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Forever upward, onward press, Whatever winds curse or caress: "As some divinely gifted man, Whose life in low estate began, And on a simple village green, Who breaks his birth's inviolate bar, And grasps the skirts of happy chance, And breathes the blows of circumstance, And grapples with his evil star, Who makes by force his merit known." -Selected.

RAILROADS ARE WANTED.

If the O. R. & N. will only transfer this road from Arlington to Condon, from the newspapers to the solid earth, it will be a real benefactor to the state.

While railroads are not missionaries, going into virgin fields, in advance of settlement, yet there is sufficient business in the interior of Oregon to justify a railroad, in fact a half dozen of them, to cover the immense territory properly, and this branch to Condon will be no experiment.

The Columbia Southern and Sumpter Valley roads are two of the best paying investments in Oregon, and the Condon branch will be no whit less valuable.

Aside from getting all the business now found in the interior, a railroad will increase business. Thousands of acres of land are now uncultivated in those interior districts, because transportation facilities are so poor that it does not pay to raise grain and hay unless one owns stock with it, so with the advent of the road, business will multiply and settlement will follow.

It is sincerely hoped that this is not one of the periodical paper railroads, held up before the suffering Oregonians, like the brazen serpent of old, for the temporary and imaginary alleviation of their transportation illness.

It has been noticed by the people of the interior and Eastern Oregon that the Portland papers build about as many paper railroads as the Baker City papers—every gathering in Portland being the occasion for the immediate construction of a road into Central Oregon.

Judges Lowell told Portland what would happen some of these days, when he said that the trade of Central Oregon would be diverted to San Francisco, over new lines piercing Oregon from the south, if Portland and the roads leading into that city do not make a move to get a first mortgage on that trade.

The same condition prevails with regard to the rich Wallows valley. If the O. R. & N. does not soon extend its Elgin branch into Wallows, the Northern Pacific will slip up Snake river and over the Sheep Creek divide and will be at the gates of Joseph before the country is aware, and all the immense traffic locked up in that rich and growing community will go to the Puget Sound, by way of Lewiston and the Northern Pacific.

The merchant marine commission which has just visited Portland, expresses regret that American shipping is not carried on more exclusively in American vessels, and is seeking a cause for this condition of affairs. If the commission really desires a reason for the supremacy of foreign ships in American commerce, it need not go far to find it. In the first place the gigantic American corporations which are capable of handling such problems as lines of ocean vessels, look to the government for a subsidy, a grant, before attempting the venture. They are encouraged by the actions of the government in other lines, and are hoping for such gifts

The railroad corporations in the Philippines are guaranteed five per cent on their investment by the government. American navigation companies expect the same favor, and failing to get it, refuse to engage in the business. Vessels can be built and operated in America as cheaply as anywhere in the world, for a great amount of the foreign building material is sent from this country. The traffic invites the American to engage in it, but the subsidy idea, the graft mania has become so strong in this country that capital refuses to venture without government gifts in advance.

One of the worst mistakes connected with the very interesting exposition at St. Louis is the Sunday closing, says Collier's Weekly. Nobody loses more by it than the champions of real religion, for nothing could do more to cool a people toward religion than an act so out of accord with the feelings of the time. How the error came to be made nobody seems to know. The provision was made a condition of the national government's contribution several years ago, but what influences led the government to make the provision we have been unable to learn. It may have been merely the idiosyncrasy of some one congressman. We have heard, with skepticism, that brewing influences were behind it. Certainly the brewers, the St. Louis restaurants and the keepers of billiard halls are the only gainers, and especially the brewers, for the crowds which would have been having refining pleasure at the exposition grounds now have a somewhat less refining pleasure drinking beer by thousands in the resorts with which St. Louis is surrounded. It would be a good thing if the forces which caused this mistake at Washington could be uncovered.

