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No one places a higher value on the free school than I do; no one takes greater pride in our colleges and universities. But at the same time, much that is called education simply unfits men to fight the battle of life. Thousands are today studying things that will be of little importance to them or to others. Much valuable time is wasted in studying languages long since dead and histories in which there is no truth.—Robert G. Ingersoll.

From present indications, Roosevelt's stay in Portland will be devoted to a general hair-pulling and fur-flying contest in smoothing over the local factional fights.

David R. Francis is now mentioned as a possible democratic nominee for president in 1904. Just what a contented Missourian wants with the presidency is difficult to understand.

Umatilla county, the banner wheat and livestock county of the Inland Empire, should have a county agricultural association and a fairground. There is room on the county poor farm for a fairground. No better site could be found in the county and the Progressive Club and the progressive citizens, outside the club should lose no time in organizing for this purpose.

Judge Adams, who made such a bold bluff at the Wahash trainmen has repented. The hot volleys of public indignation which his action called forth, have been sufficient to melt even a harsher man than Adams. When he thinks the American citizen will submit to such decisions, without a murmur, he misjudges the spirit of liberty that has made the American workingman the equal of the American judge.

Andrew Carnegie is to contribute \$10,000 toward purifying the English language. The street gamins of the great cities, the newsboys and "yellow kids" coin words every day which may be called impurities in Oxford, yet which are worth more than \$10,000 a word in certain moments of mental tension, which come to Americans—moments in which full expression is absolutely necessary.

The Baker City Herald says the portage road was imposed upon the legislature to "satisfy a few members of the farming communities." When the names on those referendum petitions now being circulated by a few "cat paws" of the railroad corporations, are counted, the misguided Baker county people will find that the people of Oregon understand the motive back of this movement to keep the producers in the grasp of the railroads.

The Portland Taxpayers' League, the body of men which began the agitation for the new city charter in 1899, has made its annual report. One of its greatest achievements is the adoption of the 25-year franchise system, as against the perpetual franchise granted under the old charter. It is a step in the right direction. It will perhaps end in recognition of the fact that the people are the only true owners of any franchise for a public utility.

The moral conditions prevailing in Seattle are enough to make smaller cities begin to tighten the rein upon corruption and vice. The mayor and chief of police are included in eighteen indictments returned by the grand jury. Seattle has boasted long and loud of being an "open town," thinking to invite "capital by this boast. She is now reaping the whirlwind. Her "white chapel" district is said to be the worst of any city in the world. Her morals are a standing advertisement of the municipal government which is run on the "graft plan." Other cities may profit by Seattle's misfortunes.

STATUE TO SACAJAWEA.

Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, authoress of "The Conquest" and "McLaughlin and Old Oregon," is starting a movement to erect a splendid statue of Sacajawea, the Shoshone Indian woman who guided Lewis and Clark across the Rocky Mountains.

Mrs. Dye has already immortalized the Indian girl, who was stolen from her people in Idaho and taken to the Mandan country in North Dakota to be the wife of Chabaneau, the cook and interpreter of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

If there is such a thing as a providential guidance in human affairs, the finding of this Indian woman by the explorers, has such an appearance.

When they reached the Rocky Mountain region, they faced dangers of which they could have no warning, except through Sacajawea. The interpreter, Chabaneau, was not familiar with the Indians they encountered after passing the Mandans; he seemed to be ignorant of the treachery and ferocity of the Blackfeet, and the entire party would doubtless have fallen victims to this bloodthirsty tribe, had the captains not been forewarned by Sacajawea.

She told the party of the fierce Blackfeet. She recounted the savagery they had made upon her own people, almost totally annihilating them. This warning was the salvation of the expedition. The Blackfeet were shunned and the Indian girl's good advice was probably the golden key that gave Lewis and Clark the records to the world.

When the expedition reached the pass of the Rocky Mountains, and saw the different silver rivers bounding down the western slope, it was this woman who pointed out the path and directed the expedition toward the sea.

The captains were perplexed when they faced the pathless wilderness before them. In so many mountain gorges, without sign of human touch upon them they knew not which to choose, but this frail Shoshone girl led the way.

Next to Jefferson, who sent them, it is Sacajawea, who guided them, who deserves to be eulogized with Lewis and Clark.

Place her statue in the exposition ground, facing the west, for it was she who led the expedition through the tortuous ravines of the eastern slope of the Rockies; led them safely past the retreats of the murderous Blackfeet, and it was she who stood upon the brow of that shining range and unlocked the gates of the Pacific coast empire to the baffled heroes into whose hands she was luckily cast.

One of the best business moves the state of Oregon could make would be the purchase of a lighting plant for the state institutions. The plant could be placed in connection with the machinery in the penitentiary, at little expense and the continual graft of the light contracts would be shut off. The next legislature should not forget this. It would be genuine economy and such is wanted by the people who pay the taxes.

President Roosevelt, when starting for his train at the Washington city station yesterday, saw the police forcibly detain three young girls who were crowding the line to get a glimpse of the president. He immediately stopped, went over to the eager children and chatted with them for a few moments, while the procession waited. This is the diplomacy that wins.

For the benefit of Eastern Oregon and Washington and the people of the Inland Empire generally, it is sincerely hoped the scheme to build a railroad from Walla Walla to Dixie and eastward into the Blue Mountains, will be something more than a paper railroad.

"SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST."

In his address to the Central Federated Union last Sunday District Attorney Jerome, of New York City, said:

"The capitalists want all they can get and the labor organizations want all they can get, and the stronger will win and ought to win. Don't accept any wishy-washy stuff about the brotherhood of man or economic forces or inherent rights. If you are strong, you win; if you are not, you lose."

No doubt the selfish impulses described do move both capitalists and laborers, but that a reformer should inflame them instead of treating them as survivals of savage nature to be fought and overcome is as distressing as the impulses themselves.

The doctrine of the "survival of the fittest," which Mr. Jerome thus seeks to apply to human society, would make of life one continual fight, every man against his fellows. It would deny benevolence as a ruling factor in human action, when it is in fact the most enduring and powerful one. It would, if it were true, close hospitals, curtail education, thrust the aged and infirm out into the street, and negate the splendid progress of the race in humanitarian endeavor.

The doctrine of the brotherhood of man is not "wishy-washy stuff." It is the keynote of the progress of the age.—New York World.

Skeletons of famous horses mounted on frames will be included in the extensive exhibit of Kentucky at the World's fair. In the exhibit will be the bones of Hanover, the peerless sire of thoroughbreds, George Wilkes, the great trotting sire, Black Squirrel, once the saddle champion of all Kentucky and Hymyar, a champion of the old days. The skeletons are being mounted under the direction of Prof. David W. May by students of the Kentucky state college at Lexington.

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