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Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide.
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,
Parts the goats upon the left hand, and the sheep upon the right,
And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.
—James Russell Lowell.

Creamery butter is selling for 40 cents per pound in Pendleton at present. This would mean 38 cents per pound paid to the farmer for butter fat.

The new city council must feel highly complimented by the political writer on the morning paper. If all the wire pulling and cheap factional peevishness attributed to the members by the Tribune, was indulged in, the council is starting off "auspiciously."

Dispatches from Panama say the elections in the new government on Monday passed off without a single attempt at bribery or corruption, the liberals being elected. It must be discouraging to American officials who are watching over the new republic to note this marked absence of American influence and methods on the very first public election.

The Cudahy Packing Company rejoices in the prospect of war between Japan and Russia. The Russian government has just ordered 1,500,000 pounds of mess meat for the army, from this American trust.

The new city marshal of Pendleton is not yet selected. Judging from the activity of the people on election day, they care but little who serves. Out of 1,200 voters, about 215 cast their ballots in the city election.

No matter who is appointed, there is no use to kick now.

Owing to the fact that no emergency clause was attached to the re-enactment of the exemption clause of the assessment law, the taxpayer will not get the benefit of the exemption on the 1904 assessment.

A "prominent" lumber man from Portland has been giving the Baker City Democrat a specimen of the heavy argument of capital against the forest reserves. The gentleman says if the present destructive policy of barring the lumber companies from the public domain continues, one of the leading industries of Oregon will suffer greatly.

Here is rather a bitter reward for Senator Hoar's sixty years of undeviating party fealty, from the Milton Eagle: "Although Senator Hoar votes with the Republicans all right, he is nevertheless a pretty good Democrat when it comes to opposing everything offered by his party, and incessantly picking flaws with the administration."

The report of the secretary of the interior in addition to showing a condition of unparalleled fraud and perjury in public land and timber entries, is a strong denunciation of the Timber and Stone Act, the commutation clause of the Homestead Act and the Desert Land Act themselves.

Domestic infelicity, divorce, faithlessness, infidelity, love of money and dress and jealousy and their train of evils, are filling the columns of the papers with sickening details of the increasing horror of civilization.

tendency anyway, or do they take the matter into serious consideration at all? The churches and all the advanced thinkers of the age continue to cry out against the divorce evil, the child marriage evil, and the demoralizing results from them, yet laws are apparently on the side of wrong, and instead of helping to remedy these conditions, legislatures aid the wrong, by neglecting to deal with it in any way.

MR. CARNEGIE'S PITY.

"Oh, how I pity the boy who is born the son of a millionaire!" cried Mr. Carnegie at a recent dinner. And the exclamation has started an interesting debate on the relative advantages of wealth and poverty in youth.

On the other hand, a boy of unusual ability is not to be pitted by Mr. Carnegie or anybody else because he has parents who can give him education, remove obstacles from his path and let him have all his time for the cultivation of his powers and the pursuit of his career.

Between Mr. Carnegie's commissioner "son of a millionaire" and the son of bitter poverty, however, there are a good many degrees. A home of want may be a very good school for genius or very great talent, but the world is full of men who would have reached a much more comfortable place had they had better opportunities in boyhood.

Each state has its disadvantages, as well as its advantages, but the judgment of most men of common sense is against poverty as a desirable inheritance.

Bring the question home to yourself: Would you, if you are rich, like your boy to be deprived of the chances your money is able to offer him? And if you are poor, would you not like to be well-to-do so that you might give your son a better start in life than, because of your poverty, he can have?

Boys with the right kind of stuff in them, whether rich or poor, will manage to make men of themselves.—San Francisco Examiner.

The coal from the Glamorganshire field in South Wales is regarded as superior to all other steam coal by the navies of the world. Its rival from the United States is the Pocahontas coal from West Virginia.

THE KING OF DREAMLAND.

I am a king, mother, far away,
In a city that stands by The Gates of Day;
So far, so far that the world grows dim,
As I look from my palace toward its rim;
Pray, let me rest on your breast awhile,
Till my bark comes in from the Dreamland Isle;
My bonny sailors will speed with glee,
And I will beckon them far at sea;
They will hover close to the silent shore,
With barely a splash from the dipping oar;
And I will be ready to sail away,
To my dreamland Isle at the Gates of Day.

The star that shall guide me I know
So well—
(But that is a secret I dare not tell)—
For only the mists of the sea and I
Know where the paths that I follow lie.

And O, how I wish I could take you
To live in my palace so grand and fair—
I would build and give you a golden throne—
Carved and jeweled and all your own;

With gems for your feet that were never seen,
By anyone else but my own fair queen.

With down for your feet and down for your bed,
And a pillow of dreams for your dear old head;
I would dress you out in the robes of state,
A thousand fairies on you should wait;

I would tell you the tale of my sunny isle,
In stories older than Egypt's Nile;
You should guide my sloop, with its sails of silk,
Finer than silks of the olden Tyre,
And the Dreamland billows, so deep and blue,

Would murmur their tenderest strains for you.
But I am so sorry it cannot be—
For nobody goes there but kings, like me.

—Bert Hoffman.

Pendleton, Or.

At a conference of the representatives of capital and labor, held in New York, December 17, 1901, under the auspices of the National Civic Federation, a permanent board was appointed to settle differences between employers and the labor unions.



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