The Chamber of Commerce Bulletin for August, issued by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, is an especially interesting and valuable number. The publication is growing in usefulness and scope with every issue, and is looked forward to by Oregon as an index finger pointing to the true commercial and industrial conditions of the state. Among the features of the Bulletin for August, especially interesting to Eastern Oregon, is an article on "Oregon Ranges," by C. J. Mills, livestock agent for the O. R. & N. Mr. Mills knows his subject and has a charming and entertaining way of treating it.

The Boise Capital News and the Evening Bulletin have consolidated, the Bulletin losing its identity and the News increasing in interest and enterprise by its added influence and strength. The News is one of the foremost independent papers in the Northwest and is making advances every month. Boise appreciates the evening paper, as do all other progressive cities and the News is outstripping all opposition in its field.

DIMINISHING PUBLIC LANDS.

The rapidly increasing rate from year to year at which the best of the public lands are passing out of government control is shown by the following table:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Acres. 1898: 8,453,896.92; 1899: 9,182,412.16; 1900: 13,453,887.96; 1901: 15,562,796.30; 1902: 19,488,535.30; 1903: 22,824,299.00

Total: 88,965,828.64. The figures that I have presented showing rapid and unparalleled concentration of capital in many of the industrial pursuits of life, and that the inclination and the ability to own and control vast bodies of public land were never as great as at the present time.

The figures that I have presented showing the rapid decrease in the public domain from year to year during the past six years clearly proves my assertion. The repeal of the desert land act and the commutation clause of the homestead act and the timber and stone act, and a fixed policy on the part of the government never to issue another acre of scrip or to endow an institution with land, will practically preserve the remaining public land for actual settlers, for it must be apparent to all that a homestead act that requires five years' residence and cultivation of the soil will seldom be used by the speculator—Senator Paris Gibson.

THE CATTLE TO DIP.

With all respect to the opinion of the bureau of animal industry, the guardian of animal health, the cattle to dip are the stockers.

Cattle intended for immediate slaughter will never spread mange over the range. After their meat has gone into consumption and their hides have been tanned they will cease to figure as a menace to bovine health.

But with cattle that are to winter on the range, or go into feed lots, it is a different proposition. By treating them, scabies may not only be controlled, but eradicated.

The bureau will do well to confine its mange suppression efforts to stock cattle and let those intended for slaughter, alone. This remark applies to subsequent seasons as well as the present. -Livestock World

THE ASSASSIN'S WORK.

The New York World compiles the following list of assassinations and attempted assassinations of rulers and public men since 1800:

- Napoleon I., attempted December 24, 1800. Paul, Czar of Russia, March 24, 1801. Spencer Percival, premier of England, May 11, 1812. George IV., attempt, January 28, 1817. Andrew Jackson, president United States, attempt, January 30, 1835. Louis Philippe of France, many attempts from 1835 to 1846. Frederick William, of Prussia, attempt, May 22, 1859. Francis Joseph, of Austria, February 18, 1853. Ferdinand, Charles III., duke of Parma, March 27, 1854. Isabella II., of Spain, three attempts from 1855 to 1858. Daniel, prince of Montenegro, Aug. 13, 1860. Abraham Lincoln, president United States, April 14, 1865. Michael, prince of Serbia, June 10, 1868. Prim, marshal of Spain, December 28, 1870. Richard, earl of Mayo, governor general of India, February 8, 1872. Abdul Aziz, sultan of Turkey, June 4, 1876. William I., of Prussia, three attempts, from 1861 to 1878. Alexander II., czar of Russia, six attempts and finally killed by explosion of bomb, March 13, 1881. Mohammed Ali, pasha, September 7, 1878. Lytton, lord, viceroy of India, attempt, December 12, 1878. Alfonso XII., of Spain, two attempts, 1878-79. Brattiano, premier of Roumania, attempt, December 14, 1880. James A. Garfield, president United States, July 2, 1881. Carter H. Harrison, mayor of Chicago, October 28, 1893. Marie Francois Carnot, president of France, June 24, 1894. Nasr-ed-Din, shah of Persia, May 1, 1896. Stambuloff, premier of Bulgaria, July 25, 1895. Canovas del Castillo, prime minister of Spain, August 8, 1897. Juan Ylardegui, president of Uruguay, August 25, 1897. Jose Maria Reyna Barrios, president of Guatemala, February 18, 1898. Empress Elizabeth, of Austria, September 10, 1898. Edward VII., of England, attempt, April 4, 1900. Humbert, king of Italy, July 29, 1900. William McKinley, president United States, September 6, 1901. Alexander, king of Serbia, June 11, 1902. Draga, queen of Serbia, June 11, 1903. Governor General Bobrikoff, of Finland, June 16, 1904. Von Plehve, Minister of the Interior of Russia, July 28, 1904.

