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What matter if the night be long, Or if the days be dark, What matters it if dangers throng, Around my drifting bark, What matters it if winds depart, Which erstwhile filled the sails, If I keep burning in my heart, The light that never falls? The light of love which brilliant glows, Like some reticent star, The radiance of its glory throws, Across the harbor bar, What matters it if fates control, And fiercest storm assails, If I keep burning in my soul, The light that never falls? -M. P. M. in San Francisco Star.

Knocking Oregon.

In a two-column article, the Baker City Democrat makes a fight against the portage road, and accuses the legislature of passing the bill as a bluff against the railroads of the state.

If the article was not surprising, coming as it does from a city in the Inland Empire that is vitally interested in the development of the unsettled section of Oregon, the silly boosh would not deserve attention.

But how a paper that depends for its meager support on the business of the Inland Empire, can make such open attacks on the interests of its constituents and still live and do some little business, is one of the surprising facts connected with the stand of the Democrat. Here is a sample of the article and the people of Oregon can judge of the disgusting arguments by this excerpt:

"The statement was made a few days ago in Umatilla county by one of the representatives of the legislature who assisted in the passage of the portage railway bill that he and the others knew the whole thing was but a farce, passed to placate certain country constituents in an effort to force the hand of the O. R. & N. This forcing business works two ways and the legislator laughingly said they all understood that there was nothing in it."

Such an insult to the members of the legislature who have worked for this road untriflingly, should really be resented, and yet the narrow sphere of the Democrat guarantees but a limited amount of damage to any one from such an attack.

The saving in freight rates on one wheat crop from Umatilla county to Portland, with river transportation, would more than pay for the portage road. The present rate is nine cents per bushel; with competition the rate would be about four cents, making a saving of five cents per bushel on 5,000,000 bushels, the amount of this year's crop, or \$200,000.

In the face of these facts, does it seem probable that any member of the legislature, who worked for the portage road, did so to "placate a few country constituents?"

No wonder Baker City is losing her prestige as a commercial center, when such wanton opposition to her own interests is openly made.

Nothing holds back Western institutions and belies Western ability more than the false and unfounded aristocratic notion that an education can only be obtained in the East, and that good sense and able professors can be found only in the big institutions. For Westerners to spread this idea, and advertise it, is to say to the East that there is nothing worthy in the West, nothing higher than the frontier life that the slow East actually believes exists here yet. For half a century, energetic, able men have been at work building Western public schools and state universities,

private schools and colleges and now for Westerners to discourage these veterans, belittle their work and advise Western students to go to some institution with a "name" is to tear down their labor, and really place the West on that low level which the East believes exists here. If Western educational institutions are never patronized and assisted, surely they will never be what they should be. The money that is sent East for common education, could be just as profitably invested at home, for it is a fact that cannot be denied, that for all practical purposes, just as good training and just as thorough education can be obtained in the West as in the East. For empty degrees it is still necessary to go East.

The Portland Commercial Club has offered \$200 in prizes for articles written on the commercial or industrial features of the state of Oregon, by residents of Oregon, to be published in any regular publication outside of the state. The first prize is \$50 in cash or a gold medal, for the best written article by a resident of Oregon outside of Portland; the second prize for the same class, is \$25; third prize, \$25; fourth prize, \$15 and fifth prize, \$10. To residents of Portland a gold medal and \$100 in prizes will be distributed on the same basis. One rigid proviso of the contest is that the word "Webfoot" is not to appear in any of the articles entering for the prizes. Governor Chamberlain will appoint a committee to pass upon the articles submitted by residents outside of Portland, and Mayor Williams will appoint a like committee to decide the championship within Portland. The object is to advertise Oregon outside of the borders of Oregon, and already many excellent efforts are being made to capture these prizes. Everybody is eligible. The more contestants the better for the state. Begin your article now.

In the public land farce another scene is now being enacted which has created nine new high salaried offices for the people to bear, in addition to losing the public domain as rapidly as corporations can secure title to it. The states of the West have been divided into nine districts, with a special inspector for each district, in addition to the present force of inspectors and secret service agents in the land department. An endless chain of secret agents now encircles the land offices, about as follows: An inspector is located in each land office district to watch the register; a special inspector is appointed to watch the inspector; a special examiner is sent around to check up the special inspector; a secret service agent follows the conduct of the special examiner; a private detective from the interior department scrutinizes the acts of the secret service agent, and then about once a year the secretary of the interior himself, travels around the circuit incognito to look into the acts of his private detective. In the meantime the corporations are waxing fat.

The land hunger of the United States was never more thrillingly illustrated than in the opening of the Rosebud reservation last week. Over 100,000 registrations were filed, while there were but 2500 quarter sections of land to be distributed. Many of these people came from the farthest Eastern states, the winner of the first claim being a Pennsylvanian. Many of them spent money that they could ill afford to lose in the lottery, in order to take one chance at getting a home for their families. It exhibits the intense need for homes. It is a surface evidence of the great heart burning of the crowded masses in the cities of an outlet to the free air and the open horizon of independence and self supporting existence. It is a problem that should cause congress to halt and think seriously, before further delay in saving the remaining public domain for the masses in need of it.

