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OH! tell us where and how to go To find the land of Sweet Content! We have forgot the pleasant way Through which our childish footsteps went; For we have fared in other lands And strange roads traveled to and fro. And, homestead, now we fain would find The blessed land we used to know. Oh! tell us where and where it lies. Point out the way our young feet went. No other country satisfies— We want the land of Sweet Content! —Frank Grey.

Several Willamette valley counties are preparing to make an elaborate exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair. Choice space will soon be all disposed of, as these counties are determined to make a great showing, and secure the most conspicuous and valuable locations for their displays. Experts are now at work in the valley counties collecting fruit and cereal exhibits and grain in the sheaf for the purpose of decorating the space allotted to the different counties. County courts, commercial bodies and private citizens are there working together to make a fitting exhibition of their resources.

In sharp contrast to the Russian papers' cry of "no quarter to the barbarians" in the Japanese war, comes the thrilling and almost sublime romances from the Japanese side. In the Japanese field hospitals thousands of wounded Russian soldiers are being nursed to health, the wounds healed, their illness administered to all in such a humane, civilized manner that the wondering Russian prisoners cannot understand it. When the Russians were carried into Japanese hospitals, they fully expected to be tortured to death. That a foe could exercise the common amenities of humanity had never entered the darkened brain of the Slav. The conception of human kindness and mercy had seemingly never dawned upon the barbarous soldiers of the north, for with them and their ancestors the rule has always been that prisoners of war are unnecessary burdens and the first duty of the captor is to get rid of the captives. Japan has imbibed more of the Christian spirit in 25 years than Russia can claim after 500 years under the Greek "church."

To understand social conditions in Colorado, at the present time, just imagine that the same condition as now prevails there, prevailed in Pendleton. Imagine an ex-mayor of the city, who had shown his fearlessness in combatting what he considered a wrong element, to be threatened with death if he did not leave town, although this is his home, his business is here, his interests are solely here, and his money is invested in property, which to dispose of hurriedly, would mean a heavy financial loss. Imagine a band of hired thugs living in this community, ready at every nod of their master's head, to strike down or arrest some suspected citizen, for expressing his plain opinion. Imagine officials of this county and city deposed and driven from home because they dared to express a frank opinion on public questions. If you can picture this condition to yourself, you have some idea of the unpleasantness in Colorado. Every man in the Cripple creek district, who has openly expressed himself in favor of the Miners' Union, is under the ban, and most of them are already ordered out of the town. It is a secret, malignant, merciless war of extermination on the unionists and

their friends. Money is doing it, as money will accomplish most anything with some men, under certain conditions.

Here is a bit of political food for thought. In the fall of 1903, about 400 miners and business men of Alaska, petitioned the postal department at Washington to remove the limit on mail packages from Alaska, in order to allow them to ship out their gold by mail, to avoid the oppression of the transportation companies who charged them exorbitant rates on the dust. The department refused to heed the petition. These miners were sending gold into the United States and were absolutely at the mercy of the companies operating in Alaska. They were far removed from Washington and it took months to get their petition to Washington and back, and they suffered great losses by delays and continued high rates of express. This week a little coterie of bankers in New York went up to the postal department and asked for the same identical change asked for the helpless Alaskan miners—the removal of the limit on mail packages, in order to allow them to ship their currency and gold to Europe by mail, and the favor was immediately granted. The miners shipping gold into the United States, for circulation, were not entitled to the government's respect. A few bankers shipping gold out of the United States, can manipulate the officials to suit their convenience.

If the 300 laborers working on the electric light and power plant on the Walla Walla river above Milton, are exempt from road tax, and can defy the officers and the law with impunity, then why cannot every farm hand in Umatilla county, every railroad man in the county, every mill hand and other laborer do the same thing? These men have been in the county since March and have no other home nor headquarters than the camp at the power site. They are amenable to the laws, and should be compelled to contribute to the support of the roads, as other laborers. Because the power company is a rich concern and has large interests at stake, is no reason for smoothing a special path for its laborers. If these men are exempt, the county has illegally and unjustly enforced collection of road and poll tax on hundreds of farm hands, whose residence is as temporary in the county as that of the power plant laborers, and whose claims to exemption are as just and right. The county contributed \$900 toward the construction of the road from Milton to the power plant for the special benefit of the power company. The road will be of but little public use, except to the company, and now this stand taken by that company against the payment of road taxes by its employees will be the cause of considerable ill-feeling toward it among other taxpayers who are forced to pay their just share of the burden of county and precinct government. If the road law applies to one laborer, it applies to all laborers, all conditions of residence being the same.