WHAT DIAZ HAS DONE.

To understand fully what the passing of Diaz means to Mexico, it is necessary to understand something of what he has accomplished, and how absolutely he controls the affairs of his country. Before Diaz, there was chaos; since his advent, there has been order.

He gained power through revolution and instantly became the champion of peace. Endowed with a marvelous knowledge of human nature, he called about him men of ability on whom he could depend, and built up an organization the like of which does not exist in any other country.

Revolutionary tendencies and brigandage he put down with an iron hand, and offered a guarantee of peace to the millions of American and European capital seeking investment abroad. He put the ballot aside as premature because of his intimate familiarity with the emotional characteristics of the Mexican race, but at the same time took occasion to carefully guard and encourage republican forms.

In the 20 years that he has continuously governed Mexico, Porfirio Diaz has been the beginning and the end of all Mexican politics, and the peace which the country has enjoyed, and the wonderful progress it has made, constitute a striking argument in favor of autocratic government.—From "The Successor of Diaz in the Mexican Presidency," by Austin C. Brady, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for August.

Costliest Atoms in the World.

There are some people, no doubt, who fancy that \$160,000 an ounce is quite enough to give for anything in the world, and yet from all appearances there is little doubt that this price will come to be looked upon as a very modest one for radium. The action of the Austrian government in restricting the mining of pitchblende in Bohemia is already having its effect, and the mighty atoms become more valuable every day. As an instance of the manner in which the precious material is regarded, we need only mention the demand that is made for the mere loan of a specimen of radium. It is of 1,800,000 activity, and has a distance of eight feet. For the few specks of yellowish

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A Perpetual Freeze.

While the people of Denver, Col., are sweltering in the first hot weather of the summer, a little mountain lake only 45 miles away lies calmly enjoying its perpetual freeze—the lake is solid ice. This is what C. A. Parker found in charge of the telegraph construction of the Moffat railroad in the shadow of James peak on the continental divide. Perpetual snows blanket the mountain on the side not reached by the sun, and amid the wintry scene of glacial whiteness lies the little lake, one big lump of ice. How long the lake has been frozen no one knows. Sometimes it melts, but this year it has not shown any signs of accumulating to the higher temperature.

Fame is dearly bought at the expense of conscience.



WHEN BABY COMES.

Where did you come from, baby dear? Out of the every where into the here. Where did you get your eyes so blue? Out of the sky as I came through. What makes the light in them sparkle and spin? Some of the starry spikes let in. Where did you get that little fear? I found it waiting when I got here.

The fact is as sad as it is true that the baby finds the tear waiting to dull its blue eyes, and stain its soft cheeks. At the first it "has no language but a cry." Its one necessity is but to give expression to its suffering, and for that a tear suffices.

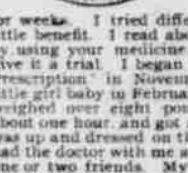
The mother who stoops in anguish over the waiting child would do anything to ease its suffering. But she is helpless. The time when she could have done so much for her child is past. She did not realize that in those anxious nervous days when she shrank from the ordeal of motherhood she was preparing suffering for the baby.

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