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I saw a hundred horrid shapes In awful silence fitting. And all around on thrones of dust Their dreadful forms were sitting. Mad Thirst was there in flaming robe That burned without cessation. And venom-breathing Heat swept on With one they called Starvation. No land that God's hand ever made Was of His beauty barer; The Desert was Relentless Death That sprang from Want and Terror. I looked again: Behold the scene Had gone like sudden lightning. A myriad sparkling spirits now The lovely place were brightening. Well girded Plenty sat at ease And smiled at Joy and pleasure. While Hopes fulfilled that breathed of peace, Graced dwellings without measure. I saw, where once but ghosts had been, A proud and prosperous nation; The desert was a laughing child, Its mother—irrigation. —Floretta G. Elmore.

Tom Johnson, the most active political opponent of Mark Hanna, says of the dead senator, that he was the best representative of the sentiment of his party, intent, earnest and honest in his convictions.

All opposition to the corporation tax law has disappeared with the dismissal of the suits brought to test the validity of the law. The law is a good one and with some slight amendments in favor of the mining interests and irrigation prospects should remain in the statutes. The law produces something over \$100,000 in revenue and has not prevented the organization of any bona fide corporations. Its injury to the mining interests is not as great as was first anticipated.

It is a stinging rebuke to Russia to be refused a loan in the great financial centers of Europe, because of the ascendancy of the Jews on every bourse on the continent. Kishineff is being avenged ten fold, in this secret thrust of the Jewish money lenders. If the Jews can discredit the Russian government, by these methods, and embarrass it at a time of such dire need, the blood of their murdered countrymen slain in Russian massacres, will not have been shed in vain.

The active citizens of the future are being made today in the high

school debates. Patrons of the schools should encourage more debating and more entertainments among the public school classes. These school programs should be more largely attended by the patrons of the schools and more interest in their welfare should be exhibited by the citizens. Teachers and pupils lose heart if those who should be interested in the progress and work of the schools fail to lend any encouragement either by their presence or their words of approbation. Get in touch with the high school programs.

Because the Hearst newspapers pay such high prices for able correspondents that all the best in the world are in the service of that combination of papers, the Associated Press can only cry "yellow journalism," as its antiquated news gatherers are "scooped" day after day on war news in the Orient. All the Hearst war news has been verified by the Associated Press correspondents after they had time to find out about it. The Hearst papers are in closer touch with the news of the world than any other combination on the earth today. The Hearst correspondents have access to more throne rooms and high officials than any other class of men in the world.

Cartoonists are the greatest living preachers. They can tell a story in a rough sketch, that volumes of words could not properly explain. Late Pease, an Oregon cartoonist, has just drawn a cartoon on the Sunday closing amendment in the Lewis and Clark fair bill. It represents "Oregon" as a giant farmer, clad in rough dress and monstrous planter's hat. His whiskers are shaggy and his sleeves are rolled up to the elbows and his brow is wet with the sweat of honest toil. A diminutive figure of "religious bigotry" is presenting "Oregon" with a suit of Puritan clothes, with a copy of the old Blue Laws attached to it. The suit is ten times too small for "Oregon," and the look of disgust on the face of the honest farmer, as the little figure urges him to wear this 200-year-old suit, is stirring. It is not necessary to print a story with this cartoon. It appeals so keenly to the reader that it is its own explanation.

Is Pendleton ready for the Christian Endeavor convention? Have enough rooms been secured to accommodate the delegates? Is there enough money on hand to carry the convention through without embarrassment? Have suitable programs, aside from the regular work of the convention, been arranged? Will the delegate be made to feel like returning to this city on some future occasion? All these questions must now be thought over by Pendleton, and if anything is lacking, there is yet time to provide well for any emergency before the meeting convenes on Friday evening. Pendleton is the best school town in Eastern Oregon. She has eight churches with a membership of about 1,200, about 15 active lodges and clubs, and the welcome given to this body of religious workers should be hearty and sincere. Foundation for future conventions should be laid deep and strong by the citizens, in the grace with which they handle this meeting.

