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Did you ever think of the fact that, on all sides, we are constantly touching our fellow-beings? For good or for evil, others are continually effected by what we do, say, think, feel and are. If we place a bouquet of flowers on a table in a room, the fragrance soon fills the whole atmosphere. An odor, whether good or bad, is at once detected if we approach the substance from which it emanates. In like manner we are each of us silently saturating the atmosphere about us with the subtle aroma of our character. In the family circle, besides and beyond all teaching, the daily life of each member mysteriously modifies the life of every person in the household. The same process, but on a wider scale, goes on throughout the community. No man liveth to himself. Others are built up and strengthened by our unconscious actions or thoughts, while still others may be wrenched out of shape and thrown prostrate because of some malign, though unconscious influence thrown out from ourselves.—Will M. Maupin, in the Commoner.

With the republicans of Washington split over the railroad question, and those of Idaho split over the Mormon issue, it looks like democratic victories in both of Oregon's near neighbors.

The Oregon women's suffragists are beginning slowly to prepare for another trial of equal suffrage. Their persistence, like that of the prohibitionists, will finally result in triumph. It is thought by observant politicians. Three years ago, the idea of Oregon carrying for a strictly prohibition measure, would have been hooted to the echo. Times change, thought changes, public sentiment changes, and no man can judge the future by the past, or even by its nearer neighbor, the present.

Perhaps no other city in the Northwest is so nearly deserted by business men, families, employes and all classes of people during the hot weather as Pendleton. Half of the offices are working "short handed," the business houses have doubled up the duties to permit the employes to go to the coast, one at a time, and everybody makes excuses for being so busy because of absence of help, that life is made strenuous for a couple of months, while the sea shore and the mountains are beckoning. This wholesale pleasure seeking, wholesale vacation, is one of the surest indications of prosperity among all classes. In towns of less business activity, less push, less life and virile commercial spirit, this practice does not prevail to such an extent.

So far as is known now, J. A. Borie, president of the Commercial Association of this city, is the only man in Eastern Oregon, in a position of this kind, who is taking an active part in collecting exhibits to advertise the resources of the state. Mr. Borie, in the capacity of president of the Commercial Association, has been working quietly, through friends in different portions of Umatilla county to collect a modest agricultural exhibit of our resources for the Oregon Information Bureau, in Portland. While he has the moral support of everybody he has been pursuing the work alone, and deserves the gratitude and praise of the county for his public-spirited effort. The farmers of Umatilla county are invited to cooperate with Mr. Borie in collecting a few choice specimens of grains, fruits, grasses, and all other products that would advertise the state. There is a call, every day, for something that will enlighten the stranger on the resources of this county, which has a world wide reputation.

RESULTS FROM IRRIGATION.

Here is a brief description of the benefits of irrigation in Montana. It was furnished to the officials in Washington by a citizen of the state, and the scene of the operations is near Missoula.

In 1900 a tract of land containing 3185 acres was purchased, upon which at that time four families were residing and having a hard struggle to make a living. An irrigation system costing about \$5000 was constructed, the laterals covering about 480 acres. As soon as the water was turned in the ditch this land was put on the market at 200 per acre, on five years' time, the purchaser paying 10 per cent of the purchase price down, and the balance in 60 equal monthly payments. There was no difficulty in disposing of the land at this price.

Some of the owners of five-acre tracts are now getting as much as \$1500 each year from the sale of the products of their farms. Last year 10 acres of this land sold for \$3300, the same tract having been sold for \$2000 in 1901. The success of the first ditch was so pronounced that another and larger irrigation system costing \$19,000, was constructed to reclaim the balance of the tract. It has practically all been sold at from \$150 to \$200 per acre since the ditch was finished. As an illustration of what water will do on Montana land, this is probably as good an example as can be furnished. In 1900 there were but four farms of 2185 acres. Today there are 400 families living in prosperity and content and deriving a comfortable living from the cultivation of tracts which in other sections of the country would not be considered as fair-sized gardens.

Umatilla county will be represented by at least 30 delegates at the mass meeting to be held in Portland on August 2 and 3 for the purpose of organizing the Oregon Development League. The city council will tonight appoint 10 delegates from the city of Pendleton. The Commercial Association and the county are already represented by 10 each. As the railroads have made a one fare rate for that occasion, it is hoped that every man appointed will attend. It will show the proper friendly feeling toward Portland, which will result in more determined effort on the part of that city to help Eastern Oregon, when occasion arises. It is not an idle mission. It means something that will bear fruition, perhaps not tomorrow, nor this year, but which will grow into a ripened friendship, a commercial and industrial union, as the years unfold the resources of this great state.

