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To Love's low voice she lent a careless ear; Her hand within his rosy fingers lay. A chilling weight. She would not turn to hear; But with averted face went on her way. But when pale Death, all featureless and grim Lifted his bony hand, and beckoning Held out the cypress wreath, she followed him. And Love was left forlorn and wondering. That she who for his bidding would not stay, At Death's first whisper rose and went away. —Rudyard Kipling.

TRAGEDY OF THE INLAND EMPIRE.

The Columbia river, the most magnificent natural highway for the commerce of an empire on the American continent, is barred to river transportation because the congress of the United States is in the hands of the corporations. The annual scene in the 26-year-old tragedy of the Inland Empire has just been enacted. Congress has refused to appropriate sufficient funds to remove the obstacles from the river to allow the passage of the boats bearing the commerce of the Eastern Oregon, Idaho and Washington districts, the Portland rings have sent messages of protest, politicians have shed crocodile tears, the legislature has passed its usual spasmodic resolutions, declaiming on the subject of Oriental trade and commercial supremacy for Portland, and the 250,000 people of the Inland Empire blink their eyes in the glare of this sad stage performance and pay their toll to the railroads. Had the office of United States marshal or collector of customs at Portland been in jeopardy, Oregon politicians would have sent a delegation to congress to rescue the state; had the rights of Oregon corporations been jeopardized by congress, the best men in politics in the state would have been selected as special ambassadors to plead their cause before congressional committees. But the matter of river transportation only concerns the common people, the hard-handed producers of Oregon, so the politicians, the legislature and the influential citizens of the state are content with sending lukewarm messages of protest to the

Oregon delegation in congress, which replies with its stereotyped message of regret. Really, now, are you not growing tired of this disgusting tragedy? Enough money will be squandered by congress in building one battleship this year, to construct four canals at Cello. Enough money will be worse than wasted by congress this year paying exorbitant tolls to the transportation companies for carrying the mail, to open the Columbia river from the sea to its source.

SOILED SENATORIAL TOGAS.

Let us invoke the ghost of honest old George Frisbie Hoar to pray for the safety of the senate. Let us shudder as we look down from this late departed statesman, down, down, down immeasurable distances to the Burtons, the Smoots—and shall we irreverently speak the name?—the Mitchells. Politics—cheap, rascally, unblushing politics, partisan politics, mercenary politics, factional politics, purchasable politics—these are to blame for the soiled togas, the soiled hands, the soiled souls, the blemished reputations and the unspeakable disgrace of the senate of late years. Let the people elect their United States senators, let the people nominate by the direct primary law, their candidates, and no further disgraces will follow. Keep the senatorial fights out of the legislatures, make the august senate a body too sacred to be entrusted to the intriguing machines of politics, and its integrity will be preserved. Otherwise, its character will depreciate, deteriorate, cheapen and narrow until soon the popular cry will arise, "Abolish the senate." It is coming to this. It has been the history of every republic ever founded on the face of the earth. Riches, wealth, power, place, selfish aims, mercenary motives—these are the worms that have eaten away the foundation pillars of every past senate. Look well to the toga!

Both Oregon and Washington are now striving for better assessment laws. The legislatures of both states are now discussing means of reaching more property, uncovering hidden wealth and placing invisible properties on the assessment rolls. Through poor assessment laws all states lose more or less money, and visible property is made to bear an unjust burden. Oregon's legislature should follow the suggestion of Governor Chamberlain and pass a law assessing franchises and unseen and intangible classes of property. The most valuable class of property is that kind which is not visible—the privileges and franchises of the large industries and the private income and dividends from large corporate interests. The visible farm, livestock, merchandise and improvements on real estate must bear the burden shirked by the invisible classes of property. Oregon assessors will meet in Portland on Monday, January 23, and it is hoped that some comprehensive law is suggested for the consideration of the legislative session. The members all seem to be in a receptive mood, and the recommendation of the assessors will not be in vain, perhaps.

Mundell, the hogfish congressman from Wyoming, who has made an effort to prevent any expenditure of public money in government irrigation enterprises in Oregon or California, will be remembered by the delegates to the Ogden irrigation congress in 1903, as the man who made the hard fight against a resolution asking for the repeal of the desert

land law. It was openly charged then that the animus behind his eloquence was private ownership in large tracts of desert lands, and prospective ownership in larger tracts in future, through the manipulation of that law. Mundell's narrow selfishness in barring irrigation work in Oregon, and centering all the activities of the reclamation department in Wyoming, would strengthen the supposition that his own selfish interest is his chief motive in this act. The common sense of the reclamation department and the good judgment of congress should sharply rebuke his impertinence and narrowness. Oregon has contributed \$4,000,000 toward the reclamation fund, through public land sales and is entitled to first consideration.

NEW YORK'S HUNGRY Hordes.

Commissioner General Sargent of the bureau of immigration has received a letter from a prominent New York philanthropist, whose name he cannot disclose, in which a startling portrayal of the poverty in the metropolis is given. The letter says New York's proportion of the unemployed is the largest in the country; that 100,000 idle men are in the city now, or 40 per cent more than last year. "Fifty thousand children go to school breakfastless, which means idle fathers," the letter declares. "So overwhelmed is the department of charities with tens of thousands of applications from men out of work that it finds itself unable to cope with the situation. In short, the metropolis this winter is facing a problem with regard to the unemployed such as has never been known in past years." "The cause of this state of affairs is of less moment now than the immediate problem of how to deal with the multitudes of unemployed. Nor has the question here to do with ultimate relief, such as congress can provide by restricting immigration and scattering immigrants. "The immediate question then is: What can be done with the great army of unemployed at once? This question eliminates the unwilling and the unable whom we always have with us, giving only the able and willing—the honest idle—mostly unskilled labor, of course. How are we to give practical relief to these?" Mr. Sargent considers the letter strong evidence that his plans for breaking up the alien colonies in the large cities should be carried out.—Denver Post.

