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..... If you learn to love the path you go by, to take each step the very best you know how, to think how slightly the little bushes and grass by the wayside is, never to forget that the blue sky is over your head, y'w, you've walked your path the way God meant you to.—Grace McGowan Cooke, in Overland.

Clyde Pennington, a former Umatilla county boy, now sheriff of Union county, is doing something in the way of enforcing the laws, that all the combined city councils, mayors, constables and prosecuting attorneys of Union county failed to do before. He has quietly, but firmly closed gambling and enforced Sunday closing of saloons, and is not making any campaign bluster about it, either. He found the law on the statutes of Oregon and decided that it meant what it said and began its enforcement. The result is that there is not very much prohibition talk in Union county.

An aged tramp, not able to walk any further and unfit for work, hanged himself near Halsey, Ore., the other day, as a speedy and certain way out of a bad mess. Such a happening no longer strikes even a temporary ruffle in the money-getting program of today. If anybody stopped long enough to bury him decently or inquire into his condition and life, it was the coroner, who was paid for the task, and even he dispatched the job with the greatest possible haste. Selfishness, supreme, dominating, mad and unmindful of everything else, rules the world today. The finer sensibilities are deadened, in a majority of minds, and only the mercenary and debasing sentiments are active. The great world lay all around this man. He was one of the great family, one of the wheels of human activity; yet the selfishness of his brothers and the injustice of civilized laws, denied a spot of earth on which he could lie down to rest in peace and honor.

Active work of collecting the Umatilla county exhibit for the Lewis and Clark fair is now in progress. The commendable public spirit of the county court in this matter, and the active co-operation of the Commercial association, has assured a first class exhibit of the various products of this county. Space should be located early, in order that a desirable location may be secured, and preparations made for a tastefully arranged, typical Umatilla county exhibit. It will be worth while. Everybody is urgently requested to co-operate with Mr. Forshaw, who is now in the field collecting the exhibit. The perfection of the exhibit will depend, after all, on the individual interest of the citizens, for it will be impossible for the agent to see every man in the county who has produced something suitable for exhibit. The people of Umatilla county are invited to send in to S. H. Forshaw, at Pendleton, anything in the way of fruit, grain, or other products that would be suitable for exhibit, or drop a card to him and he will call for it. This is one time for Umatilla county to "spread herself."

Pendleton Commercial Association is sending out circulars to the practical irrigators of Umatilla and Morrow counties, asking for reliable statistics on winter irrigation. The questions included in the list to be answered by the irrigators are made to correspond to the wishes of the reclamation service on the subject, and the information so gathered will be compiled into a report on winter irrigation, to be submitted by the Columbia River Basin Irrigation Association to the reclamation service, through John T. Whistler, in hopes of interesting that service in the subject of winter irrigation or the open canal system. In many places reservoirs are impossible, yet the

other conditions for irrigating large tracts of valuable land are favorable. In hopes of securing consideration of this feasible system of irrigation, reliable statistics of the most vital nature are to be collected. Farmers receiving one of the lists of questions are urged to answer fully and return promptly to the secretary of the Commercial Association in this city. The government is anxious for such information, and it can only come from actual irrigators.

AN ESTIMATE OF NICHOLAS.

In an article contributed to the November number of the Century Magazine, Andrew D. White, minister plenipotentiary of this country to St. Petersburg from 1892 to 1894, delivers himself of a scathing arraignment of Russian bureaucratic government and the weak and vacillating Czar at its head.

After passing in review the several features of reactionary policy that characterize the despotism of the Czar's ministers, Mr. White fixes upon the oppression of Finland as the most terrible example of the power of autocratic rule, and charges Nicholas himself with the responsibility for the outrage.

The policy of the ruling nobles in the realm, so forcefully exemplified by the ruthless treading down of the liberties of Russia's most progressive people, is due to an absolute indifference to, even antagonism against, all influence of enlightened government, as White shows; but in the case of Nicholas this medievalism, set with equal stubbornness in his character, is strengthened by an utter indifference to the needs of his people, a stolid ignorance of all conditions affected by his rule. "He knows nothing of his empire or of his people," writes White. "He never goes out of his house if he can help it."

In the light of this intimate estimate of Nicholas' character, it is now easier to understand why Gen. Stoessel is ordered to throw away every life in Port Arthur before surrendering; why General Kuropatkin receives imperative orders to advance against a superior foe at the beginning of a hard Manchurian winter; why the pitifully inadequate Baltic fleet is sent blundering to the east. Can Russia achieve any measure of her destiny under the hand of this bigoted incompetent?

On March 3, 1897, when there was no steel trust, American steel rails were selling in this market for \$18 to \$20 a ton. Foreigners can still get them for that, but Americans have to pay \$28—an increase of from 40 to 55 per cent. The trust has maintained the \$28 rate for home customers without variation since it was organized, representing a net increase of profits of over \$70,000,000 above a normal amount for that time. Iron miners and steel mill operators are working for less wages today than in 1897, the cost of manufacturing rails has decreased because of improved machinery, yet the trust has raised the price one-half. The companies using steel rails must charge more for freight rates and passenger fares in order to pay the exactions of the steel trust, so the ultimate burden falls on the common people who pay all bills at the last.

