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Are you livin' a life with th' blinds clear up.
An' th' doors flung open, wide?
Have you notain hid out in yer closet—eh?
Where nobody sees inside?
Th' life that is hid is a danger-ous life.
Th' Tempter can sneak in, sly.
An' show y' his samples an' sow his seed—
A harvest 'll come, bim-by.
Now maybe this reasonin's new to you—
Hain't knowed it myself for long.
If ev'ryone knows what y're goin' 't do,
You shorely won't do much wrong —S. W. GIBBLAN.

BUILD THE PORTAGE.

The Salem Journal demands the early construction of the state portage road with an earnestness and vigor which ranks that paper among the sincere friends of the inland Empire.

The editorial advocating the portage is so forcible and interesting that it is reprinted in full. The Journal says:

There is growing up a political issue that each public man and public influence ought to take a position about.

That is the construction of the state portage railroad at The Dalles of the Columbia.

The State Development League convention at Portland adopted resolutions, rather peremptorily demanding action by the state officials.

The Journal, without condemning anyone, wishes to review the matter as it appears to it, without prejudice to anyone.

Ten years ago the editor of this paper was elected a member of the legislature and made a fight for consideration of the matter then.

It was upon his motion that a committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce got a hearing before that body in 1895.

The editor then challenged the right of a corporation attorney to also appear as representative of the people and oppose the measure.

The appropriation got a small vote in that session, only a few having the temerity to vote for the appropriation for a state portage.

But history has been making rapidly since then. The little short portage built by the state for about \$60,000 at the lower rapids had a wonderful effect in expediting the building of the lower canal.

Once that little portage was built, the United States engineering department hastened the completion of that part of the canal that had dragged along for 20 years.

No sooner has the state again decided to undertake the construction of the upper portage than the government canal project is revived and it is to be completed with suspicious haste.

Admitting that the general government can at best act but slowly, the people reason by analogy and conclude two things:

First, if the state portage is built then there will be no further interest, if there be any whatever, for delaying the canal.

Second, if the state portage is built, the government canal may be built or not be built, the Columbia basin producers can get out by water.

Then, as the legislature has appropriated the money, the state officials have but one plan to pursue—to build that portage without delay.

At best or at worst, if the present state officials are not disposed to push the canal, they can delay it but two years.

They will not credit if they want to search for advantage. It has

are disposed to use all the means in their power to push the state portage. They will get no credit and a great deal of discredit and at worst cannot prevent the state portage from being constructed.

Other state officials will be elected who will build the portage. If the present state officials do not see fit to act.

The case is too plain. The issue is made up. The only relief for the inland Empire in the way of low freight rates must come by the open river.

The Journal wishes to go on record in this matter as standing with the producers of Eastern Oregon for state portage relief.

That is the only open, just, speedy and honorable relief that can come to the producers of Eastern Oregon.

This matter is too well understood to be juggled with or hindered by captious official delay or interference at Washington or in Oregon. The people realize that the gods help those who help themselves.

Thomas W. Lawson, who is writing a series of articles for Everybody's Magazine exposing the inner history of the great financial combine known as amalgamated copper, promises to expose the methods by which \$5,000,000 was raised on a hurry-up call from the McKinley campaign managers in the last week before the election, when it became evident that something desperate must be done to elect McKinley. He has all the inside history of the campaign, and will give the names of the contributors to the big fund, and will also tell where the sum was expended in the frantic effort to save the country to McKinley. By this last collection of funds he declares five states were turned to McKinley, and the recital of the inside facts promises to be interesting reading matter. The Rockefeller attempted to have the July number of Everybody's, in which the series of articles was started, suppressed, but their efforts only made the sales more brisk. Lawson was a member of the great combine, and is making the exposition through revenge and remorse. He uses the names of persons implicated and does not mince his words.

Pendleton people returning from the St. Louis fair say the greatest objection to the fair is the immense scale upon which it is constructed and maintained. It is scattered over so much territory and divided into so many departments and buildings, that it is impossible to see more than the barest outlines of the true features of the exposition. In less than a month, it is the most gigantic collection of great things ever made in the world, and it is out of the question for a hurried visit to cover any portion of the main features. It is a matter of study and education and to appreciate it fully, one must go prepared to stay at least a month, and take time in visiting the various features on a systematic plan. Otherwise, the impression brought away from St. Louis is that the fair is not what it is advertised to be. When it is remembered that this exposition represents \$50,000,000 and is being conducted on that basis, something of its wonderful magnitude may be imagined.

It is with genuine savage delight that the newspapers of the country, witness the humiliation of the snob and "sissy," Edward Bok, who edits the aristocratic Ladies Home Journal. Bok has been in the United States but a few years, and assumes so much superiority, so much intellectuality, so much dignity and so much self-adulation that he has made Americans sick of his empty prating. He jumped into the Dr. Pierce Remedy Company with both feet, a short time ago, published a series of alleged analyses, showing that the remedies contained objectionable drugs. It was later proved that the old analysis that Bok published was made 25 years ago, and that the remedies now on the market do not contain the drugs claimed by him. Bok consequently made a groveling retraction of his high criticism which sounded sweet to the ears of the common herd of editors whom Bok had so recently accused of being unreliable in their news reports.

A NOVEL KINGDOM.

London papers report that Sir Charles A. J. Brooke, the Englishman who enjoys the unique distinction of being the ruler of half a million Malays, Chinese and Dyaks at Sarawak, in the island of Borneo, has just appointed his son to assist him in his regal duties. The Rajah of Sarawak has taken this step in consequence of his growing infirmities (he is in his 75th year).

