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THE BRIGANDS.

Autumn, that ancient bandit, softly came
And heaped his treasure high upon the hills—
A wealth of gold and sunset-laden flame
They lay reflected in a thousand rills.
Then winter, bold marauder, stealthy foe,
Crept silently across the northern night,
And in the morn there were but wreaths of snow
And lonely wastes of hillside, bleak and white.
—Charles H. Towne.

THE PEOPLE ARE WILLING.

What citizen of Umatilla county would wish to see a vacant space at the Lewis and Clark fair, marked "Umatilla county?"

What citizen of Oregon who knows of the wondrous productiveness of this county would not be disappointed, if Umatilla county should fail to have one of the very best agricultural exhibits in the pavilion of farm products at the fair? Such a failure would be an everlasting dishonor to the county, and the very thought of it must send a thrill of shame through every breast that beats warm for this wondrous county.

Not one thinking citizen of this county will censure the county court or complain of extravagance, if that body donates \$1000 for a county exhibit, the sum to be wisely expended in the interest of the county, by competent, trustworthy men, who will not make the task a private snap.

The East Oregonian believes that it expresses the sentiment of the people of this county, when it says that the county court should employ a competent agent, a man of experience today, and give him full charge of the matter of the Umatilla county exhibit at the fair, his salary to begin today, and he to have full control, with the advice and sanction of the county court, of this \$1000 fund.

He should be instructed to secure space in a favorable location, collect every imaginable product of the county, prepare the exhibit in an attractive and deserving manner, have charge of it during the fair, be on the ground at all times, to answer questions, and by industry and careful selection prepare an agricultural and horticultural exhibit that will overshadow all other county exhibits at the fair.

This is no boy's play, nor idle talk. Umatilla county is a big county, with a world-wide reputation, and people who have read of the county and its products will go to Portland expecting to see something wonderful from the county that produces one per cent of the wheat crop of the United States.

To fail to satisfy this curiosity, to fail to come up to the expectations of the friends of the county in different parts of the United States, is to make an inexcusable blunder.

And the \$1000 donation by the county court should not be the only effort, nor the end of the effort to collect an exhibit. The business men of Umatilla county should duplicate any amount contributed by the county court, and someone responsible, alert, and wide awake, should be placed in charge of this fund, and given authority to make a collection. Even after the money is donated, there can be a woeful failure, if someone is not delegated with full authority to go ahead with the work.

It is time to act now. The conference of the county court and business men tonight should result in a fund of at least \$2000 being pledged for a Umatilla county exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair.

The practice of teaching typewriting in the high school of Lewiston, Idaho, is one that commends itself to the school boards of Oregon cities.

If the state owes the student an education, it owes him a complete education, so far as ordinary branches are concerned. No business education is in any part complete today, which does not include a familiarity with the typewriter. It is as necessary as bookkeeping or penmanship, in this business age, and is a part of the high school education. It is not invading the field of the special school, to teach any useful branch in the public school, for the public school curriculum is supposed to keep pace with the times, and must change as the times and business features of the country change.

There was never presented to the American public a more thrilling and conclusive demand for government ownership of railroads, than the conditions portrayed in the testimony before the interstate commerce commission in the Armour rates case, now in progress in Chicago. One reputable witness testifies that thousands of tons of ripe, rare fruit rots in the orchards in many localities each season because of the extortionate rates of the refrigerator car companies, while the prices of fruit in the cities are so high as to be prohibitive to the poor. The greed of this monopoly is actually killing trade and denying the necessities of life to the people of moderate circumstances, in the large cities. If the government owned the roads, or could even maintain a reasonable regulation of rates, thousands of dollars of traffic would be created, that is not now in existence, and from the testimony of one man before the board, the price of ripe fruit in the cities of the East would be reduced by 50 per cent.

MONTEZUMA'S TREASURE.

Whether the report of the discovery of the Incas' treasure at Chayaltaya, Bolivia, is true or not, it is certain that the conquistadores did not get all the gold of the last Inca of Peru, nor all of the gold and precious jewels of the Mexican monarch. The story is that the Incas' treasure, withheld from Pizarro and now discovered in Bolivia, is worth \$16,000,000, and that the Indians still believe there is much more hidden away. Pizarro received a great sum from the Inca whom he cruelly treated and then killed, but in so doing he missed a greater amount, which the Inca, hoping to save his life, promised his tormentors.