The Oregonian comments on the action of District Attorney Halley in arresting the gamblers of Pendleton, and takes occasion to add a little scathing irony on the gambling situation in Portland. Either Mr. Halley or Mr. Manning is wrong in the positions they occupy on this important question. Mr. Manning, the district attorney of Portland, claims to be powerless to stop gambling and places the responsibility on the mayor. Mr. Halley stops it without ceremony, and asks no questions of the mayor or the city council. In fact, he tells the gamblers that no agreements entered in

to between them and the city authorities whereby games shall run in defiance of the law, on the payment of regular monthly fines, will have any weight with him, as district attorney, and that fines or no fines, revenue or no revenue, the majesty of the law will be maintained. The only criticism any law-abiding citizen has to make on Mr. Halley's action was that he waited too long to take action. The transient tin-horns had all flown and the state was denied the pleasure of adding their fines to the school funds.

GREAT IS ART—IN THE WEST.

There is nothing like popularity. Take the case of Mrs. Langtry. She has founded no hospitals nor handed out any public libraries. In fact, aside from acting some very nasty plays and mixing in some dubious society, it is difficult to state just what she has done. And yet they named a town for her in Texas. It is a town of cowboys, 45, 40-rod liquor and gambling hells; but it is distinctly proud of the Jersey Lily.

So when the woman who once slipped a piece of ice down the royal and thick neck of the Prince of Wales passes on her way to her estate in California, she is to be given a rip-snorting reception at Langtry, Texas.

It will be a wet function. In fact, years ago, when the lady wished to present the town with a drinking fountain, she was informed by Judge Bean that the only thing the people of Langtry did not drink was water.

The Sunset Limited will hesitate at Langtry for 30 minutes, while art and the freedom of the Lone Star state mingle.

There will be speeches, of course, and it would be interesting to know just what sort of response the relict of Squire Abingdon will make to the booted and spurred vacqueros who refer to a handsome woman as a "fine heifer."

And when the train shall have resumed its onward flight, Langtry, Tex., will indulge in an unrestrained sozzle. Everybody, from the mayor to the editor of the local newspaper, will probably be a "pizen," there will probably be a shooting or two to enliven the occasion, and then the town will settle down to the humdrum existence of steer branding and consumption of tangletoot.

Who shall say, after this, that art is not appreciated in the West? —Seattle Star.

LIFE OF A RUSSIAN.

Martin Markason, formerly an officer in the Russian army, gives an interesting glimpse of the life of a soldier of the czar. "In Russia the land is nearly all owned by a monopoly of barons, and the mines are owned by the government and a farmer would consider himself lucky if he owned from one to ten acres of land.

"The poor farmers, both men and women, work from daylight till dark for from about 25 to 50 cents a day and the farm worker who does not own any land is very fortunate if he gets a share of the crop and a small amount of cash. The farm workers have no stated hours of labor, but are compelled to work as long as the foreman wishes them to.

"They are compelled to work upon the land of the priests free of charge and must donate anything that they possess upon request. They believe that the czar is the god of the land.

"When one considers that in the Russian army a private draws but 90 cents a quarter, a corporal \$1.10, a sergeant \$4.50 and a first sergeant about \$25 a year, one can easily imagine what the officers get. Out of this money the men must keep their shoes polished and their clothes neat. If they have any more money at all they must get it from home.

"The rations consist of two meals a day. The men are allowed three pounds of rye bread a day and one-half pound of meat and one quart of soup.

"In the evening all they get is mush. The bread is issued for five or ten days ahead and if the soldier has any left he takes it into the market and sells it. The only hope that the soldier has of increasing his income is by working for land barons in harvest time, when they are often detailed by the government to do this work. For this service they are allowed about 50 cents a day."—Oregon Daily Journal.

DON'T NEGLECT

Your Stomach and Bowels. So much depends upon them. Your health, happiness, and even your life is controlled largely by these organs. It is therefore very important at the first symptom of the stomach becoming weak or the bowels constipated, that you take a few doses of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is the best stomach and bowel medicine in existence, and positively cures Heartburn, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Constipation and Malaria. Try it.

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RHEUMATISM NOT A SKIN DISEASE.

