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Life is a privilege. Though noontide fades
And shadows fall along the winding glades;
The joy-blooms wither in the autumn air,
Yet the sweet scent of sympathy is there.
Pale sorrow leads us closer to our kind,
And in the serious hours of life we find
Depths in the soul of men which lend new worth
And majesty to this brief span of earth.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THE GOVERNMENT IS WAITING.

Umatilla county is one of the most promising fields for government irrigation in the West.

Surveys are being prosecuted on the Echo tract, experiments are being carried on to ascertain the flow of the streams, the feasibility of reservoirs and the possibility of canals to cover about 200,000 acres of idle land lying in this and Morrow counties.

Echo looks forward to this government irrigation as the greatest advance step that could be taken in her interest, and in the interest of the county.

The government has said that Oregon must get right in the matter of irrigation laws before the projected irrigation plans could be put into execution. The government has said, through its engineers time and time again, that the national irrigation law was passed for the benefit of the homeseeker, the actual settler.

It has said that the states must rid themselves of the speculators. It has said that private concerns seeking to benefit through the operation of the national law, must be discouraged by the people, that land and water speculation were two of the very evils which the national law seeks to overthrow, in the interest of the actual settler.

Localities having irrigation tracts under consideration by the government can assist the government by showing that they are in favor of the people enjoying the benefits of national irrigation, instead of the private corporations. The whole question of government irrigation lies with the people, in the spirit they exhibit toward the plans of the government. They can invite aid or they can repel it by showing their hostility to the aims of the government.

If Echo ignores the suggestions of the government to discountenance speculation in water rights, on a large scale, as the Oregon Land and Water Company is doing through F. B. Holbrook, she cannot hope to receive favorable consideration. The policy of the government is plain.

If Echo indorses extensive land and water speculation by electing F. B. Holbrook to the legislature, she must not be surprised if the Echo irrigation project drags slowly along for years. Mr. Holbrook controls 42,000 acres of land lying contiguous to the government irrigation tract. He is selling this land with arbitrary water rights, for \$100 and more, per acre, when the government hopes to reclaim the same quality of land and sell it to actual settlers for not more than \$10 per acre.

Mr. Holbrook said from the platform at Echo yesterday, that he hoped to pass a law permitting him to bond water rights and sell them to Eastern capitalists, the very thing which the government has cried out against, the speculation in the water that belongs to the people. Mr. Holbrook said in plain words that his own interest was foremost, and that after this was served he would serve the interest of the state.

The East Oregonian expects to live

to defend the interests of Umatilla county as long as the county is on the map. It has taken the stand against Mr. Holbrook, believing that the government needs, and is entitled to the co-operation of the people of Umatilla county in furthering this plan to irrigate our idle lands. If we slap the government in the face, by electing the very man who is conducting a business especially objectionable to the reclamation service, can we expect favorable consideration? Can we expect speedy reclamation of the idle land of this county?

It is not malice nor prejudice that actuates the East Oregonian in its opposition to Mr. Holbrook, but it is an unflinching purpose to serve the interests of Umatilla county, in spite of politics or private interests.

Mr. Holbrook is altogether selfish in his claims of enthusiasm over irrigation. He was invited to attend the meeting of the state irrigation association in this city last November, but refused to come near. He never attended a session of the Umatilla and Morrow county irrigation association, and has exhibited no interest in irrigation which did not directly interest irrigator.

Mr. Newell is watching the situation in this county and upon the June election will largely depend the future action of the government at Echo.

The Morning Astorian, Senator Fulton's personal organ, is making a hard fight against the direct nominating primary amendment. It roundly criticises W. S. U'Ren, secretary of the direct Primary Nominating League, for saying that this amendment promises to abolish the "boss" in state politics, and makes the bold assertion that the "boss" is necessary in politics. This organ of Oregon's junior senator says a political boss is simply a man of superior attainments and leadership who gains control of voters through his ability to suggest winning policies. It says the power of the "boss" is recognized because his political experiences are "so wide" that his suggestions go unquestioned. Inasmuch as the people of all political parties are determined, on ridding the state of the "boss," it matters little what any selfish organ says in regard to the matter. It only weakens Senator Fulton with the people, to hear his private organ denouncing a policy which proposes to keep the functions of government in the hands of the people and out of the hands of the machines. If the people fail to pass the direct primary amendment, they must not complain of future corruption in state politics. The matter is in their keeping.

