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One mightier empress rules my soul than Hope. And she is Memory. Her deep-built throne is set among pale ruins, and alone. Regret today attends her down the slope. That leads to sad Life's haunted catacombs. Regret, whom she has wedded, seldom stirs. From fair-eyed Memory, nor parts from hers. His pall-spread throne, based deep on Joy's cold tombs. —Leonora Beck Ellis in Pacific Montany.

"The last royal betrothal in Great Britain," which has been given a column of space in the Associated Press dispatches, amounts to about as much to the public as a betrothal on the Umatilla reservation, between Lizzie No Shirt and Charlie Knife Handle, son of One-Eyed Goat, for instance.

If the East Oregonian misses mention of anybody attending "Ben Hur" from this city, it is unintentional, and if anybody is accused of going, wrongfully, pardon is asked in advance. The personal column will be devoted to "Ben Hur" notices, going and coming, for the next week. Anyone failing to receive proper notice, please call up the office.

What is Umatilla county doing toward a representation at the St. Louis exposition? The exhibit closes on February 1, and it will be impossible to enter any products after that date. Will she appear as one of the leading counties of Oregon, in that event, or will she be overshadowed by some smaller county, with less area and resources, but an evidence of more enterprise? It pays to advertise.

Every irrigator in Oregon should send to the secretary of agriculture for a copy of his report for 1903. "Farmer" Wilson, as the secretary is called, has made a specialty of studying irrigation, from different standpoints, and in different parts of the country, and his report on that phase of agriculture, aside from being a literary gem, is filled with vital facts that should be part of every farmer's library.

The collection of Pendleton celebrities attending the Thompson trial, sketched by Lute Pease for the Oregonian, of Wednesday, is worthy of a place on the postoffice bulletin boards, or some other conspicuous place, where the Pendleton public may admire these favorites daily. The only mistake about the collection is that Charlie Cunningham appears twice in it, while Mayor Halley and Colonel J. H. Raley appear but once. There should have been no partiality shown by the cartoonist.

In Oregon are 3,000,000 acres of land that can be made tillable through irrigation. This land is bordered on every side with improved farms, worth from \$20 to \$100 per acre. The streams of Oregon carry enough waste water to the sea each year, to reclaim the arid area, so there only stands between the idle water and the idle land the process of building the government storage reservoir. Is it any wonder the homeseekers are coming to Oregon? The wonder is, that they do not come in greater numbers.

The worst curse of the country are the great political organizations that continually bleed the people. If you money spent in political campaigns was used in building improvements, and in furthering public enterprises, instead of being absolutely wasted, worse than wasted, because of the bitterness its use engenders in the nation, it would be a lasting benefit to the politicians, the people and the nation. Can't the government be run without partisan campaigns, costing millions? Where men pay such prices for public office, they expect to get

full returns from the office. This is the basis of all the frauds perpetrated in public office. Oregon is now tasting this partisan luxury.

The enemies of William R. Hearst may ridicule the idea of his candidacy for the office of president. They may point the finger of censure at his alleged yellow journalism. They may sarcastically allude to his wealth as his principal point of prominence. They may weakly attack his attitude toward the trusts and his efforts to throttle them in the interest of the people. Yet the fact remains that it is easier for the enemies of Hearst to ridicule his labor, than to duplicate his achievements. He has wealth, it is true. But why don't other men of greater wealth than Hearst accomplish something as worthy of public commendation as he? Why don't other newspapers, bitterly opposed to his methods, make the same advances in journalism, in another direction. If his methods are not right, and his intentions not good? The fact of the matter is that there is a little more brains back of the Hearst papers than his enemies are able to duplicate, and therefore ridicule is the only opposition to his methods left them.

There is short weight butter being brought to Pendleton from some country district, and the merchants are endeavoring to locate the maker. There is a law against short weight butter, just as there is against adulterated food and the makers of this butter should be made to pay the penalty, just as other people violating the laws of the state. It is unjust to the merchant to impose upon him, and it is more unjust yet, to impose upon the purchaser, who must pay the price of a full roll for a roll two, three or four ounces short. The creameries are complying with the laws and it is but justice that the farmers do the same thing. The East Oregonian knows whereof it speaks, and while it defends the farmer on every occasion, against the impositions of the fakir, it just as unhesitatingly censures the farmer, who wilfully imposes upon the public. There is a profit in butter making and honesty in this business is just as necessary and just as commendable as in any other pursuit. Short weight butter and adulterated milk are two commodities which must be eliminated from the markets.

The utter fallacy of the blasphemous Dowie role has at last been vividly exhibited to the world, although it has been known all along by those in touch with his methods. His "holy city," founded on the ignorance of his deluded followers, and backed up by his own rascality and duplicity has at last collapsed and is in the hands of a receiver. His impious boasting, his empty harangues, which have stung the finer sensibilities of thinking Christian communities, his blasphemous claims to inspiration and "divine guidance," his sacrilegious use of religion to gather money from duped fools, his imposition on the public by senseless rantings about the wickedness of the world—all fall flat, and the nasty proportions of Dowie, the common rascal, are now disclosed to the world, a little late, but better now than never. "Zion" stands for probably a thousand broken homes and wasted fortunes. It stands for the abnormal desires of the average American zealot to be "skinned" by the impostor. It is a monument to the greatest scheme of fraud and bigotry

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ever attempted on American soil, and in deference to the sacred principles of religion and humanity, it is hoped it will be the last one.

LOVE'S COMING.

To some Love comes so splendid and so soon, With such wide wings, and steps so royally. That they, like sleepers wakened suddenly, Expecting dawn, are blinded by his noon.

To some Love comes so silently and late That all unheard he is, and passes by, Leaving no gift but a remembered sigh, While they stand watching at another gate.

But some know Love at the enchanted hour; They hear him singing like a bird afar. They see him coming like a fallen star. They meet his eyes, and all the world's in flower. —Ethel Clifford.

RUSSIA'S POWER.

The London Westminster Gazette gives the following startling figures concerning the armament of Russia: "Since 1874 military service in Russia has been obligatory for all men from their twenty-first year. Out of about 870,000 young men reaching every year their majority about 219,000 are taken into the active army and fleet, and the remainder are inscribed in the reserve. The lowest estimate of the peace strength of the Russian army puts the number of officers at 42,000 and of the rank and file at more than 1,000,000 men, the total number being about 1,100,000. In war the total strength is approximately 75,000 officers and 4,500,000 men.

"Russia, owing to its geographical situation, maintains four distinct fleets or flotillas, each with its own organization. There are 10 admirals, 28 vice admirals and 37 rear admirals, 102 captains, 252 commanders, 1,542 junior officers, 503 engineers, 792 medical and civil officers and 162 naval yard officers. There are eighteen battleships (with six building and six projected), four armored cruisers (several projected), nineteen cruisers (with eight building and twelve projected), two submarines (fifty projected) and fifty-three torpedo boats built or building. The total number of officers and men in the Russian navy is about 60,000."

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