It is natural to rub the spot that hurts, and when rheumatic pains are shooting through the joints and muscles and they are inflamed and sore, the sufferer is apt to turn to liniments and plasters for relief; and while such treatment may quiet the pain temporarily, no amount of rubbing or blistering can cure Rheumatism, because it is not a skin disease, but is in the blood and all through the system, and every time you are exposed to the same conditions that caused the first attack, you are going to have another, and Rheumatism will last just as long as the poison is in the blood, no matter what you apply externally. Too much acid in the blood is one cause of Rheumatism; stomach troubles, bad digestion, weak kidneys and torpid liver are other causes which bring on this painful disease, because the blood becomes tainted with the poisonous matter which these organs fail to carry out of the system. Certain secret diseases will produce Rheumatism, and of all forms this is the most stubborn and severe, for it seems to affect every bone and muscle in the body. The blood is the medium by which the poisons and acids are carried through the system, and it doesn't matter what kind of Rheumatism you have, it must be treated through the blood, or you can never get permanently rid of it. As a cure for rheumatic troubles S. S. S. has never been equalled. It doesn't inflame the stomach and ruin the digestion like Potash, Alkalies and other strong drugs, but tones up the general health, gently stimulates the sluggish organs, and at the same time antitoxins and filters out of the blood all poisonous acids and effete matter of every kind; and when S. S. S. has restored the blood to its natural condition, the painful, feverish joints and the sore and tender muscles are immediately relieved.

UNABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT. Sidney, Ohio, August 26, 1903. A few months ago I was feeling weak and run down and unable to get sleep at night. I felt extremely bad, and also had rheumatic pains in my joints and muscles. The medicine I used gave me only temporary relief at best; so seeing S. S. S. highly recommended for such troubles, I began its use, and after taking it for some time was well pleased with the result. It did away with the rheumatic pains, gave me refreshing sleep and built up my general system, giving me strength and energy. It is a good medicine, without a doubt, and I take pleasure in endorsing it. R. F. D. No. 1. S. S. BOUGHTON.

Our special book on Rheumatism will be mailed free to those desiring it. Our physicians will cheerfully answer all letters asking for special information or advice, for which no charge is made.



THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

Advertisement for Wine of Gardui. Includes illustration of a woman and text: 'YOU MAY BE CURED. After doctoring for eleven months and taking forty-three bottles of medicine and finding no relief for leucorrhoea resulting from irritation of a fallen womb I took Wine of Gardui and fourteen bottles cured me. This seems strange but it is the simple truth. Wine of Gardui helped me from the time I began taking it and having heard it praised so highly by friends who had tried it I felt satisfied that it would help me, and it did. It cured me. Took every bit of ache, pain and headache, cramps and dragging down sensations away till I felt young, strong and happy once more. It is a wonderful medicine and a true friend to women. When I look back on the months of torture I had it seems like a hideous nightmare. Wine of Gardui will cure any woman I believe. I have more faith in it than all other medicines combined.' Includes signature of Frances Kingsley and address: 544 Garfield Avenue, Chicago, Ill., October 9, 1902.

Advertisement for 'Pride of Umatilla' cigars. Text: 'DO YOU ENJOY A GOOD SMOKE? PRIDE OF UMATILLA. Try "Pendleton Boquet" and "Pride of Umatilla." Made at home. A. ROHDE, Maker.

Advertisement for Hill's Pure California Olive Oil. Text: 'Hill's Pure California Olive Oil. For medicinal use as well as for salads and table use. This is the highest quality and purest oil made. Sold exclusively in Pendleton by DESPAIN & CLARK.

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Advertisement for eye care. Text: 'A HEARING of our case is requested. Some important facts can be expressed in few words. It is our business to TEST THE EYES when there is symptoms of falling sight and fit. Eyeglasses or spectacles which will relieve all eye strain and make all things clear. Our prices for correctly adjusted glasses are moderate. Better pay it than suffer semi-blindness. GLENN WINSLOW Jeweler and Optician Post Office Block.

Advertisement for Conrad Platzoeder. Text: 'All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to me will call and settle their accounts as I need the money. Conrad Platzoeder Meat Market.

Advertisement for The French Restaurant. Text: 'The French Restaurant. Best 25 cent Meal in the City Private Dining Parlors. Elegant Furnished Rooms in Connection. GUS LaFONTE, Prop. 633 Main Street.

Advertisement for Building Material. Text: 'Building Material Of all Description Sash, Doors & Windows. Made to order. Building paper, lime, cement, brick and sand, wood gutters for barns and dwellings a specialty. Oregon Lumber Yard Alta St, Opp. Court House.

Advertisement for THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST. Text: 'THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST. Bear this in mind when you need poultry and stock supplies and ask for the International Poultry and Stock Food. C. F. Colesworth 127-129 East Alta St. Agent for Lee's Lice Killer.

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