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For health, the mid-day sun,  
The impalpable air—for  
Life, mere life,  
For precious, over-lingering  
Memories,  
For all my days—not those  
Of peace alone—  
A special laurel ere I go, to  
Life's war's chosen ones,  
The cannoners of song and  
Thought—the great artillerists—  
The foremost leaders, captains of the  
Soul—  
Thanks, joyful thanks—a soldier's,  
Traveler's thanks.  
—Walt Whitman.

**STRAIN DID HIS DUTY.**

The average cost of assessing Umatilla county for seven years from 1895 to 1902, was \$5,063.75 per year, while the cost of assessing the county in 1903, by C. P. Strain, was but \$4,142, or \$921.75 less than the average.

Does this look like W. P. Temple's attack upon Mr. Strain could be supported by facts? Does this justify the untrue assertion that the assessment under Strain cost more than formerly?

The trouble with Mr. Temple is that he has perhaps escaped a large share of the just burden of taxation in former assessments and when called upon to pay on something near the worth of his land, he flies at the assessor who is trying to do his duty. Had Mr. Temple not been one of the very, very few republicans who have kicked on Mr. Strain's assessment for political capital, his weak attempt to injure Strain would have had more weight with considerate voters.

Strain was elected on the promise that he would raise railroad assessments and equalize other property values and he has done so, as far as is possible, in one assessment. Umatilla is a large county with varied interests and it is impossible for any one official to adjust and perfect the details of a \$9,000,000 property valuation in one short year, after many years of heedlessness, or incompetency had disorganized and demoralized the assessment of the county.

Even though Mr. Strain's assessment may lack many minor features that will be adjusted and perfected, later, it was such an improvement over former assessments, in which these loudest kickers escaped taxation, that the taxpayers will heartily endorse it at the polls next Monday.

The common people, the homeowners and middle classes upon whom the burden of taxation falls heaviest, are heartily in favor of Strain's policy, because he has raised the values on the property of the railroads to make them pay a just share and he has also raised values on the great tracts of wheat lands owned by the wealthy who are holding and farming this land for speculative purposes, while living in the towns.

This class of land, not occupied as homes, but owned in large bodies by non-residents and large holders living in the cities before Strain's assessment, did not pay an equal share with the little home on which the family lives and on which the earnings are spent in improvements. It is the large holder who is kicking, and the reason is apparent at a glance.

You people who elected Mr. Strain in 1902 by such a handsome majority can compliment yourselves that he has carried out the policy you chose at that time. He took the office in a demoralized condition and made the first assessment \$921 cheaper than it had been done for seven years before. What more do you ask?

Asa B. Thompson has denied the statements of F. B. Holbrook's friends that he is interested in an irrigation colonization scheme with Mr. Holbrook, as stated by Holbrook's supporters. Mr. Thompson is interested

in the general development of Umatilla county by government irrigation, in which actual homeseekers will enjoy the now idle land at moderate cost, and he hastens to clear himself of any complicity in Mr. Holbrook's promotion schemes. Mr. Thompson recognizes what an ill effect such schemes will have on the Butter creek irrigation project now being surveyed by the government. This was a frantic effort on the part of Mr. Holbrook's steers to give his schemes some semblance of stability in the eyes of the people, but it has failed.

The attack of the Oregonian on Dr. Edgar P. Hill of Portland, for his severe arraignment of the morals of Portland, is partly justified by local pride. While Portland may be extremely immoral, and extremely corrupt, yet there are millions of dollars invested there by people who are not responsible for this immorality and corruption, and to condemn the city publicly, in such bitter terms, will injure business and injure innocent people, and cannot reduce the evils condemned. To advertise Portland as the rottenest city in the country is to divert legitimate business away from the city and away from Oregon; it is to bring into unfavorable prominence the entire city, when only a small portion of the population is responsible and culpable; it will throw a damaging cloud of suspicion over the metropolis of the state, which will not induce clean homeseekers to come here, and it seems that while Dr. Hill's bitter arraignment may be needed and was justified largely by conditions, yet it has not helped his cause, and it has hurt Portland, which he, as a resident of Portland, should not wish to do. An ideal of the mind will not always do duty in the harness.

It looks now as if either McClellan of New York, or Folk of St. Louis will be nominated for president by the democratic convention, and in either instance, the country would witness one of the best races in the history of the two parties. Folk has a national reputation, and McClellan has an ancestry that would make him especially popular in all sections. Either of them will make a warm race for the "only Teddy," and while there seems to be every indication that Roosevelt will be the next president, yet he will be given a race that he will remember. Even with his great popularity, there will be much of the race that will not be smooth sailing for him. He cannot reconcile the South to his negro policy. The Booker T. Washington luncheon will always be a ghost in the closet of southern republicanism as long as Roosevelt is in office.

