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Personal ambition is a mistake. The only man who can afford to be active in politics is he who does not want office and who is indifferent to political honors. It seems to me it is the duty of the preacher to inspire such men to take an active interest in public affairs; men who, if they do not live to hear the glad voices of the reapers, will find reward enough in the knowledge that they helped to break the ground and sow the seed. My three years' experience in politics has been worth everything it has cost. I have had a shocking revelation of the weaker side of human nature. I have also come to know men whose character and patriotism outweigh all the discouragements and leave a balance on the side of faith in man and hope for the republic.

REV. HERBERT S. BIGELOW.

THE MONGOL UPRISING.

The world knows as little of the true Mongols, hidden away in the Siberian fastnesses of Tomsk, as it does of the mysterious Tibetan capital, into which no Caucasian has ever set foot and lived to tell the tale.

The fanatical uprising of the Mongol tribes in Central Siberia, reported by the press dispatches, recalls to students of history one of the most wonderful periods in human history.

In the 13th century Asia was a Mongol stronghold from the Chinese seaboard even to the very forests of Poland and Germany.

Ghengis Khan conquered almost the whole of Central Asia in 1239 and 1240 and the Mongol kingdom contained more square miles and more teeming millions than any other empire in history.

For 6000 miles across Asia and Europe this barbarian despot held sway and levied tribute on India, Asia Minor, Arabia and Indo-China.

His savage hordes spared neither art, age, youth nor innocence in their marauding conquests. Fierce and brutal, unrestrained and fanatical they comprised the most destructive and ferocious force ever recorded in the annals of history.

They lived in the tent and the saddle. They preyed on every border land that promised booty, blood and crime to satiate their lust.

Finally this vast, seething, mouldering mass of humanity broke up into numberless kingdoms, tribes and hordes, each preying upon the other.

Along the very route of the Trans-Siberian railway, the Mongol migration started westward toward Rome. The Huns that swept the eternal city to the earth was the advance guard of that wonderful migration from Central Asia into Europe. One thousand years ago Hungary was founded by one of these straggling hordes of barbarians.

Turkey is the scion of another Mongol tribe that had its origin on the borders of the Pacific in Northern Manchuria and the whole of Eastern Europe is primarily of Mongol origin.

As the great torrent of the pastoral nations poured westward out of Asia, straggling tribes dropped by the wayside and planted themselves along the great inland rivers of Siberia, where today the only true Mongol blood is found.

For a full thousand years these brutal bands have lived pastoral, migratory lives, nursed their groveling superstitions and hated the multiplying Caucasian races, encroaching on their ancient domain.

The vast steppes of Tomak have nurtured the Mongol races. The repellent climate, the almost inaccessible region occupied by them and the non-productiveness of the country under their barbarian methods, have forbidden all but the meagerest contact with the civilized nations.

Today, in North Central Siberia,

the same dark groveling, fanaticism is found in all its original grotesqueness and ferocity that marked the meridian height of the reign of Ghengis Khan, in the 13th century.

Submitting outwardly to Russian arms, the ancient Mongols have repelled, inwardly, every invasion of even the Russian article of civilization and the announcement to these waiting hordes by impostor priests that their gods of sun, moon and fire have called them to cast off the foreign yoke and reestablish their olden kingdom, is responded to with a frenzy that startles even the phlegmatic Russian.

The scope and fury of a general Mongol uprising, fired with the zeal of a brutal and unreasoning fanaticism, is something appalling for Russia to think of. For a thousand years the passions and fury of the Mongol have lain dormant.

No awakening torch has touched the combustible frenzy of his nature. He has nursed his smoldering ferocity under quasi-restraint and now to see it kindled and turned loose upon the earth may well cause consternation.

An instance of corporate greed that deserves a severe rebuke by the courts has just come before the public in Yakima valley. The Washington Irrigation Company has secured magnificent water rights belonging to justice to the settlers on the farming lands and because the settlers refuse to pay an unjust toll of \$2.50 per acre per year for the use of water, the company threatens to shut off the water just at the critical irrigation period and permit crops to perish.

