linguistic powers enabling him to do effectively missionary work in every country.

"Some months since observed that it is a long worm that has no turning," says Harper's Weekly. We are more than ever convinced of the truth of the proverb by a statement in recent issues of the daily newspapers, purporting to have come from the late Richard Croker. It will be remembered that the late Mr. Croker was accused of pretty nearly every municipal crime in the calendar without a word of protest from him. His motto was said to be: "My own back of every time. His favorite color was said to have been the 'long green.' His most adequate description was that he was an Irishman by birth, an Englishman by choice and a New Yorker by profession. Every slur that could be cast upon him was cast, and Mr. Croker was silent. But now all is changed, and at least a charge has been made that cuts him to the quick, stirs his soul, rends his heart and sends vehement denials and vehement defenses to his foes throughout the city. At last Richard Croker is brought to bay by a charge too heinous to remain quiet under, and he joins issues with his vilifiers and slandersers thus, and with these ringing words: "I have only played three games of golf in my life and I was attired as I am now."

The success of the American manufacturers in the British Islands during the past year or two has been so great that he is coming to look upon those countries as his natural possessions, says a writer in the Saturday Evening Post. Indeed, a prominent American recently started a London dinner party by referring to the Revolutionary war as "that un-Revolutionary war as that un-England." A reversal surely of all previous descriptions of the episode. However, fact is as useful sometimes in opening a door of commerce as it is in private life in opening doors to dinner parties, and the American combination who announced last autumn through the newspapers their intention of controlling the English cigarette trade and driving the British manufacturer out of the business have probably found this out. The native manufacturers put huge advertisements in the papers, showing the British lion lying on the rocks by the Atlantic and smoking London rolled cigarettes, while he repelled the attempt of an army of evil looking American cigarettes to enter his country. The result is unquestionably that at the moment a large number of people in England insist on having the English product. If the American had kept only reasonably quiet, probably this would never have happened. In questions of trade patriotism is not easily aroused. The Parisian cries, "Vivent les Boers!" and dashes into an English tailor's to order his clothes. The English imperialist calls loudly for measures against the Teuton, and then goes out and fills his house with things "made in Germany." Nations, however, may resent being told by foreigners that there is no hope for them. A great thing to observe in connection with a commercial as well as any

other victory, is that you should not "rub it in."

The following colloquy between Fate and the poet appears in a recent volume of verse:

FATE.
Singers who charmed the world are dead;
Why singest thou today?
THE POET.
Because the laughing rose is red
And white the scented may,
And the new born golden light is shed
On silver stream and bay.

FATE.
Thou dwellest amidst a heedless race;
Thy warship naught but gold.

THE POET.
You would I lift a fearless face
Towards beauty as of old,
Her boons of love, her gifts of grace,
Are won but by the bold.

FATE.
Shelley is dead and Keats is gone,
And who will lift the lyre?
THE POET.
Though these be dead, the same
strong sun
Still changes flowers to fruit,
The birds hearts waken one by one,
So why should I be mute? M.
Tutulla, Dec. 25th.

THE AWFUL COST OF WAR

There appears to be great excitement over the fact that the war in South Africa has already cost Great Britain more than \$722,000,000. Compared with the cost of some of the wars of the last century, however, this sum is hardly a drop in the bucket.

The most costly war of all time was the civil war of 1861-65 in the United States. That war cost the northern states a total of \$2,200,000,000, while the south spent more than \$2,600,000,000 in addition. And this does not consider the enormous expense of the operations which have been paid for the last thirty-five years.

Next in cost to the war of the rebellion was the Franco-Prussian war of 1870. It cost, in round numbers, \$2,500,000,000. The Crimean war stands third on the list of comparatively recent wars, with a total cost of \$1,700,000,000.

The little affair in South Africa has cost the British up to date less than one-tenth of what the United States spent in the last years of its great civil conflict, and less than a third as much as France and Germany poured out in their recent struggle.

The present accounts war debts of all the nations in the world are as great as its entirely past comprehension. They sum up more than thirty billion dollars.

Ever more startling are the figures destruction of human life. In this war also the United States civil war stands in first place, with a total of more than seven million killed in battle and died of wounds and disease. Close to this terrible record is that of the Crimean war, in which fifteen million men lost their lives, while in the Franco-Prussian war the losses were 2,200,000.

For military and naval purposes the nations of Europe would annually expend \$100,000,000. They keep under arms continually more than 3,000,000 men, with six times as many ready to fly to arms when the word "mobilize" is spoken. It is estimated that every community loses at least \$200 a year and is thus less productive. For all Europe this would amount to \$900,000,000, which should be added to the \$700,000,000 annually paid out for military and naval purposes. Taking the two together it appears that Europe is expending like \$1,600,000 a day in times of peace for the purpose of keeping itself ready for war.—Chicago Tribune.



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