The best era has not yet dawned in the West. The civilization of the great Northwest states is yet in a crude and unformed condition. Country roads are neglected and the traffic of the country districts costs so much, and so much money is invested in heavy teams and wagons to overcome the incompleteness of the civilization, that the profits, and consequently the comforts of country life are miserably limited, in comparison to what the future promises. When the idle mountain streams are harnessed and are employed in generating electricity to propel cars through the country districts, to bring the most remote settlement into close touch with the world, then the farmer can dispense with his heavy wagons, and costly teams, and the long, tedious, expensive haul from the farm to the market will cease to sap the life from the industry of the farm. We boast of the rural mail system, of the telephone and the railroad. These conveniences are crude and commonplace compared to the possibilities of the future. Nature has placed her matchless engines of progress within the very grasp of man and if he will take intelligent charge and direct their forces aright, he will come into his true dominion, in the industrial and business world. The greatest barrier to the complete utilization of mountain streams and power sites today is the fact that cities and states are neglecting to reserve these sources of wealth for the benefit of the people. They are granting franchise after franchise on the matchless public blessings, that these blessings intended for the use of society may become the toy of the speculator and the plaything of the monopolist. The government gave the highest possible indorsement to government ownership as a basic principle, when it passed the national irrigation act.

HELEN HUNT'S GRAVE.

To understand the picturesque beauty of the following little poem, it is necessary to know something of Helen Hunt and her romantic, yet tragic life among the Western Indians.

Born in a cultured New England home, and highly educated, she came West and devoted her entire life to a defense of the American Indian, lived among them, studied their ways, heard their plaints, listened to their stories of the conquest of their land by the whites and the desolation of their hunting grounds, the murder of their families and destruction of their homes by the incoming tide of civilization.

So great was the love of the Indians for their protector and defender, that for years every Indian who passed the grave on the mountain threw a stone upon it in memory of her, until the mound became a mountain of stones of all shapes, colors, kinds and sizes. The custom was faithfully followed for many years, although her body was removed from this mountain resting place and laid beneath a most imposing monument in the cemetery at Colorado Springs, where she now rests.

The following little poem recalls her chosen labor and her resting place on the mountain.

STORM ON CHEYENNE.

(Helen Hunt's Grave.) Look where the clouds sweep over old Cheyenne, You mountain like a huge Titanic grave Upon the wind-swept plains! Its steep sides gave A tomb to one who stirred the hearts of men With sweetest songs and strongest pleas for right. Above the clouds, O blessed sign and token! What rock if off her heart was sore and broken With woman-woes and for a race by might Oppressed and tortured? All is well with her. The burden and the fever and the stir Are over—over. Let the cold rain blur All beauty into specter swathed in shrouds. Above life's storms, its wrangled and wrangling crowds, Some day we, too, shall be above the clouds. —Mary S. Paden.

RUSSIA'S MILITARY WEAKNESS.

H. J. Whigham, the World's correspondent with General Kuropatkin's army, told in a dispatch printed yesterday the real secret of the successive triumphs of the Japanese forces in the Manchurian campaign. He said: "If the truth must be told, the chief fault lies in the officers and in the whole training and discipline of the Russian army. No general could possibly ask for finer material than the Russian soldier. He is a splendid marcher, supports heat and cold and hunger and dirt with a patience that cannot be surpassed, and above all he is brave to a fault. But the Russian officer, gallant, reckless, spendthrift and altogether bon garcon, belongs to another age than the present. From general down to the youngest subaltern it would be difficult to find one in a thousand who knows or cares anything about the science of modern warfare."

E. F. Knight, in the same issue of the World, described the excellent morale of the Japanese troops. Both correspondents insist that the private



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soldiers in the respective armies are all that any general could desire. The fault with the Russian army then lies plainly in the quality of the officers, as Mr. Whigham has said.

The difference between the Japanese officers' intense seriousness of purpose and the Russian officers' good-fellowship measures more than do numbers in the relative difference of the two armies.—New York World.

WHAT WAR COSTS.

Modern naval warfare is one of the most costly things that can be imagined and a combat between two fleets means the expenditure of vast sums of money. Some idea of the high cost can be arrived at by taking a Japanese warship like the Kasuga or Nyushin and calculating the number of shots she would discharge, say, at Port Arthur. The first named ship carries four cannon which cost \$30,000 each. One of these guns can fire two shots per minute and every shot costs \$400, thus in five minutes these four cannon can discharge 40 bombs at a cost of \$16,000. The smaller cannon cost each \$18,000 and every shot they fire means an expenditure of \$750. They are very rapid and it is estimated that in five minutes the 12 cannon could discharge shot to the value of nearly \$35,000.—Leslie's Weekly.

A MISSING \$10,000 BILL.

Nearly 15 years ago a man entered the First National Bank of Denver, and walked into the office of David H. Moffat, the president of the bank. He had a bottle in his hand that he said contained nitro-glycerine, and threatened to blow up the bank unless he was given a large sum of money. Mr. Moffat sent for the money, and among the bills was one of \$10,000 denomination. Recently the government called in all \$10,000 bills, and the one given by Mr. Moffat is the only one that has not been presented for redemption. No trace of the man who got the money was ever found.—Minneapolis Tribune.

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