MOST VALUABLE PEARL.

The most extraordinary pearl—or, rather cluster of pearls—known as the "Southern Cross," is said to be owned by a syndicate of Australians, who valued it at \$500,000.

So far as is known, it occupies an absolutely unique position. It consists of nine pearls, naturally grown together in so regular a manner as to form a perfect Latin cross. The pearl was discovered by a pearl fisher, Roebourne, West Australia. The first owner regarded it with so much superstition that he buried it; but it was discovered in 1874, and five years later was placed on exhibition in Australia.

The Talker.

I wish that I knew more about 'The Robinsons' affairs; For instance, how he can make out To pay for what she wears; How old she is; what rent they pay; How many bills they owe; Where they went off to yesterday— But I shall never know, Although I've meant for quite a year Their secrets to divine, I have not thus far, even near Begun to tell them mine. —James Montague.

NO RUSH TO CANADA.

Much has been said about the emigration of American farmers to the western part of Canada, and some estimates of the number who thus leave the United States to make their home in the Dominion have been very high.

A fair measure of the volume of this emigration may be found in the number of land entries made in Canada by Americans, since a large part, if by no means all, the land acquired by the new settlers is secured from the Dominion government. This conclusion seems to be justified by the fact that the region into which these people have moved is but sparsely settled.

William R. Hanoway, one of the American consuls general stationed in Canada, has interested himself in the subject to the extent of securing statistics of land entries by Americans; and the result of his inquiries indicates that a much smaller number of farmers have removed from this country to Canada than persons who made less careful estimates seemed to think.

He states that in 1902 the number of such entries was 8798 and in 1903 it was 11,079. The figures given for certain of the states from which the principal number of emigrants went, are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: State, 1902, 1903. Rows include Dakota, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Total.

There is a wide difference between these figures and the estimate that 100,000 people would go from the United States to the western part of the Dominion in a single year. Probably some settlers purchased lands from private owners, and doubtless few others made no purchases at all. But since it was a movement of farmers and homeseekers to a sparsely populated country, it is fair to conclude that a large majority of them entered claims under the Canadian land laws. Hence, the number of entries is a fair basis upon which to estimate the total number who made their homes in that part of Canada during the two years named.

Since the total number of farmers who have gone into western Canada is comparatively small, some of the predictions that have been made concerning the effect of this addition to Canada's population may be considered overdrawn. Even if 50,000 Americans in two years have settled in Canada, it is not to be believed that they will have any noticeable effect upon the attitude of the Dominion toward the United States. They may desire commercial reciprocity, but they will hardly be able to exert a perceptible influence upon the trade relations of the two countries.

New O. R. & N. Station.

A new station has been established on the O. R. & N. between Walla Walla and Wallula. This station has been made for the reason that C. F. Caris has established his large rock crusher there and is getting out the material for the street improvement in this city. Three carsloads each day are shipped from the siding.—Walla Walla Statesman.

Advertisement for Helvetia Milk Condensing Co. featuring a logo with a mountain scene and text: 'This Cap Label is a guarantee of the purity and richness of our Economy Brand Evaporated Cream. We offer \$5,000 reward to anyone able to prove adulteration of our product.'

Advertisement for Beecham's Pills: 'A Smiling Face signifies robust health and good digestion. You can always carry a smiling face in spite of care and worry if you keep your liver right and your digestion good by using Beecham's Pills. Sold Everywhere. In boxes 10c. and 50c.'

Advertisement for SSS Skin Diseases: 'SKIN DISEASES The Outcropping of Bad Blood. While not always painful these are aggravating beyond expression. With few exceptions they are worse in spring and summer, when the system begins to thaw out and the skin is reacting and making extra efforts to throw off the poisons that have accumulated during the winter months. Then boils and pimples, rashes and eruptions of every conceivable kind make their appearance, and Eczema and Tetter—the twin terrors of skin diseases—Nettle Rash, Poison Oak and Ivy, and such other skin troubles as usually remain quiet during the cold weather, break out afresh to torment and distract by their fearful burning, itching and stinging. A course of S. S. S. now will purify and enrich the blood, reinforce and tone up the general system, and carry off the bodily impurities through the proper channels. The skin, with good blood to nourish it, remains smooth and free of all disfiguring eruptions. Send for our book on diseases of the skin, and write us if you desire medical advice or any special information. This will cost you nothing. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.'