Every box of fruit sent out of Umatilla county this year, should bear the name of the grower and the name of the town from which it is shipped. Umatilla county has been doing the work and Walla Walla has been receiving all the glory for Milton and Freewater fruit, long enough.

Grover Cleveland said in a message to congress in 1893: "The speculator who stands with extortionate purpose between the land and those who with their families are invited by the government to settle on the public lands, is a despicable character, who ought not to be tolerated."

W. S. Mayberry, democratic candidate for school superintendent, is at home following the carpenter's trade. He is an able, efficient, plain, approachable man, and his attention to business should commend him to the people.

MADE IN HONOLULU.

"Down in Honolulu," said the man of many travels, "shaking dice in any public resort is prohibited by law, and the folk of gambling propensities have to resort to the spinning of the coin when they care to decide upon whom the honor of 'buying' shall fall.

"Now I always imagined that I was about as lucky in matching coins as the next person, and one night I readily agreed to play my part in the game of chance to see who would open the wine. But I was startled when my friends told me that I must spin my coin, allowing my opponent to call off 'heads' or 'tails' before it had flattened down on the bar. One of them pulled a dollar out of his pocket and began to spin it.

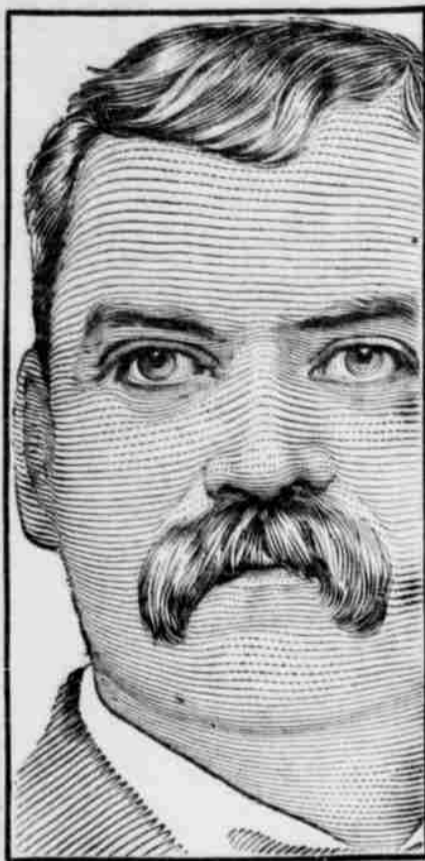
"Well, sir, I lost eight times hand running, and then I thought it time to call a halt. Just as a wild bluff I declared that if there was any more spinning to be done we would use one of my dollars. My friends good-naturedly agreed, and then they began to lose. At last one of them laughed and admitted that he might as well let me into the trick.

"He showed me the dollar which he had been spinning, and on the milled edge he pointed out the least little cut, which had been made so that a flake of silver stood out from the edge.

"Then he explained by spinning the dollar how the coin would have an entirely different ring when it began to settle down on the nicked side from that it gave forth when the uncut edge was underneath. Of course, if the nicked side was 'heads,' for instance, my opponents had no trouble in beating me, whether they spun the coin or I did. It was the clearest case of robbery that I have seen in many a long day."

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Cannon's Contraband.

Speaker Cannon emerged from the president's office and ran plumb into a crowd of newspaper correspondents.

"You might just as well give up," one of them remarked. "We are sorry to hold up the speaker and rob him of all he knows, but the news field is bare, and famine stares us in the face."

"Boys, I don't know a blessed thing," he exclaimed, regretfully, "and about the only thing I can do is to set 'em up." He reached into the inside pocket of his long black coat and fished out a handful of cigars. Some of them were little short fellows, some long and attenuated, and one was a monster, black as charcoal and half as large as your wrist.

"You can take your pick," he said, as he extended his offering. "Some of those were given me, some I bought and one I smuggled."

The first man that drew captured the big fat one.

"You're a smuggler's accessory," said the speaker. "The rest can choose in safety."—New York Tribune.

All Hugged the Hired Girl.

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