The whole foundation for the Tribune's attack on Judge Hartman was swept away by Horace Walker's frank admission that he and T. P. Gilliland, and not Judge Hartman, were responsible for the poor farm purchase. These two republican county commissioners agreed to purchase the Chapman farm, satisfied themselves as to the title and the price and authorized its purchase and if there was anything crooked in the deal, which there was not, they, and not Judge Hartman, are responsible. All the other groundless assaults made by the Tribune upon Judge Hartman were just as weak and unsupported as this one, and it has made friends for him by exhibiting its purely malicious motives.

**BUMPER HOBBO CROP.**

With a fine wheat harvest in prospect there is reason to look for a bumper hobo crop. The signs already point to an unusually large impouring of the weary visitors who are seeking all they may devour. Times are easy and the fat of the land is to be had almost for the asking. What brighter or more bountiful fields could these improvident wanderers find for a summer of idleness and contentment?

But the hobo has worn out his welcome in the wheat belt. There has been too much of him. For several seasons he has browsed on the best of pasturage and a period of uninterrupted leisure has made him "chesty," as the expression goes. Satisfied with his sovereignty, he has been intolerant of the rights of others. He has not troubled himself with laws governing the ownership of property; he has been insolent to the orderly citizen; he has been the terror of the housewife, and he has frightened the children. Plainly put, he has become an incubus, a non-producer, a parasite, a nuisance. He tells not, neither does he spin, and yet he lives comfortably at the expense of those who labor in the heat of the day. Manifestly, he is not a force in the community that is wanted.

Holding these views, the authorities of the affected districts have decided that the hobo must be forced to move on. He is not a useful factor when the time comes for garnering the grain, preferring, as he does, to bunco the wage earner, rifle the back porch larder and despoil the hen house. He is part of a vicious element, with no redeeming traits, and his room is more desired than his company. No community that has been afflicted with him can be blamed for demanding that he be driven forth.—Spokesman-Review.

**SOLIDARITY.**

I marvel often that men are so slow To honor heartily, in act and speech, The truth with which creation is aglow,  
The good of all is in the good of each.

How shall they doubt it who themselves are made  
Of many members woven into one?  
Nor know an aching finger unafraid,  
But by a single nerve are all undone?

How shall they doubt it who have kenneled the stars?  
Or caught the messages of leaves and grass?  
Since never discord yonder music mars,  
And every atom answers to the mass.

How shall they doubt it who have sipped of love?  
Or tasted of the joy of doing good?  
The wine of service from the feast above,  
The finest portion of the angels' food.

Within, without, above us or below,  
The word is everywhere from self to sun.  
Only the loving may its meaning know,  
But who so blind he feels not we are one?  
—Robert Whitaker.

**DESERT MADNESS.**

"It is not generally understood that the silence of the desert has a maddening effect upon the human brain," says a traveler in the Birmingham News, whose experiences are not often paralleled. "Monotony is more severe than anything else deriving its entire pain from mental effect. The monotony of silence is worse than any other kind.  
"Take a man away from the hum of the work of men and send him out on the alkali deserts of Arizona, and the deep silence becomes awful and is sometimes unbearable. All at once, without any previous symptoms, some member of the party may stop suddenly with a dazed look in his face and a wild expression in his eye. He is dangerous. His reason is torn in wild confusion. Anything or anybody familiar infuriates him.

"He must be disarmed and bound at once or he will deal death to the whole party. He is possessed of 'desert madness,' brought on by the monotony of silence. He suffers excruciating mental anguish. He needs to be relieved by being brought back to his accustomed surroundings.

"On this account men used to the desert refuse to go out with those with whom they are well acquainted. The mad man is not likely to attack a stranger. If there is no friend in the party his madness is likely to assert itself in running rather than in fighting. It is a fearful disease not yet understood."

**THE GAMBLERS' ALLY.**

A railroad company could not, it is true, be expected to use extraordinary vigilance to see that burglars never purchased tickets or rode on passenger trains from one city to another. But a railroad company that should go into the business of organizing a service of special night trains to enable bank robbers to escape, with the understanding that it should receive a very large part of the average profits of safebreaking, would be engaged in a distinct departure from the function of a common carrier. There is no flaw in the analogy.

The Western Union Telegraph Company, well knowing that the carrying on of the pool room business is a crime in New York, as it is in most states of the Union, had nevertheless acquired a monopoly of the collection and sale of the commodity which alone makes pool rooms possible, and had then gone deliberately into the business of helping the pool rooms to evade the officers of the law, on condition of sharing largely in their ill-gotten gains.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for June.

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