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The cords which bind us are spun out of our own brains. The politicians are as good as the people. We enjoy all the freedom we deserve. The mind is the seat of all slavery. The revolution must begin in the soul. The world is a mirror in which is reflected the soul of the composite man. If there is war in the world it is because there is hate in the heart. If there is wretchedness without, it is because there is greed within. Ignorance and selfishness are the prime ministers of evil. Paradise is reserved for those who learn the lesson of wisdom and love. —Herbert S. Bigelow.

IRRIGATION IS COMING.

John T. Whistler, chief engineer in the reclamation service for Oregon said a great deal in a few words in a brief interview in the East Oregonian, yesterday.

He said that nothing is certain about the government plans for irrigating Oregon, which means that every stake set, every line surveyed, every cross section made, every estimate of water and rainfall and snowfall now being gathered by his crews at work on the Echo reservation, must be cast up and balanced in the exacting scales of a committee of government experts, before even the remotest possibility of irrigating the Echo tract can be determined.

People should not be misled by reports from Washington, giving estimates of money set aside for irrigation in Oregon.

It is true, Oregon has paid \$2,880,000 into the reclamation fund and F. H. Newell has said that over \$2,000,000 are available for work in Oregon, but that does not mean that this amount will be applied to Oregon.

Far from it. The Oregon projects may be found wanting. The balances may tip the wrong way when the natural surroundings of the projects are finally summarized by the engineers.

One thing is certain, Oregon must get right before she gets government irrigation. No matter if the Echo and Malheur projects possess the necessary features for government work, until Oregon's crude irrigation laws are changed for the better, not a shovelful of dirt will be thrown on her government irrigation projects.

In the first place the surveys being made by Mr. Whistler must be completed and the figures and estimates made by him sent to Washington.

These estimates are then passed upon by a committee that never saw the land from which the estimates are to be made, perhaps, but that committee will put the facts in Whistler's report together and if his figures prove by absolutely mathematical calculation, that a certain tract of land at Echo or in the Malheur desert can be reclaimed within a certain reasonable cost, and that the sources and supply of water are certain enough and great enough to furnish a perpetual system of irrigation for that land, then, if Oregon's laws are right, government irrigation will have started toward Oregon.

"Once a vagabond, always a vagabond," is not a true saying. J. F. Stratton, the Colorado mining millionaire, was kicked out of his home in Wichita, Kan., by his wife, in 1890, because of his drunkenness and idleness. He was in the gutter. His wife took in washing to keep the family. Finally the Salvation Army picked Stratton up and put him on his feet, wobbly, so to speak. He

drifted out to Colorado Springs and someone suggested that he go prospecting. Being a Kansas carpenter, he didn't know gold quartz from blue mass, but someone grub-staked him and he went prospecting. It was a novel, new, clean, untempted life for Stratton, anyway, and he enjoyed it, whether he found a mine or not. Fortune was on his side. His Midas touch uncovered the Independence mine at Victor and yesterday at Colorado Springs the estate was settled up three years after his death and the Wichita drunkard left \$6,000,000 to the good. From the gutter to the bank account was a short and gold-lined path for Stratton. Yet, even his six millions didn't obliterate the groveling instincts of the man, and his debauches were the talk of the camps. Money is something; but it isn't all.

John F. Wallace, the chief engineer just appointed to have charge of the Panama canal, began his professional career as a chain carrier for a county surveyor in New York. Today he has charge of the greatest engineering feat in the world, the construction of the Panama canal, which will shorten the distance around the globe by 10,000 miles. This man has had no pull. He has climbed successively from one position to another until he finally became general manager of the Illinois Central railroad and now at the invitation of the president, accepts the highest professional position in the gift of the United States. This simple story gives new courage to every humble young man whose purpose is high and whose character is clean. Conscience and cleanliness count for more than technical education. Had this man been a degraded sycophant, with great egotism and little human sympathy, would the president of the United States have selected him for this exalted task, even though his professional qualifications may have been high? Don't think that great egotism is broad education. To the clean, kindly, conscientious man the doorways to success are wide open.

William Lloyd, candidate for county commissioner from Milton, is making many votes and friends by his unassuming, quiet campaign. His portion of Umatilla county has great interests to be guarded and as Mr. Gilliland, the hold-over commissioner, resides in the opposite side of the county, Mr. Lloyd's neighbors, irrespective of politics, are cheerfully supporting him. On thing that is helping Mr. Lloyd in the campaign is the fact that the nomination came to him unsought. His friends gave him the nomination as a tribute to his ability and the principles of business economy which he practices in his private business and which will be his guide in office.

The record made by J. E. Cherry as principal of the Adams public schools, proves him to be an able, industrious, broad-gauge man, with especially high qualifications to handle the county's affairs as county clerk. He is well known all over Umatilla county, having resided in the county for 14 years and he has been active in public work all of that time.

JOE FOLK, DEMOCRAT.

In the career of Joseph Folk of St. Louis, there is more inspiration to the youth of America than in that of any other American of recent times. Other men have met with greater success. Mr. Roosevelt, for example, who was a discredited and disliked assistant secretary of the navy in the spring of 1898, was president of the United States with unlimited possibilities in the fall of 1901, having meantime served a term as governor of New York state. But Roosevelt is an opportunist. Lucky during a brief service in the army he returned when the public was in a state of frenzy and got the benefit of the delirium. But Mr. Folk had no such help in his promotion.

Two years ago he was elected district attorney of St. Louis. He was a good lawyer, of course, and a man of ability, necessarily. But he had no training in public life and no family or other influence to promote his interests. If he had followed the course which most men take under such circumstances he would have enjoyed a rather easy and profitable office for a period of three years and retired with an improved standing at the bar, probably, and an increased bank account, certainly.

But that would have been the end of his political career unless he had joined in with the looters by which he might have secured another term and a vastly augmented income. But he sought out and followed a better course. The public life of Missouri and St. Louis was rotten to the core. In fact it was almost but not quite as bad as that of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. When Joseph Folk entered upon the duties of district attorney he discovered the condition of affairs and at once set about to improve. He began by prosecuting the hoodlums in the councils of St. Louis and after he got most of them in jail and the rest into refuge, he turned his attention

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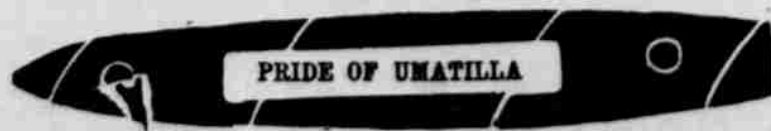
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