That Pendleton is one of the best horse markets in the Northwest, is proved by the number of sales made in this city during the past month. As near as can be learned, 115 head of heavy work horses have been sold here since June 10, the prices ranging from \$65 to \$125, according to the size of the horse. Some of this stock has been driven overland from Walla Walla county, a distance of 145 miles, some from Grant county, some from Union and a large number from Southern Umatilla. The farming communities tributary to Pendleton, use good horses and will buy no other kind and those contemplating a sale of horses here must bear this in mind. Not only does the farming interests demand good horses, but a large number of the best teams to be found in any city in Oregon are used daily on Pendleton's streets in handling the immense traffic of the city.

NINE MILLION NEGROES.

The New Age, a Portland paper edited by a negro, has the following to say of the negro population of the United States: "Recent figures from the census bureau show that there are now more than 9,000,000 people of the colored race in the United States. Think of that; the colored people of this country number 9,000,000, more or less free people, as compared with about 4,000,000 blacks when Lincoln freed the slaves 41 years ago. "Five hundred and eighty-four years ago the first black slaves were landed at Jamestown, Va.; they and all their descendants were slaves for over 300 years, with no chance of education or enlightenment or progress; under over 250 years of slavery they multiplied to 4,000,000; in 40 years of freedom, under very embarrassing conditions, and always more or less handicapped by a lot of maneuvering, unconscionable politicians, who never cared a penny for a tinker's dam for the whole negro race, but only for their votes, they have grown to over 9,000,000; and while many of them are in comparative mental and moral ignorance yet—why not?—they are slowly and surely working their way onward and upward."

ODD EFFECTS OF ALTITUDE.

The British Tibet expedition, which has required the existence of troops at altitudes of from 10,000 to 15,700 feet above sea level, has furnished a number of instances of the effect of a high elevation on life and habits. There has been considerable mountain sickness among the men, who

were quite unused to such altitudes, and also a large amount of indigestion due to undercooked food.

At elevations of 15,000 feet water boils at about 180 degrees Fahrenheit, and, consequently, the ordinary amount of cooking is quite inadequate. At such a height it is almost impossible to boil rice properly, while of the several kinds of dal, or ordinary red lentil of India, there is only one variety that can be cooked at heights over 10,000 feet. For such elevations there should have been provided cooking vessels with airtight lids provided with safety valves, which would blow off at a pressure of 15 pounds to the square inch, or approximately that of the atmosphere at sea level.

Another effect of the altitude and temperature was the difficulty in the operation of the magazines of the rifles and mechanism of the Maxim guns on account of the congealing of the oil, which lost its lubricating properties. This could have been remedied by supplying glycerine for lubricating purposes.—Harper's Weekly.

THE SOUL'S HOUR.

All day I have toiled at the busy mill Where souls are ground and money is made; All day, till my temples throb and throb With the whirring wheels of trade. All day I have gripped the trenchant steel, And grappled with columns black and grim, Till tonight I am taint and my senses reel, And the glory of God seems faint and dim.

And so I have come to this quiet room To sit in the darkness and touch the keys— To waken the ghost and the lost perfume Of the soul's dead flowers with my harmonies.

And here, alone, for a single hour, I can dream and idle and drift away; I can touch the ghost of a passion-flower— I can catch the gleam of a vanished day.

I can gather the lilies of long ago, That bloomed by a path which a baby trod, And love's first roses, as white as snow, That are blossoming now at the feet of God.

O, stainless lilies, and roses white, O, passion-flower, with your petals red! You are mine once more for an hour, tonight, Though the heart be dumb and the years be dead.

O, scented summer of long ago! O, vanished day, with your gleam of gold! O, blood-red lips and neck of snow! You are mine once more, as in days of old.

Just for tonight, for at early dawn I am back to the grovel of greedy lust Where the wheels of traffic go whirling on, And souls are ground into golden dust. —Albert Bigelow Paine.

Two hundred people witnessed a ball game at Brighton Park, a suburb of Cleveland, and were hurled to the ground by the collapse of the grand stand, Monday, and 29 legs and arms were broken.

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