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THE SIERRAS.

The fragments of an uncompleted world. From bleak Alaska, bound in ice and spray. To where the peaks of Darien lie curled. In clouds, the broken lands loom bold and grey! The seamen, nearing San Francisco Bay. Forget the compass here: with sturdy hand they seize the wheel, look up, then bravely lay the ship to shore by rugged peaks that stand. The stern and proud patrician fathers of the land. —Joachim Miller.

JOE FOLK'S HEAVY BOOT.

The swarm of vampires known as corporation lobbyists has been routed from the corridors of the Missouri state house by the heavy boot of Governor Joe Folk.

Lobbying has come to be one of the highest paid departments in all the large corporations. Corruption and bribery and undue solicitation of members of legislatures has come to be a studied system in the legal department of all the powerful industries needing special privileges.

If allowed to practise their art in the corridors of a state house, the matter of winning certain needed legislation in many states is only a matter of sending enough lobbyists, armed with sufficient revenues, as has been told of the Massachusetts legislature by Thomas W. Lawson.

The only security against their wiles is to apply the heavy boot.

Following the example of Governor Folk, the legislatures of Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois and Wisconsin, have taken steps to protect the members from the unblushing scoundrels who follow this nefarious trade.

It is the first sign of reviving national morals.

Any one who has attended a session of the Oregon legislature and has taken occasion to inquire into the occupation of dozens of smooth gentlemen who haunt the corridors of the state house, has been disgusted at finding that these gentlemen were mostly paid lobbyists, supplied, in most cases, with money and sent to Salem for the purpose of buying legislation, if unable to secure it by other means.

Even the presence of such paid panders is an insult to the intelligence and honesty of a legislature, and Oregon should clear her skirts of such trash.

TO TRIM THE DESERT'S CLAWS.

The pathway across the Salton Sea, of Southern California, to the rich mines in the interior of that grewsome region, can be followed in places by the piles of whitening bones of prospectors and their faithful pack animals, that have perished from thirst.

Even the whitening bones cannot deter others from daring those same unconquered perils. Every month in the year, the Salton Sea claims its victims, swallowed up in its parched and desolate wastes.

Now California threatens to trim the claws of this death-dealing wilderness. The legislature is considering an appropriation to be used in making trails, erecting signboards and digging wells across the Salton Sea.

The San Francisco Call, in speaking of this philanthropic and merciful mission, says:

In order that the perils of the desert may be lessened State Mineralogist Lewis E. Aubry is to seek an appropriation from the legislature providing for the erection of signboards and the digging of wells along the

most frequented desert trails in the southern part of the state.

Declaring that the sum of \$5000 would be ample to cover the expense of this humane innovation, the state mineralogist sees in the projected measure direct benefit for a large part of the mining industry now remaining partially undeveloped under the haunting shadow of death that larks ever over the waste places.

Mr. Aubry's scheme is a commendable one. Too often harrowing tales come out of the wilderness of alkali and sand of men found dead from thirst and of prospectors unfamiliar with the country wandering from the thin trails and becoming demented under the awful influence of the evil genius that haunts the region. The dazzle of gold in the very midst of piled up bones has lured many a luckless miner to his certain destruction.

Yet the gold is there, and gems and valuable chemical deposits; some of the state's richest mineral deposits lie within this region of thirst and insanity. The full development of these resources cannot come until the ring of terrors hedging them about is broken.

Should the legislature grant Aubry's plea for a modest appropriation it is certain that Kern, San Diego, San Bernardino and Inyo counties, the ones to be benefited indirectly by the innovation, will find it to their profit to co-operate with the mining bureau in the prosecution of the work. A work of mercy it would be, but also a work of development.

A new industrial era opens for Pendleton with the arrival in the city of the new electric supply from the magnificent plant on the Walla Walla river. The city has long waited and hoped for this day, and now rejoices in its opening era of cheaper and more satisfactory power and increased light. Streets, homes, business blocks, new buildings can now be sufficiently supplied, and power can be secured within reasonable cost, so it means a renewal of the industrial energy of the city. The East Oregonian is to be one of the very first, if not actually the first institutions to replace the old steam plant with a modern electric motor with which to run all its presses and machines. A new 10 or 15 horse-power motor will be immediately installed. Increased light can now be supplied to dwellings, new houses can be lighted and transient needs can all be supplied. For months the old power and light plant has been inadequate to the needs of the city, and dozens of new houses have been waiting for the new electric supply. If the electric company will not take advantage of its monopoly of the lighting and power of the city, it may now be years before an agitation for municipal lights will reach Pendleton.

If the legislature does not recognize the work of the state irrigation commission in preparing an irrigation bill, it will cast aside one of the most progressive movements ever made by Oregon. Governor Chamberlain has listened to the call of the arid belt, and appointed this commission from among the highest ability in the state. If its recommendations are not heeded, what can Oregon expect from irrigation development along lines made plain by the government?

The passage by the senate of Senator Smith's fair bill gives promise of

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a further recognition of the needs of Eastern Oregon by the legislature. Umatilla and Morrow counties should have state aid in organizing and supporting a fair association.

BE FRIENDLY ON THE WAY.

I have journeyed on life's highway till the dial points to noon, And I've learned some useful lessons on the way:

I have proved them o'er and o'er, and I prize them more and more, And I think you can depend on what I say.

You may hold yourself aloof, and may think it is a proof That you're made of some superior sort of clay;

But you'll always find it pays in many different ways, To be friendly to the people on the way.

If the day is dark and dreary, and the way is rough and steep, And some weary brother falters on the road,

You will never feel the weight, be the burden small or great, If you turn about and ease him of his load.

And you'll often see the time when a dollar or a dime Will be a friendly offering most meet—

When to give a little sum some mishap to overcome, Will keep some needy fellow on his feet.

I have learned that shabby garments often clothe a noble soul, And misfortune lies in wait for great and small;

Better help a friend today who is stranded by the way— For who knows but that tomorrow we may fall?

Then speak out before the crowd, let your voice ring clear and loud, And put your heart in every word you say—

For a friendly word, you know, or a handshake and "hello," Will help the other fellow on the way.

—Lizzie C. Hardy in Pittsburg Recorder.

TELLER'S STERN BILL.

If the bill Senator Teller introduced by request providing for the construction of a public railway for the transportation of the mails, troops and munitions of war, becomes a law, there will be mighty few American citizens who can get a job on the board of managers.

Section 4 provides that "no person shall be appointed to said board of managers who is or within five years previous to his appointment has been convicted to the use of intoxicating liquors or narcotics or to any game of chance or skill."—New York World.

A gang of railroad surveyors became snowbound near Elvado, Col. All were badly frost-bitten. One died and another became insane from suffering.



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