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'Tis not in the pages of story The heart of its ills to beguile. Though he that makes courtship to glory Gives all that he hath for her smile. But when from her heights he has won her, Alas! It is only to prove That nothing's so sacred as honor. And nothing's so loyal as love. We cannot make bargains for blisses, Nor catch them like fishes in nets; And sometimes the thing our life misses Helps more than the things which we get. For good lieth not in pursuing Nor gaining of great nor of small; But just in the doing and doing As we would be done by to all. —Alice Carey.

Pendleton is prepared to catch trade "coming and going." She is shipping tons of ice to cool and tons of blankets to warm the needy human species.

The cheerful kicker is a more useful citizen than the resigned saint who suffers injustices to be heaped upon him. Kicking is no crime if you kick hard enough at the right time.

General Miles is a modest, unassuming man, and can bend gracefully to circumstances, but the long step from the champagne of army circles to the town pump of a prohibition convention will tax the old warrior's powers of adaptability.

Nature seems always to hold a reserve of destructive elements ever ready to strike at prosperity in Kansas. When the hot winds fall to kill crops, floods are turned loose to draw them. The pest never fails to materialize at the right time.

The democratic delegation from California to the national convention, left San Francisco yesterday on a special train—one car of delegates and two cars of wine. It really begins to look like a Hearst victory. It would be a shame to have it said that two full carloads of the California vintage accomplished nothing.

Damages recovered in money for loss of life, can never restore the vital spark nor rebuild the shattered household altars. It seems cruel and debased and heartless to measure the loss of a child or parent by such a meaningless standard as dollars and cents, and yet it some fear of penalty did not restrict the corporations on land and sea, more desperate risks would be taken and more criminal carelessness would be practiced in handling human freight. Suits will be filed against the owners of the Slocum for damages for at least a portion of the 1000 lives snuffed out through their disastrous carelessness. If the right laws prevailed and were enforced rigidly, insuring reasonable safety, such death traps would not menace the public. Instead of making laws to recover after lives are lost, if people would turn their attention to more intelligent and practical legislation to prevent accident, these horrors would be reduced to the minimum. The people are to blame for such disasters. They tolerate law-breakers and law evasion. The thumbscrews of restriction are in the hands of the people. They can tighten them down or relax the tension to suit themselves. If they fix the measure of human life as a mere matter of dollars and cents, the corporations will take the risk. Well enforced laws for the prevention of carelessness are more sane than laws for the recovery of damages through legalized carelessness.

OREGON, THE DESPISED.

There was a touch of justifiable bitterness in the voice of Joaquin Miller, as he spoke to the Indian war veterans of Oregon, at the Fourth of July celebration at Pendleton in 1896.

Part of a short address he made at that time, accompanies his poem, "The Fourth in Oregon," recited at that time and now published in his complete works.

Miller is a hearty hater and a fervent lover and his extremes of sentiment are the most marked characteristics of his writings.

Smarting under the memory of the treatment of the heroes of the early Indian wars in Oregon, by the United States government, he says, in a dramatic and touching strain:

"The story of Oregon, glowing with great deeds, tragedy, drama—surpasses anything in the history of any other state, east or west, old or new. When the paw of the British lion reached down from Canada and laid heavy hand on Oregon, these pioneers met under their great firs and proclaimed to the world that they were not British subjects, but American citizens.

"Marcus Whitman mounted horse in midwinter and set out alone to ride 3000 miles and lay the facts before the president. Yet the government never lifted a hand to help save Oregon to the nation.

"So far from that, a senator arose in his seat and literally denounced all effort in that direction by saying: 'I would to God we had never heard of that country; we do not want a foot of ground on the Pacific ocean, Webster himself was hardly less cruel.

"But undaunted, Whitman gathered up hundreds of wagons and led back to Oregon; the first that ever crossed the plains. He saved Oregon but he lost his life and all his home.

"Then the pioneers, to avenge the massacre, declared war on their own account, fought it to a finish without ever so much as a man or a gun from the government, made peace on their own account, then went to work and dug their own gold from their own ground, and then with their own hands coined it and paid their war debts and from the first, kept their paper with its face in virgin gold.