An injunction has been applied for to prevent this ruinous procedure and the matter will go into the courts. The cost of bringing water over the lands in question was about \$7 per acre, or \$1120 per 160 acres, and at \$2.50 per acre per year, or \$400 per 160 acres, for water privileges this corporation proposes to tax the settlers in Yakima valley 25 per cent per annum on an investment of \$1120 per quarter section for cost of irrigation system. The land is worth \$50 per acre or \$8,000 per 160 acres, making the water tax to this corporation 50 mills on the dollar or nearly double the amount of all other taxes combined.

In the first place the water rights should belong perpetually to the land adjacent to the stream, and should never be monopolized for speculation. In the second place, the extortion of the company thus taxing the people amounts to usury and should not be countenanced by any court. No wonder the government cries out against speculation in water, where such instances of injustice are found.

The surprising statement is made by the advocates of temperance that fully one-third of the area of the United States is now under strict prohibition through the operation of various local option regulations and state laws. The statement seems incredible at first glance and yet the United States is honeycombed with temperance communities, which have voluntarily adopted prohibition, such as Milton has done, independent of any general law. The growth of the idea is the most striking feature of 20th century politics.

The great and good Oregonian dispises plagiarism, condemns school orators who steal thoughts, words and phrases from others, and yet in a recent issue it appropriated an entire interview secured by the East Oregonian from C. J. Mihis, O. R. & Co., livestock agent, put a La Grande date line on the article and used it entire as its original market story for the day. Minchin was a saint beside the scissors editor who rummages the country press of its gems.

Every man must ally himself with either the good or the bad side of society. There are the only two forces. There is no half good nor half bad—everybody is either right or wrong. Every man must give some just and certain account of his influence in society in the final reckoning. As he is given intelligence just in that ratio is he responsible to humanity.

According to educational statistics only five per cent of American children get more than a public school education. Should not the public schools be closely guarded to give the other 95 per cent the best possible training? They must be made attractive enough to hold scholars to the finish.

There is a faint hope left that Perdicaris, the American consul kidnapped by Moroccan bandits, will not come to the United States on a lecture tour after his ransom. He is Greek and cannot speak good English. This may prevent the catastrophe.

An 11-months-old baby boy, extremely pretty, was picked up floating in a huge wad of wraps near North Brothers Island, immediately after the burning of the Slocum, and is as yet unclaimed and unidentified.

WAKE ME A SONG.

Out of the silences wake me a song. Beautiful, sad and soft and low; Let the loveliest music sound along. And wing each note with a wail of woe.

Dim and drear, And hope's last tear, Out of the silences wake me a hymn. Whose sounds are like shadows, soft and dim.

Out of the stillness in your heart— A thousand songs are sleeping there— Wake me a song, thou child of art! The song of a hope in a last despair.

Dark and low, A chant of woe, Out of the stillness, tone by tone, Cold as a snowflake, low as a moan.

Out of the darkness flash me a song. Brightly dark and darkly bright; Let it sweep as a lone star sweeps along The mythical shadows of the night. Sing it sweet, My soul to greet.

Where nothing is drear, dark or dim, And earth-song soars into heavenly hymn. —Father Ryan in Pittsburg Dispatch.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle free, also a Home of Swamp-Root pamphlet telling all about Swamp-Root, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

Sound business practice is as important, here, as the wealth of nature.

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- tea, coffee, baking powder, spices, flavoring extracts, apple soda.

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Advertisement for Building Materials. Includes text: 'Building Materials', 'OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS', 'SASH, DOORS and WINDOWS', 'Made to order. Building material, lime, cement, brick, sand, wood gutters for roofs and dwellings a specialty.', 'Oregon Lumber Yard', 'Alta Street, Opp. ...'

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