Advertisement for One Hundred Dollars Reward: 'One Hundred Dollars Reward. One hundred dollars is a pretty good reward for five minutes work, yet that is what J. E. Strode, of Watsburg, Wash., got from the East Oregonian in our last subscription contest. He received with the compliments of the East Oregonian, without a cent of expense to himself, a \$100 rubber-tired buggy. We propose to conduct another subscription contest on the following basis: From now until November 4th we will take new subscriptions sent in by our subscribers and to the one who guesses nearest to the vote received by the winning presidential candidate in this state, we will give one-half of all the money received from this contest. For example, if you think President Roosevelt will receive the majority of votes in the coming election, fill out the coupon, "Roosevelt's total vote in Oregon will be (.....)," and put in your estimate. If our subscribers co-operate with us as they have in previous contests and as we expect they will in this, we will take in several hundred dollars and possibly much more, one-half of which will go to the person who guesses nearest to the vote in Oregon for the winning presidential candidate. There is only one requirement and this is important. ALL NAMES SENT IN MUST BE THOSE OF NEW SUBSCRIBERS. Renewals of subscription will not be counted in this contest. Subscribers can participate in this way: Get some neighbor to take the Weekly East Oregonian for four months for 50 cents. Send in a money order for the 50 cents; or in 1c and 2c stamps or silver, accompanied by your guess on the presidential vote. If you do not want to ask some neighbor to subscribe, send in 50 cents and the name of some friend in the East who is interested in the western country. Let him read the Weekly East Oregonian and it will give him more news about the resources of the Inland Empire than you could if you wrote him a 50-page letter a week. For every 50 cents you will be entitled to one guess. If you get four of your friends to take it four months each, you will be entitled to four guesses, or if you get one new subscription for a year for the Weekly for \$1.50 you are entitled to three guesses. Some one of our subscribers will get one half of all money taken in on this contest. It may be only \$50, or it may be several hundred dollars, but whatever the sum the one who guesses nearest to the presidential vote in Oregon for the winning candidate, will get one-half of the money. Remember the guess is on the vote cast in Oregon for the successful presidential candidate. Only new subscriptions count. A subscription for 50 cents gives you one guess. You can send in as many subscribers as you wish and for each 50 cents you get one guess. This contest closes November fourth, so be sure to send in your guess before that time. The total vote in June, 1904, was 92,608; for republican candidate for supreme judge, 52,946; for democratic, 28,729; socialist, 6419, and prohibition, 6514.'

Form for One Hundred Dollars Reward contest: 'My estimate on vote in Oregon for President is Name Postoffice address Fill in the first blank space the name of the candidate you think will win. Fill in the second blank space with your estimate of the number of votes he will get in Oregon. Enclose with 50 cents and mail to the East Oregonian Publishing Co., Pendleton, Oregon. Send paper to Address

Advertisement for Water Tanks: 'WATER TANKS We make a Specialty of Building Round or Square WATER TANKS Also Header Beds all sizes and kinds. We make them right and they always give satisfaction. Our work is never slighted or botched. Pendleton Planing Mill and Lumber Yard. ROBERT FORSTER, Proprietor. Corner Webb and College.'

Advertisement for Good Dry Wood: 'GOOD DRY WOOD All Kinds. I have good sound wood which is delivered at reasonable prices. For Cash. W. C. MINNIS. Leave orders at Neuman's Cigar Store.'

Advertisement for Hill Military Academy: 'Hill Military Academy PORTLAND, OREGON. A private boarding and day school. Manual training, military discipline, college preparation. Boys of any age admitted at any time. Fall term opens September 14, 1904. CUT THIS OUT. And mail to Dr. J. W. Hill, Hill Military Academy, Portland, Or. I have boys, whom I want to send to a military school. Their ages are Please send me prices and terms; also illustrated descriptive catalogue of your school. (Name (Address)

Advertisement for St. Helen's Hall: 'St. Helen's Hall A GIRLS SCHOOL OF THE HIGH EST CLASS corps of teachers, location, building, equipment—the best. Send for catalogue. Opens September 15, 1904. Oregon Portland'

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Advertisement for Olympia Beer: 'OLYMPIA. Positively the best beer made. Any quantity you desire. Delivered to your home. Always call for Olympia. A. NOLTE. Phone Main 181.'

Advertisement for The French Restaurant: 'The French Restaurant. Best 25 Cent Meal in the City. Private Dining Parlors. Elegant Furnished Rooms in Connection. GUS LaFONTEINE, Prop. 633 Main Street.'

Advertisement for Refreshing and Healthful Beer: 'Refreshing and Healthful. The City Brewery Bottled Beer. The greatest summer drink. It goes right to the spot. Always have this superior beer in your home. It gives youth and vigor to your tired system. Physicians recommend beer that is pure. City Brewery Bottled Beer is always good and always the same. It is made in Pendleton and not subject to changes of temperature in being shipped. Put up in quarts, pints and half pints, and delivered in any quantity desired. Bottling works telephone 1771. Residence telephone 1831.'

Advertisement for COAL: 'LET US FILL YOUR BIN WITH COAL. Rock Spring Coal. Recognized as the best and most economical fuel. We are prepared to contract with you for your winter's supply. We deliver coal or wood to any part of the city.'

Advertisement for Laatz Bros.: 'Laatz Bros. MAIN STREET. NEAR DEPOT. Walters' Flouring Mills. Capacity, 150 barrels a day. Flour exchanged for wheat. Flour, Mill Feed, Chopped Feed, etc., always on hand. MERRILL TYPEWRITER CO., 507 7th St. Spokane, Gen. Agt. DENSMORE TYPEWRITERS. Supplies ... Renting ... Expert Repairing'