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It is appropriate to the blossoming and nesting time of the year, that love and mating should stir the breast, and if love and mating, why not divorce? They are the blossoms, these are the fruit. To have no divorces, presupposes infallibility of judgment of every boy and girl, man or woman. It presupposes the same likes, dislikes and affinities, character and development, at 40 as at 20. Are human beings infallible in judgment? No. Hence divorce. Is a man or woman the same at 40 as at 20? No. Hence divorce. If divorce at all, then the logic of it is divorce in every case where the true foundations of marriage have failed.—C. E. S. Wood in Pacific Monthly.

PREPARE FOR IRRIGATION.

It will require some time for the large land holders in the West to reconcile themselves to the usefulness of the government plans of irrigation.

The government requires nothing but complete surrender of water rights held for speculation and profit. It cannot undertake to combat or interfere with vested rights. There must be a clear path and when a clear path is secured for government operations, then there is no limit to the benefits that will come to the community.

In many places large tracts of land are held for an increase in price, through the reclamation and improvement of adjacent land. This, the government will not tolerate under a government project. There must be a complete surrender, a division of the spoils of the old land grabbing system, and a reorganization on a basis that contemplates the greatest good for the greatest possible number.

The West must in time conform to this wise and munificent plan. It will mean a sacrifice of vested rights, a surrender of speculative schemes, but it will mean all to the general prosperity and advancement of the country.

Where the water is running to waste and the land is lying idle, it seems a crime to compel families to welter in the cities, unable to make a living, growing up in ignorance and physical and mental narrowness of activity.

Where the government will loan money to an organization of people for reclamation purposes, on such liberal terms, it seems a crime to permit the arid lands to remain uncultivated, in face of the crying need for homes, heard on every hand. Irrigation is everything to the West, and the West must do everything to accomplish it just as rapidly as possible.

BAD ROADS MORE COSTLY.

One of the best arguments yet offered for road improvements is contained in a report of the Industrial commission on the distribution of farm products.

The important fact is there brought out that the cost of hauling farm products to markets over country roads two years ago was in excess of the cost of operating all the railroads in the United States.

It has been shown by careful inquiry that the average haul of the American farmer in getting his produce to market or to the nearest shipping station is 12 miles.

The average cost a ton for hauling over the ordinary country roads is 25 cents a mile, or \$3 a ton for a 12-mile haul. Careful estimates place the total number of tons hauled at 300,000,000 per annum, and this, at the average 12-mile haul, would make the total annual cost \$900,000,000, as compared with the \$815,000,000 expense for the same

farmers. On them the burden falls largely, as few of them probably add the expense of hauling to the cost of the product. Yet, with few exceptions, the class of producers has stood in the way of road improvement.

RUSSIA'S SCOURGE.

The London Mail gives this printed description of the nihilist:

"At the edge of the pavement he stands, in the uniform of a Russian university student, smoking a yellow cigarette, and the carriages ply past him throughout the hour of promenade."

"Princesses, men in the uniform of dual regiments, the splendor and wealth of the capital of Russia file along as though for his inspection and his is the eye that weighs and appraises them all by the standard of the poor."

"To look at him one would say the fire of nihilism ran in a foul channel. He is meager, mean-cheated, little of stature, with low brows and a wide, loose mouth, a representative of the poor type, lacking in brawn and beauty, springing weedy from a profitless stock. There is something vapid in the bloodless pouch of the cheek and the bonelessness of the jaw; nothing finishes with a click; the contours are not defined."

"Ah! but you have not seen the eye—the eye that burns far back in its socket, the poet's eye that sees Death ride by on a white horse among the careless guardsmen and ladies, the eye that is dull to the material and kindles only for visions."

"In the lurking frenzy that inhabits there, like a genius or an obsession there is that which redeems the whole unloveliness of the gross face and body, as though the soul ran riot while the flesh obeyed the laws."

"Madmen have such eyes, and great artists, and the nihilist must needs be of the essence of both. He is the product of a need and an inspiration, the great need of the stricken Russian poor, the inspiration of new knowledge and freedom seen from afar."

There is one habit that Henry G. Davis, the octogenarian candidate of the democracy, has contracted with which he will not let even the distraction of a campaign interfere. He has a brother named Tom to whom he has all his life made it a practice to write a letter daily. They have never had a disagreement. No matter how many engagements he has with politicians, Mr. Davis goes to his room early, even while in New York, to write his daily letter to Tom.

The startling discovery has been made in New York that the owners of the General Slocum have in operation a sloop ferryboat that is in as bad or worse condition than was the destroyed vessel. It ever remedy suggested itself to a horrified public surely this condition does. Prosecution immediate and prosecution severe should follow the disclosure. One such lesson as the burning of the General Slocum is enough for the American people.

The electoral college which will be chosen in November will consist of 476 electors. This is an increase of 29 over the college of four years ago, and 239 are necessary to a choice now, against 224 then.

VALUABLE OLD RECORDS.

George H. Himes, assistant secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, has received numerous tax receipts and other papers issued to Jeremiah Jack during the early part of the last century, says the Oregon Daily Journal. The papers are framed and were presented to the historical society by a grandson of Jack, who resides at Pleasant Home, this county.

One of the most valuable of the papers is an honorable discharge, or certificate of service, issued to Jeremiah Jack at Camp Coosa, Ga., on November 10, 1813, signed by Capt. Samuel Bowman. There are also three tax receipts issued to Jack in 1813, 1817 and 1819. A receipt from John Walker shows that Jack was a hunter of some skill, he having sold to Walker at one time, August 15, 1815, 314 raccoon, 115 fox, 25 cat, two muskrat, four beaver and three otter skins.

