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A majestic tree fell at its prime—fell on a calm evening, when there was scarcely a breath of air stirring. It had withstood a century of storms and now was broken off by a zephyr. The secret was disclosed at its falling. A boy's hatchet had been struck into it when it was a tender sapling. The wound had been grown over and hidden away under exuberant life, but it had never healed. So some unseen and forgotten sin has left its wounding at the heart.—Selected.

Baker City complains about muddy streets. She has not yet taken the first degree in mud. Come over and post up. To call it mud is putting it mild.

The Thanksgiving number of the Oregon Daily Journal, containing 36 pages and highly illustrated, is the most magnificent paper ever issued in Portland.

The republic of Cuba is now being administered for \$7,000,000 per year less than when General Wood was in charge, and yet his defenders are highly insulted when maladministration during his term is suggested.

Although Russia has studied horrible tortures to apply to the Jewish race wherever found in her territory, yet, when she wanted to make Dalny, the Pacific terminus of the Siberian railway, the greatest commercial gateway and center on earth, the first thing she did was to extend to the Jew all the favored rights of Russian citizenship within that city.

Within 100 feet from the Main street entrance to the East Oregonian building there have been \$100,000 worth of improvements made and new buildings erected within the past ten months. That is one illustration of the rapidity with which Pendleton is growing. Other sections of the city have witnessed an equal and even greater increase in the same period.

A clerk in the Baker City postoffice, thinking that circular letters and papers were of no value to the owners, threw a large consignment of this class of mail into the waste basket and burned it up to save the labor of distributing it. He is now under \$500 bonds for destroying United States mail. People don't buy stamps and subscribe for newspapers for fun. While this young man is losing his own job, he will probably save those of other clerks who might have been similarly inclined. The lesson is sufficient.

The East Oregonian is not interested in the factional fight between the two branches of the Republican party in this county further than to record the news arising from the battle. It matters not how many land office officials lose their heads and reputations through the machinations of their enemy, the other faction. It looks very much like the weak efforts of the local party organ to bridge over bleeding differences has had an opposite effect, and that the half-hearted notes of peace were really the defiant alarms of war. It seems that it would have been better for the republican party in Umatilla county if the gushing burrah about reunion and hatchet-burying had never been uttered. Old heads, streaked with the grim reminders of experience, have been puzzling over reunion for several years. They give it up. It is useless for a raw college boy, unspotted from the grimy political world, with unstrained locks, parted in the middle and tossed and tumbled in Paderewski profusion on either side of an unwrinkled brow, to attempt that herculean task. Back, back to the pop-gun; you can't shoot a cannon.

IRRIGATION IN EARNEST.

Secretary Hitchcock has issued an order, which will turn the first shovel of earth in the great work of establishing irrigation works throughout the West under government auspices.

He has formally directed the head of the geological survey, Charles D. Walcott, to begin work on the Tonto basin dam on Salt river, in Arizona, at the junction with Tonto creek. The first step will be to make contracts for buildings for the force and the machinery that will be employed on the work.

A cement plant is to be established, a temporary steam plant put in, repair shop built, saw mill set up, an electrical power plant installed, trolley line built, telephone line strung, and a power canal dug about two miles long.

This canal is a unique feature of the enterprise. Going up stream two miles a dam is to be built and a canal led down to the site of the proposed reservoir dam, where the water will be used at a head of over 100 feet to operate turbines to furnish power for the trolley road, the saw mill, cement works, and other parts of the working plant.

The reservoir dam will cost over \$2,000,000, and it is estimated that it will take two or three years to complete it. The reservoir will be a lake eighteen miles long, from a half a mile to one and three-quarters of a mile wide, and the water supply will irrigate 200,000 acres.

All the owners of land in the territory below, which will be irrigated, have joined in the water-users' cooperative association under an agreement with the government to pay back the cost of the dam through a period of 10 years. The value of the shares of stock in this company is fixed at \$15. Each land owner receives one share of stock for each acre of land he has.

The water users under the Tonto dam form a small political body much like a municipal government. No one is allowed to participate in the organization which controls the water unless he owns stock, is 21 years old, and of sound mind.

Each share of stock has one vote in the choice of officers, and no owner is permitted to vote more than 100 shares. The corporation will elect officers and be governed by a council of 30 members, one-third of which is chosen each year. The president and 10 members constitute a board of governors who have immediate charge of the dam and the distribution of water equitably to all members.

The high school pupils of Fresno, California, collected an elaborate supply of eatables to present to the poor on Thanksgiving day. The committees on distribution went out indiscriminately and gave supplies to families whom the pupils classed among the needy poor. In several instances when the families learned that they were looked upon as objects of public charity they ordered the scholars away, refused to accept the gifts and declared that it was an insult to thus publicly class them with paupers, although they were poor. The object of the high school was all right, but the system was wrong. Instead of parading the streets in groups, bearing baskets of provisions labelled "For the poor," and thus humiliating the objects of their kindness before their neighbors, they should have carefully inquired in advance and selected the homes where the gifts would have been welcome, and then quietly sent the Thanksgiving gifts of food and delicacies without rudely injuring the sensibilities by making a public demonstration that such and such families were considered objects of charity. It was a case of kindness misdirected.

DECREPIT SPAIN.

No recent political event in Spain has created such a stir as the pessimistic nature of the speech in which Senor Silveira announced to the cortes his retirement from public life.

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He said that he resigned because he had come to the melancholy conclusion that at present Spain does not want a fleet, nor an army, nor public instruction. It is interested only in material reforms, in agriculture, in industry, trade and public works.

For his part, if he were to remain in office, the country must want an army, a fleet, and such a foreign policy worthy of it, a foreign policy frankly accepted without fear of the risks. To be on equally good terms with everybody is not a policy. To combat this state of public opinion he required the backing of a robust and stable party. At certain moments he had fancied that he might obtain it. When the illusion vanished, with it went all the courage which enabled him to hold office.

He was a man who had lost faith and hope. It was expected that the prime minister, Senor Villaverde, would vigorously protest against so faint-hearted a conception of Spain's condition, but he failed to make any reply.

WHAT CRANKS ARE MADE OF.

A new sin has appeared to vex the world. It consists of succumbing to the temptation to advocate queer, bizarre things so as to get newspaper mention, or something wildly unreasonable to startle the people for a minute. These sins range from Mrs. Sarah Rorer's cry that American womanhood is being ruined by eating too many eggs to the Rev. Merle St. C. Wright's espousal of "euthanasia."

Of course, Mrs. Rorer has no real fear that women are endangered by appetite for eggs, any more than the reverend gentleman with the "Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight" name, would put incurable sufferers to death if he could.

They said these things because they were queer assertions that would be snapped up by the newspapers. There is a growing wave of this sin, which threatens to swamp the cardinal virtue of sincerity. Is insincerity a sin?

It is the worst sin of these times. The young generation is being reared in an atmosphere of hollow brilliance and quack genius which goads them to try to say things when they have nothing to say and do things whether they are worth doing or not.

This sin is what makes howling cranks and bothersome faddists and ridiculous religionists and absurd reformers, who are usually unfortunate persons trying to be remarkable when they are really common, ordinary plugs.—Denver Post.

Kansas harvests more wheat than any other state in the Union. In its wheat belt of 30 counties not one county raises less than 1,000,000 bushels. Sumner county has a record of 6,812,102 bushels.

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LOVE

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