The story of how the ruler of Sarawak came into the hands of the Brooke family is a romantic one. It was brought about by the adventures of the uncle of the present rajah. In 1838 James Brooke, then 25 years of age, having retired wounded from military service in India, chartered a small yacht, sailed away to the Far East in search of adventure. It hap-

pened that he reached Sarawak while a big rebellion was on. Throwing in his lot with the reigning sultan, he brought order out of chaos, and was himself appointed rajah of the province he had rescued from anarchy. After a successful rule his health gave way, and 40 years ago his nephew succeeded him. The rajah is 30 years of age, and has resided in Sarawak on and off from boyhood.

WILFUL VIOLATION OF LAW.

The refusal of the owners of the excursion steamer Grand Republic to obey the orders of the federal steam-boat inspectors, who demanded that the steamer should not be used for carrying passengers to Dreamland until the steamer had been reinspected and found in proper condition, has revealed a peculiar state of affairs. It has practically demonstrated that the federal inspectors are powerless to enforce their orders.

Although the inspectors had sufficient evidence that the equipment of the steamer as to fire apparatus, life belts, etc., was entirely inadequate and not in conformance with the laws the owners of the boat continued to employ the Grand Republic to transport passengers to and from Dreamland.

It has been discovered, that under the laws the use of the steamer for transporting passengers cannot be stopped. All that can be done is to bring charges against the owners of the steamer and fine them \$500 for each trip for violating the inspection laws. If the owners of the steamer can afford or are willing to pay the fines, they can keep the boat in commission as long as they choose.

The evidence which a partial inspection of the steamer and of its equipment has brought to light, proves the criminal carelessness of the inspectors, who certified that the Grand Republic was a safe and properly equipped boat.

It was found that nearly one-half of the life belts were not fitted with cork, but with cotton batting and that the latter would not only not support a weight of 24 pounds, but would actually sink on their own accord, after they had been immersed in water for a few minutes. It was also shown, that the captain had never held a fire drill of his crew and did not even know what signals to give to bring the crew on deck in case of fire.

It was also discovered that most of the firehose was so old and rotten that it could not stand the pressure of water. There is considerable indignation over the inspectors' criminal neglect of duty and there seems to be the sentiment that an example should be made of the inspectors, who passed on the General Slocum and the Grand Republic previous to the recent disaster. It is generally hoped that the heaviest punishment allowed by law would be meted out to those criminally negligent officials.

A Fisherman.

When all the world's fragrant with flowers in bloom,
And clothed in fresh raiment from Dame Nature's loom;
When the hills and the valleys are velvety green
And the earth is reposing 'neath blue skies serene,
Then away from the hot, dusty city
I'll steal,
For my only companions—my rod and my reel,
And there, by the side of some cool, limpid stream,
I'll sit with my line in the water and—dream.
—Four Track News.

Mrs. Theresa Born, aged 84, and her son, aged 40, have lived in one little room in New York City for 15 years without seeing outside of the house. The son was an invalid and the mother cared for him. Charitable organizations furnished everything the pair used. They were taken to a public hospital Thursday.



Mrs. Fairbanks tells how neglect of warning symptoms will soon prostrate a woman. She thinks woman's safeguard is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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Cancerous Ulcers

ROOTED IN THE BLOOD.



After the age of 45 or 50, when the vital powers are naturally weaker, it is noticed that a hurr of any kind heals slowly, and often a very insignificant scratch or bruise becomes a bad ulcer or sore. At this time of life warty growths, moles and pimples that have been on the body almost from birth begin to inflame and fester, and before very long are large eating, sloughing ulcers.

Whenever a sore or ulcer is slow in healing then you may be sure something is radically wrong with your blood. Some old taint or poison that has been slumbering there for years is beginning to assert itself, and breaks out and becomes a bad ulcer and perhaps the beginning of Cancer.

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These old sores are rooted in the blood, and while washes, soaps, salves, etc., keep the surface clean, they are not healing. A blood medicine to purify and strengthen the polluted blood, and a tonic to build up the general system is what is needed, and S. S. S. is just such a remedy. No poison is so powerful and so deadly that this great vegetable blood remedy cannot reach it, and ulcers of every kind quickly yield to its wonderful curative properties. Medical advice or any information you may desire will be given by our physician without charge.

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CATTLEMAN'S TRIALS.

Running a range cattle outfit is a performance not unattended with tribulation. Last year the producer of grass beef was up to his neck in trouble and the prospect this season has sadly clouded within a short space of time.

At the very inception of what promised to be a satisfactory shipping season, the horizon clouded, prices had appreciated materially, grass was good and cattle were rapidly approaching a condition that justified expectancy that they would meet killers' approval, when the strike occurred. Beef round-ups were of necessity abandoned, and at the present writing the range cattlemen, like the immortal Flannigan of Texas, is unable to tell just where he is.

Prolongation of the packing house tie-up will undoubtedly work incalculable injury to the range cattle industry. In some sections dry weather is already aggravating the situation. Conditions are not yet desperate but are serious enough to cause concern. —Livestock World.

NATIONAL EMBLEMS.

The following trees, plants and flowers are recognized as national emblems: Leek, the emblem of Wales; lily, (fleur de lis), of France; lily (giglio bianco), of Florence; white lily, the Ghibeline badge; red lily, the badge of the Guelphs; linden, emblem of Prussia; mignonette, of Saxony; homegranate, of Spain; rose,

of England; red rose, of Lancaster; white rose, of York; shamrock, of Ireland; thistle, of Scotland; violet, of Athens, and sugar maple, of Canada.

CATALINA ISLAND.

The government does not lay any claim to Catalina Island, off the coast of California. The island a number of years ago became the property of the International Syndicate Company, then the ownership passed to a party named Shateau, who sold it to an English syndicate, but it reverted to Shateau and in time he disposed of it to the present owners, the Banning family.

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