NAPOLEON'S ORDER.

In a book published by Dr. Ludwig Buehner of Berlin, Germany, is found the following touching anecdote: "The horse," said Napoleon, "is the link between the animal and God. How do we know that the animals have not a language of their own? I think it very rash to deny it simply because we do not understand it." In the wars of Napoleon an officer named Lamont, in a Hussar regiment, was several times saved in battle by his horse, and out of gratitude took more care of the animal than of himself. In 1805 Lamont was killed in an engagement on the Danube, but the horse would not quit the body, and with teeth and hoofs kept off every one who wished to remove it. The matter was reported to Napoleon, who gave orders to leave the horse alone and watch him. According to the statement of the sentinel, the horse remained with the corpse all night, and in the morning, having snuffed it from head to foot, uttered a pitiful cry, galloped off to the river, plunged in and was drowned. Horace Vernet is said to have perpetuated this horse's memory in picture. Near Altoona, Pa., a sleighing party was run down by a car on the Logan Valley trolley line early today and every member of the party of 21 was more or less injured. The driver tried to beat the car to a crossing. Fearing violence because of the result of his rashness, he mounted a horse and disappeared. Brice and Reason Powers, twins, celebrated their 100th birthday at Richmond, Ind., January 15.

Awakening of the Peoples of the Orient.

The increase of the foreign trade of China has been marked in recent years, and in the opinion of the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, is likely to play an important part in changing the attitude of the Chinese toward the Western peoples. Dr. Brown made a careful study of the subject during his recent trip around the world, and talks interestingly of the Chinese foreign trade and of the part enjoyed in it by the United States. Year by year, he says, this foreign trade has increased, with the exception of the time of the Boxer outbreak. In 1899 the total foreign trade had reached 460,000,000 taels (a Haikwan tael equals 62 cents in American currency). In 1900, Boxer year, it dropped to 370,000,000 taels, but the following year it sprang to 428,000,000 taels, and in the two following years it advanced 100,000,000 taels.

American Trade Growing.

The share of the United States in this business is larger than at first appears, because no inconsiderable part of our trade goes to China by way of England and Hongkong and is credited to British totals. But American trade with China has vastly increased since 1900. We now sell the Chinese more cotton goods than all other countries combined, and our sales of kerosene oil and flour have also increased greatly in the past few years. There is corresponding increase along other lines also. The utility of the American locomotive has led to large sales in China, and from the enormous forests bordering the Pacific ocean in the state of Oregon and Washington, great quantities of lumber are annually exported to Eastern Asia, which is too densely populated to have large forests. Imports to the United States from China are somewhat larger than exports. Silk and tea are principal items in this trade, although goat skins, wool and matting also amount to large sums annually. The United States is now the third nation in trade relations with China. This is the more remarkable when we consider the statement of the late Mr. Everett Frazer of the Anglo-Chinese Association that in January, 1901, there were only four American business firms in all China. Dr. Brown deduces from his study of Chinese conditions that when American business men establish their own houses in China, instead of dealing as now through European and Chinese firms, it is not unreasonable to expect that the United States will outstrip its larger rivals—Great Britain and France; though it is one thing to ship foreign goods to China and quite another thing to control them after their arrival for the Chinese are disposed to manage that trade themselves and they know how to do it.

Japanese Influences.

The influence of Japan is having more and more effect on China, and it has been recently said by the Rev. Samuel Cochran, who is stationed by the Presbyterian board at Hwai Yuen, in Central China, that the Chinese are turning to Japan for their knowledge of Western literature, science, history, politics, etc. In medicine, for example, Chinese text books are few and poor, but with a few months study of the Japanese language Chinese medical students

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gain access to the medical works of Japan, which are very good. Japan is a pivotal country, says Mr. Cochran, and it is easy to see how a Christian Japan might Christianize the whole of Eastern Asia. There is also to be noted a new movement among the young men of China, which corresponds in some particulars to nihilism in Russia. It is spreading revolutionary doctrines throughout China, and may be heard from in startling fashion before long. Christian missionaries are careful to hold aloof from the movement, which is political and in no sense religious.

THE ENGINEER.

Within the shadowed cab the flickering light But half reveals his features firmly fixed, His left hand on the throttle, while his right Controls the air. As, through the darkness mixed With lurid flashes, on we rush betwixt The phantom figures of the steeds of night. I lie in peaceful slumber: dreams unvexed With any sense of danger; visions bright Attend my wandering fancy; for I know That faithful unto death is he who holds His life and mine within his hands; and fear Is banished; and my grateful heart aglow For that protection, half divine, now molds This prayer: God bless the sturdy engineer. —Locomotive Engineers' Journal.

A WOMAN TO BE PRETTY.

Must Have Luxuriant and Glossy Hair, No Matter What Color. The finest contour of a female face, the sweetest smile of a female mouth, loses something if the head is crowned with scant hair. Scant and falling hair, it is now known, is caused by a parasite that burrows into the scalp to the root of the hair, where it saps the vitality. The little white scales the germ throws up in burrowing are called dandruff. To cure dandruff permanently, then, and to stop falling hair, that germ must be killed. Newbro's Herpicide, an entirely new result of the chemical laboratory, destroys the dandruff germ, and, of course, stops the falling hair, and prevents baldness. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. A. C. Koepfen & Bros., special agents.



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