"The coins were made of virgin gold with a sheaf of wheat on one side and a beaver on the other, the wheat showing the richness of the soil and the beaver symbolizing the industry of the people. Oregon is the only division of the government that ever coined gold under authority of law.

"More than once every man and boy who could carry a gun or drive a team, was in the field. My father and his three sons, aged 10, 12 and 14, were all at one time teamsters in a supply train, following the marauding savages.

"And the government has paid for these services, tardily, if at all. The meanness is incredible. There are millions still due Oregon. Some of those veterans who saved the state are needy now and it makes one blush for his country to see them treated so meanly, even to the last."

Oregon schools should teach more of Oregon. The facts surrounding the discovery and formation of these marvelous Northwest states are too sparingly taught. It is now a century since the first great crusade pierced the Western wilds and written history has not kept pace with the material progress of this region.

Volumes are yet unwritten about Oregon, and many of those already written are unread. Oregon, once despised, is now the Mecca and shrine of hundreds of thousands of hungry hearted settlers, tired of the narrow rock-bound New England coast, and its century old ways.

RUSSIA IN PALESTINE.

According to a recent Russian consular report, six years ago 9000 children attended the Russian schools in Syria. The number is now 20,000.

Last spring a Russian squadron under Rear Admiral Krieger paid a visit to Jaffa, from which point his men visited by rail Jerusalem. They found there that among all the foreign Christian communities Russia had taken the lead throughout the Holy Land, and especially in Jerusalem, in buying land and in building and establishing missions, schools, hospitals and monasteries.

The Russian "New Jerusalem," with its fine modern buildings, forms a little town of itself—a fortress that commands Jerusalem. Russia has bought one-third of the Mount of Olives and enclosed it and the Gethsemane church by a wall, while from beyond the Jordan there can be seen the lofty Russian tower built on the summit of the mount, and close to the Church of the Ascension. The Russian Palestine society has existed nearly a quarter of a century, and it plays a very important part as the tool of pan-Slavism in Syria and Palestine. Its president is the Grand Duke of Serge, and among its members are the powerful leaders of the pan-Slav movement.

Russia is sparing no expense in the task of educating the native children;

thus, the leading scholars attending the schools for natives are sent to Russia, where they remain for two or three years in a seminary; then as a rule a Russian wife is found for them, and they return to Palestine as teachers. This fact explains the strong Russian leanings possessed by the Arabian teachers and thereby Russia's influence in Syria and Palestine increases daily.

ON UMATILLAS' FEAST.

The Oregon Daily Journal, in speaking of the coming feast and Fourth of July celebration on the Umatilla reservation, says:

"Pendleton papers announce that among the local attractions of Fourth of July will be the great feast and celebration of the Umatilla Indians, and the suggestion is made that an excursion should be run from Portland and way points so as to enable as many as possible to witness these strange ceremonies of a disappearing race.

"The suggestion is an excellent one. Comparatively few of the people of Oregon have witnessed these Indian festivals, and few, therefore, appreciate their interest. To the mere sightseer as well as to the student of aboriginal history the annual celebration by the Umatillas is well worth seeing. The famous fire dance of the Yaqui Indians, which attracts thousands of visitors every year, is not more grotesque nor more curious than the strange orgies of this northern tribe, which from year to year performs the savage rites handed down from times immemorial.

The opportunity to study these mystic practices of the red men, having their origin long before the coming of the paleface, grows less each year, as the civilizing influences about them slowly alienate the Indians from the customs of their ancestors.

To the student of early American history the spectacle is of intense interest and can not fail to be of great value. To the tourist or the seeker after some new thing the sight is strange and weird in the extreme. Pendleton offers a Fourth of July week attraction which should bring many visitors within its gates."

COMING EVENTS.

- Eastern Oregon Medical Association, Hot Lake, July 7. Trades and Mardi Gras Carnival, Portland, June 28-July 9. National Guard Encampment, Washington, Idaho and Oregon, American Lake, Idaho, July 7-21. August 22-27—American Mining Congress, Portland. National Irrigation Association, El Paso, Texas, November 15-18.

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