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There is a city whose gates are wide,
Its pavements pure and clean,
Where shadowy forms flit side by side
On the road called "Night Have Been."
But folks walk there with their heads bowed low,
And heavy eyelids wet.
For every corner is haunted so
In this, "The Land of Regret."
They meet the ghosts of those other years
In dreams of memory sweet,
And wet with passionate, frenzied tears
The graves which lie at their feet;
But never, long as their lives shall last,
Can they again forget
Who once have walked with ghosts of the past
In this, "The Land of Regret."
They feel the touch of a hand grown still,
Its fingers softly press,
The tender passion of kisses thrill
Their own in a fond caress.
Ah, me!—but pity the folks who stray
Where long the sun hath set,
And walk with the ghosts who've laid away
In this, "The Land of Regret."
—Pall Mall Gazette.

FOR PENDLETON'S BENEFIT.

Just now while Pendleton and Umatilla county are seen at their best while the bumper wheat crop is ripening, while the city is in her gayest robes of flowers and foliage and while the country is heavy laden with all the various crops for which it is noted, an excursion should be run from Portland and all by-stations to the great feast and celebration to be held by the Umatilla Indians during the Fourth of July week, on the reservation.

Portland and the Willamette valley cities would be deeply interested in this feast and in these grotesque orgies of the Indians. The people of Umatilla county do not appreciate the historical value and interest of these Indian celebrations, because of their constant contact with the Indians, but people from a distance would enjoy them and it would serve to further advertise the wonderful interests of Umatilla county and Pendleton. No other city in the West has the historical environment that Pendleton and the Umatilla Indian reservation enjoy.

If the Commercial Association would invite the surrounding country to witness these Indian festivities, the railroads would be glad to run excursions for the occasion, from all points to accommodate visitors to this city. Arrangements could be made to run the excursions on the days that would be most highly interesting in the Indian celebration, and thousands of the residents of the metropolis would take advantage of this unique Oregon celebration.

As the tribes of the West become more and more imbued with the white man's ways, they lose interest in their native celebrations, and the historical value of an Indian feast and dance should not be underestimated by those interested in the progress of the country. It is worth the effort to bring the crowds here.

Baker City expects to run an excursion from Portland during the sessions of the mining congress in the latter city in August. Pendleton can bring thousands of visitors here right at a time when she would be seen at her best, and should not miss the opportunity.

The issue of Mormonism and polygamy is becoming more and more plainly drawn in Idaho, and instead of the fall election being waged

around Roosevelt and the unknown democratic candidate for president. Idaho will fight out the question of polygamy in her homes, and from advance indications the fight will be extremely bitter yet non-partisan. In Southeastern Idaho, where the Mormon settlement is most dense, schools, politics, public policy and county offices are dominated by the Mormon vote. That section of the state is the Mormon stronghold, and in speaking of it, the Boise Statesman says, in disputing the statement of Judge Quarles that Idaho can suppress polygamy: "How would he punish a polygamist in any of the southeastern counties of Idaho? Does he suppose a polygamist could be held for trial there or that a jury would convict? Does he think officers of any of those counties would arrest offenders, or that the magistrates would issue warrants for their arrest? Does he think a prosecution could be inaugurated or maintained? If he does think so he does not understand the situation. This is not a temporary condition that will change with the passing of some wave of public prejudice; it is fixed and unchangeable. A great church, exercising unbounded power, controls the sentiment of its members on the question, and, so long as it shall exist, it will make it impossible for any state where it has many members to suppress the practice of polygamy."

The young painter of New York, whose picture, "The Peace Pipe," last year took the first Hallgarten prize available for American artists under 35, can hope to add nothing to the fame of the Umatillas by distributing portraits of them through the art galleries of the East. Major Lee Moorhouse, with his world-famous photographs has introduced the Umatilla Indians to the world, fully and artistically. The Photographic Annual, the highest art collection of photographs made in the United States, which circulates through the very heart of the exclusive art world of Europe and America, has placed this people before the artistic spheres of both continents in a thrilling and interesting manner. Five of Major Moorhouse's best Indian photographs appear in the 1904 number of this collection, accompanied by an article from him on Indian photography, which has been quoted all over the world as authority on Indian photography. The hints dropped by Major Moorhouse's art have induced Eanger Irving Couse, one of the most famous young American artists to make a summer trip to the Umatilla reservation, for the purpose of studying their characteristics, in hopes of getting new art ideas from contact with the tribe. His pictures are noted for their originality and dash, but whatever he does in the line of portraying native Umatilla characteristics, or surroundings, must now take a second place in the art world, for the Moorhouse photographs have preceded him to the hall of fame.

Every day records the death of one or more of the pioneers of Oregon. Soon the roster of those who came in the fifties will contain no names of living heroes. It is now half a century since that great immigration of the fifties poured into Oregon. Most of the hardy men and women who dared the wilderness were at that time in the early prime of life, so those who remain are nearing, or past the three score and ten mark, and many of them are crowding the century mark. The honor of having been a pioneer of the fifties will increase, as the world comes to know and understand the Oregon country more closely.

Annually, for many years, the single survivor of an Illinois regiment, which fought gallantly in the Mexican war, holds a reunion, calls the roll of the dead, and in a single, solemn audience with himself pays tribute to those gone and to the deeds of valor that distinguished his soldier band. The old fellow probably feels that if he is lonesome he is still in pretty good company with himself and his memories of the olden time.

Commissioner General Alexandrovsky has officially announced the abandonment of the proposed participation of Russia in the St. Louis exposition, and it is now stated that Mr. Hajimeota, assistant commissioner general from Japan, has announced that every foot of exhibit space that is given up by Russia will be applied for by Japan.

WEAPONS THAT KILL.

Those picturesque weapons—the bayonet, the saber and the lance—things of bulk and glitter, figure more largely in war news, no doubt, than they do in the casualties of the Russians and the Japanese.

Cold figures have long differed radically from word pictures and battle paintings as to the damage done by "cold steel" under the conditions of modern war. The Army and Navy Journal has published data bearing upon this question which is of especial interest while the struggle be-

tween Russia and Japan is still young and its chances are the subject of universal speculation.

It is shown that in the Civil War out of 240,712 wounds treated by the surgeons of the Union army only 922, or about four-tenths of one per cent, were caused by bayonets and sabers. Who could have guessed that anything like that very small proportion from the literature of the war period? In the Crimean war, where the Russian tendency to get to close quarters was encouraged by the conditions of the conflict, the saber and the bayonet were more active, causing 2 1/2 per cent of the wounds received by the British and French soldiers.

But in the Franco-German war of 1870-71 the bayonet and the saber together could claim less than one-third of one per cent of the casualties suffered by the German armies. It is the bullet and the shell, especially the rifle projectile, no thicker than a lead pencil, neither picturesque like the saber nor imposing like the masses of steel and iron hurled out of great guns, which has always in modern times done the really destructive work of war. So, undoubtedly it is the rifle which is the chief weapon of the conflict between Russia and Japan—Cleveland Leader.

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