THE GAIT SHOWS THE TEMPER.

The woman who jerks her head as she walks is not uncommon, and on close acquaintance you will find that she is given to fickleness. She trifles a little too much with love, and is just the woman to miss a good husband and be sorry afterward.

The quiet man will never be happy with the woman who digs her heels into the pavement and scurries along as if she were running a race. She is business-like and most likely the woman to succeed in trade affairs, but her manner is one of those simple things that worry the quiet man to death.

The girl who cannot walk without skipping is a very cheerful girl, and enjoys life with much the same gusto as the girl with an elastic step, who tips onto her toes at every stride. But perhaps the girl we like most is the girl with the brisk, musical walk, who loves to peep for a moment into shop windows and then walk briskly on, and who goes through life with the fixed resolve of getting the most pleasure out of everything.—Chicago American.

ROOT NOW OWNS HIS TREE.

Ellhu Root was born in Cabinet Hall, one of the buildings of Hamilton college, New York, where his father, Oren Root, was a professor. In his boyhood years, says the November Success, the two used to take long walks together, and time and again on their homeward way it was under a splendid hemlock on Kirkland farm that they would rest. The hilltop commanded a magnificent view of the Oriskany valley, across to the Adirondacks to the north, and often the elder of the pedestrians would say, as they started on again: "I wish I owned that tree."

In the years since there have been many changes at Hamilton and in the country about, but the old hemlock has remained untouched—and the other day Ellhu Root bought Kirkland farm and the tree which, he declares, has long been a landmark in his life.

NIGHT.

Come, Night, upon thy raven wings Plumed with their rich imaginings, To fill my dreams and charm away The din and clamor of the day.

Fling thy deep shadow over me Till by thy weird necromancy Thou hast dissolved this solid care And made it shapeless with the air.

Come like some stealing shadow, flung From leafy branches overhung In this oasis of the day Where for a little while I stray.

Come with thy cup of dreams and be An angel ministering to me, As one who, weak from battling lies, Unconquered, but too worn to rise.

The warrior, Day, has harried me, A foeman pitiless is he, Yet vanquished when, with pitying eye And palm of peace thou comest nigh.

Come with thy velvet darkness, Night, Thy cloak of mail so soft and light, Yet turning every missile sent From Care, as falls an arrow spent.

Come with thy wealth of twinkling gems Of dreams, and on diadems Like jewels set in my bended knee Let me fall down and worship thee.

Come, Night, upon thy raven wings, Plumed with their rich imaginings, And through the gathered darkness, keep The vigil of thy sister, Sleep. —J. W. Foley in New York Times.

ANALYSIS OF WAR.

No code of morals pretends that any military army, battlefield, or campaign, has ever shifted the needle in the balance between the right cause and the wrong, between justice and fraud, between truth and the lie by the shadow of a hair.

No political economy has undertaken to justify a custom which costs a warring nation millions of treasure a month, which tears the flesh of its citizens to pieces and makes twice as many mourners in homes as there are corpses on the field, bringing no fruit or grain out of the ground. And further:

"For the actual testimony of what war is we might very well look to the great soldiers themselves; not alone to preachers, or poets, or moralists, or political partisans, or orators, or story tellers, or even historians—but to generals and commanders of armies, men of calm and guarded speech, who have been scarred and crippled, and have fought with courage to the last and have won the highest earthly titles.

"No witnesses to the horrors of warfare have been plainer or more positive than these. Decorate the monster, they tell you, as you will, so from the shouts and banners, the triumphs and processions of the jubilee to the battlefield; lift the veil and look underneath. There are miseries and cruelties, agonies and outrages, rapine and lust, mourning and desolation. These are warfare, not as it is painted, but as it is."—Bishop Huntington in The Craftsman.

THE TWO ANDREW CARNEGIES.

There are two Andrew Carnegies, it appears, as well as two Theodore Roosevelts.

One Andrew Carnegie hates war, deprecates militarism, endows educational institutions, builds libraries, erects halls of peace, believes in a wise revision of the tariff, loves Grover Cleveland and respects Judge Parker.

The other Andrew Carnegie is a hardened protectionist and an incorrigible republican who believes the tariff should be revised only by its "friends," is supporting Theodore Roosevelt for president and praying that John Hay will continue to sit on the safety-valve.

The first Andrew Carnegie would be a good democrat if the second Andrew Carnegie would let him; but the second Andrew Carnegie owns all the common stock and does all the voting.—New York World.

DREAD OF HUMANITY

I am compelled by a sense of gratitude to tell you the great good your remedy has done me in a case of Contagious Blood Poison. Among other symptoms I was severely afflicted with Rheumatism, and got almost past going. The disease got a firm hold upon my system; my blood was thoroughly poisoned with the virus. I lost in weight, was run down, had sore throat, eruptions, spots, and other evidences of the disease. I was truly in a bad shape when I began the use of S. S. S., but the persistent use of it brought me out of my trouble safe and sound, and I have the courage to publicly testify to the virtues of your great blood remedy, S. S. S., and to recommend it to all blood-poison sufferers, sincerely believing if it is taken according to directions, and given a fair trial, it will thoroughly eliminate every particle of the virus. JAMES CURRAN, Stark Hotel, Greensburg, Pa.

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