The most curious of the papers is a receipt given by Charles Loun, captain of the Cooke county mounted volunteers. The receipt was dated January 19, 1814, and reads: "For one gun valued at \$10; to be returned in good order or to be paid for by the public."

Portland's Extensive Pavements. More than 15 miles of streets are either being made or are having substantial improvements made to them within the city limits of Portland at the present time, says the Oregon Daily Journal. Ten miles of this work is being done on the east side. Many new streets are being opened and graded, while others are receiving crowns of gravel and macadam.

There is much repair work being done in the business section of the city and several miles of superior pavement are being laid.

Five residents of Oregon City were poisoned by eating ice cream Wednesday, all being taken suddenly ill while eating the cream. No cause has been assigned for the sudden illness, but the refreshing of the

THE ETERNAL FEMINE.

The mermaid and the summer girl were chatting on the sand—
The mermaid tossed a graceful curl
Back with a graceful hand.
"I am your sister," murmured she,
"Although we are no kin—
Your heart is your affinity.
I call my beau a 'fin'."

The mermaid and the summer belle, exchanging knowing smiles,
Told how they each laughed at the swell.

And how they used their wiles
To test their lovers' constancy.

The mermaid told her plan;
"You fret the summer man," said she
"I, too, fret some merman."

A step was heard along the beach,
A splash from out the sea—
The summer girl and mermaid each
Said: "He is wooing me."

The mermaid and the summer girl
Each went to join her "him"—
And soon both in the billows' whirl
Were learning how to swim.

—W. D. Nesbitt.

OLD FORT CLATSOP.

In his article in the August Pacific Monthly descriptive of the expedition which fixed the site of Fort Clatsop, P. W. Gillette, the well-known pioneer, refers to this historic spot:

Lewis and Clark reached and selected this point on the 7th day of December, 1805, and on the 8th commenced to cut down trees, clear land and build their cabins. They erected seven cabins in all; the smokehouse was built first, in order to have a place to smoke and dry their meat. A storehouse was built for their ammunition, stores, etc.; a small cabin for Tausaint Chabonau, the interpreter, and his wife, "Saccawewa," and the remainder of the cabins were used as quarters for the officers and men. As soon as the houses were completed, they constructed a strong stockade around the clearing, as a protection against the Indians.

The stockade enclosed something over half an acre of land, and stood on the high land, about 200 yards back from the river, within and on the north side of the enclosure was a beautiful spring, which supplied the garrison with an abundance of pure water. After the fort was completed, a number of men were set to work to survey and open a trail through the forest to the ocean, three miles west.

MARKETS OF THE FUTURE.

The census of 1900 gives the population in the 16 states and territories now under the national irrigation act, as 7,747,000. Equivalent to five persons to the square mile—though one state, Nevada, has less than half a person to the square mile.

What will be the population in 1910 in this section of the country as the result of the reclamation of the arid lands under wise administration. Shall we say 15,000,000?

According to the best estimates obtainable this will necessitate a supply of goods for the new settlement of over \$900,000,000, or about \$600 for each family. This does not include railroad transportation or the usual annual supplies required by the family, but refers to the general fitting out of wagons, tools, machinery, furniture, etc., based upon known purchases in settling new communities.—Maxwell's Talisman.

COLUMBIA RIVER COMMERCE.

For the 10 years ending December 31, 1900, the commerce of the Columbia river represents a total of 1242 foreign vessels, with a registered tonnage of 1,915,112, and 2945 coasting vessels with a registered net tonnage of 3,239,122, which entered the Columbia river. The value of Portland's imports and exports during this period were respectively \$14,100,918.33 and \$72,634,079.71. For the decade ending December 31, 1903, the river traffic centering at Portland aggregated 13,000,000 tons. In 1890 Portland, as the commercial port of the valley of the Columbia, distributed \$110,000,000 in supplies, and its trade in 1901 was approximately \$120,000,000.—Sunset for August.

THE GENTLE SEX.

A woman is glad that she is not a man:

When she sees her husband trying to shave with a dull razor in three minutes.

When she sees the latest styles in millinery.

When someone has to hunt for the supposed burglar.

When the bills come in for the summer vacation.

When political questions are being discussed.

When her husband goes to work on a stormy day.

When lodge matters must be attended to.

When some one near her is smoking a poor cigar.

When the picnic lunch must be carried.

When she can wear a diaphanous waist on a sweltering day.

—From the Pacific Monthly for August.

Mrs. C. L. Houston, of Astoria, has been elected queen of the regatta, having received over 50,000 votes.

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The Ginseng Fraud.

The ginseng advertisements that were a feature of the magazines about a year ago have disappeared, but the agricultural department at Washington has not forgotten them. A veritable craze for raising ginseng has spread over the country, and the department is besieged with requests for plants and seeds. Upon good authority it is stated that the plant grown in this country could find no market, as the Chinese get an ample supply from farms in Korea. The ginseng advertisers represented that the plant brought fabulous prices for medicinal purposes, and that a small patch in any old back yard planted with the root could make a family rich beyond the dreams of the most gullible patron of get-rich-quick schemes. According to the New York Sun there has been fraud in connection with the ginseng advertising, some of the firms sending to patrons seeds, that when planted, produced the common variety of garden turnip.—Printers' Ink.

California Leads.

A census bureau bulletin places the total area irrigated in California at 1,703,720 acres. Remarkable progress has been made in the state irrigation since 1899. In 1902 there were in operation 6017 systems, with an aggregate of 7010 miles of main canals and ditches, the total construction cost of which was \$23,772,151. Irrigation was reported on 39,404 farms. In the number of irrigated farms and the total construction cost of irrigation systems California holds first rank; in total area irrigated it is second only to Colorado.

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