In this country one, sometimes hears talk of a great golden sun and other treasure hidden secretly from the early Spaniards. One gentleman who has the blood of Montezuma in his veins and in whose family the traditions of the times of the conquest have been preserved, has said that probably fully \$50,000,000 worth of treasure escaped the hands of Cortes and his followers. Where is this treasure hidden? Some have said that it was thrown into Lake Texcoco, and not many years back a company well provided with funds made extensive excavations in the Pedregal, near Coahuacan, on a spot indicated by tradition. A series of subterranean chambers was found, but no golden sun.

Both in Mexico and Peru gold was hidden away from the greedy conquistadores by the Indians, who cherished the hope of making a successful rising against their conquerors. That hope has long died away, though much of the hatred for the race of the conquistadores remains in the breast of the aborigines.

It is quite probable that some fine day much of Montezuma's hidden treasure may be found here by a lucky hit. Perhaps it is concealed in an idol cave in the southwestern part of the sierra surrounding this valley, a cave of which stories have been told among the Indians. Whence has come the gold that the Indians living in these mountains so close to the city have brought here and sold to their legal representative? There is a mystery in all this, and a greater mystery in the whereabouts of Montezuma's treasure, which remains untouched.—Mexican Herald.

EXTORTIONATE LIGHT CHARGES.

A comparison of the rates charged by the Northwestern Gas & Electric Company for gas and electricity with the rates charged in other towns of Washington and Oregon will show that the rates here are about twice as high on the average, as in other places. At The Dalles, Oregon, for example, a town of about one-third of the population of Walla Walla, the house rates for electric lights are much cheaper than in Walla Walla. While the minimum rate is the same—\$1.50, the maximum rate will not average half as high as here.

Data collected by Dr. J. F. Cropp during his agitation of the light question about 10 months ago proved beyond question that the rates for gas and electricity in this city are excessive, and in many cases extortionate. The facts and figures presented by Dr. Cropp to the council demonstrated conclusively that not only the charges for lights outrageously high, but that they are made much worse by inaccurate reading of the meters, the mistakes always being in favor of the company.—Walla Walla Statesman.

THE VANISHING LOCOMOTIVE.

Hardly has the novelty of the trial trips in the subway begun to wear off when it is announced that arrangements have been completed for running the suburban trains of the Long Island railroad by electricity in the spring. It was known, of course, that as soon as the great Pennsylvania station and tunnels were finished

the Long Island system would be electrified, but to have the electric trains running within six months is more than the commuters have ventured to hope.

In two years, or three at the outside, the steam locomotive will be almost extinct in New York local traffic. It will be banished from the New York Central, New Haven, Pennsylvania, Long Island and Lackawanna systems, and probably the Erie. Such a change means a revolution in the conditions of suburban life, and ought to make the commuter's existence even more idyllic than it is.—New York World.

NO CURS WORDS IN JAPAN.

The poor, benighted heathen cannot swear.
In Japan?
They possess no ardent curs words over there.
When the wind blows off their hats, When their darlings prove untrue, When they slip and crack their shins, Oh, I wonder what they do
In Japan?

Does the hammer never fall upon a thumb
In Japan?
Do insistent bill collectors never come
In Japan?

When they think they're got down stairs
And the bottom's far away,
If the Jap man never swears,
Oh, I wonder what they say
In Japan?

Do they never miss the last car out at night
In Japan?
Do they never hit the sidewalk when they light
In Japan?

When they put in all their cash,
And are therefore brought to grief,
When the market goes to smash,
How do they obtain relief,
In Japan?

Do the people never chance to step on tacks
In Japan?
Do they never get their fingers caught in cracks
In Japan?

When they don new clothes and find
At the office, far away,
They have left their keys behind,
Or, I wonder what they say
In Japan?

—San Francisco Star.

The police and sheriff combined and ran a colony of 30 hoboes out of North Yakima Friday.

OFFENSIVE CATARRH

I suffered for a long time with a bad case of Catarrh, and took a great deal of medicine without any benefit.

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