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The starless night, like some wide sea,
Shut in by shores of mystery,
And domed by arches vast and deep,
Where black-robed shadows vigils keep;
Till in the east two beams strike far—
White hands, from worlds where angels are,
That, pushing dark and gloom away,
Let in God's day!
Oh, may I find it thus, when I look upward to some frowning sky,
And blindly grope, with tear-dim eyes,
To find the path to Paradise,
That in that world of wider scope,
Some angel with white hands of hope,
May part the night of shadowed years,
Till dawn appears!
—Alice Garland Steele.

THE MITCHELL FINALE.

In the limelight of Judge Tanner's honest confession, how utterly absurd now seems Mitchell's mock-heroic speech on the floor of the senate, and the whitewashing resolution of the Oregon legislature.

Could any attempt at vindication have a more disgusting finale than this?

Did ever an honest confession so completely wreck a scheme of bogus defenses before?

There can be no cry of "persecution" now. There can be no charge of malice against Senator Mitchell in this last fatal blow.

Bowed down under the shame and chagrin of his guilt, and forced by the very instincts of his better nature to make a clean breast of the whole affair, Judge Tanner's confession comes like a thunderbolt in the camp of Mitchell's defenders.

The last hope of the senator is swept away. The utter dishonesty of the attempts made by Mitchell and Tanner to ward off the impending verdict of "guilty," now gives added proof that every charge against Senator Mitchell must be true, with perhaps dozens of other acts equally as unlawful, which, for want of investigation, may go unwhipped.

If the people of Oregon could get down to the bottom facts and learn the inner reasons for the 30 years delay of the Celilo canal, Senator Mitchell, the avowed friend of the state, might be deeply involved in this crime against Oregon. However, one case at a time is sufficient to occupy the senator's attention.

The only wonder in the minds of the people is that this finale has been so long delayed. And yet, in view of blind partisanship which often winks at questionable acts on the part of its devotees, it is not strange.

Thanks to the Roosevelt administration, which has no respect for high titles, big salaries nor corrupt partisan "heelers," official rottenness is being severely treated. Mächen, the postal thief, is now wearing stripes. Hermann is standing in the shadow of the prison and Senator Mitchell is at least so badly scared that if he escapes he will be good the remainder of his life.

This Oregon tragedy will serve as an example for other states and statesmen.

In some localities the authorities have so far violated the law of the land, not writ in books, but in the history of our Anglo-Saxon race, as to prohibit men in motor cars from using the public ways, that are so much theirs as their horse-driving neighbors," says Leslie's Weekly. This matter of environment, too, is recognized in the midst of our motor

laws by clauses which, while defining the limits in miles per hour, also prohibit any "rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and use of the highway." Thus the rate of a mile in six minutes is the lowest required in the streets of New York; yet the conditions which surround the environments of a motor car in that city's narrow business thoroughfares would often render him who drives a mile in 10 minutes, technically as well as morally, a violator of the law. On the other hand, most motorists assert, and with right, that on a country road without crossings and with no other vehicle or a pedestrian in sight, a speed of 40 miles per hour is as lawful as the legal rate of 20. Conditions make laws; conditions also, in the minds of unprejudiced jurors, excuse the violation of them.

The St. Petersburg army organ publishes official statistics of Field Marshal Oyama's forces, based on the regimental numbers on the uniforms of the Japanese killed during the engagements with General Kuropatkin's forces. According to the report, General Kuroki, commanding the Japanese right, has 76 battalions, 11 squadrons and 306 guns—about 85,000 men, besides 70 to 80 reserve battalions. General Nodzu, commanding the center, has 60 battalions, six squadrons and 198 guns, or 65,000 men. General Oku, commanding the left, including General Nogi's forces, has 98 battalions, 23 squadrons and 342 guns, or 110,000 men. The number of reservists with Generals Nodzu and Oku is unknown. The total of Field Marshal Oyama's regular troops is placed at 265,000 cavalry and infantry and 850 guns. The total number of reservists is probably 100,000. Military men estimate General Kuropatkin's superiority at about 50,000 men, without including the 15th army corps, which is not yet in the Far East.

On Wednesday, February 15, the reduced homeseeker rates from the East to the Pacific Northwest go into effect. The year 1905 promises to witness a phenomenal westward rush owing to the attraction of the Lewis and Clark fair and the opportunity to secure homes in the West. What has Pendleton or Umatilla county done to attract any portion of this travel? Surely, bona fide settlers with money to invest, are yet needed in this county. Thousands of acres of available land of various values, await the energetic homeseeker, who will engage in diversified farming. At Echo, Milton, Hudson Bay, and various irrigated districts are hundreds of acres of irrigated land that can be bought at reasonable prices, and which will yield handsome incomes from diversified farming. The best era of prosperity has not yet arrived in Umatilla county. Within five years, if present tendencies continue, dairy farms, fruit tracts and other small industries will be universally successful in this county.

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LICENSING GAMBLING.

Some of the papers of Montana reiterate the fact that "men will gamble" as an argument that what men will do should be licensed. The puerility of this attitude expresses itself. Men will commit murder, therefore we shall issue tax tags authorizing the act of manslaughter. Men will beat their wives; therefore there shall be an official permit, uttered at a price, for the practice of wife-beating. The scheme to license gambling falls of its own weight. The law prohibits public gaming, just as it prohibits murder, incest, harlotry, disorder, cruelty, fraud, seduction, forgery, abuse of dumb animals and larceny. Humanity, with remarkable perversity, continues to indulge in all of these misdeeds. Men will murder, engage in lechery, fight, persecute, cheat, seduce and swindle. By the same line of reasoning which argues that gambling should be licensed because "men will gamble," we should license all of the vicious habits enumerated. Because a vice is broadcast and inescapable, are we to foster it by

warrants of law? The advocates of gambling licenses say that the state needs the money. What money? Money for the procurement of evil privileges? It needs money. Very well. Shall it enter into the business of paid pandering to hawdy houses? It needs money. Shall it traffic in human souls and become a fence for the pawns of crime?

It is incredible that the question of licensing promiscuous gambling should be advanced in a twentieth century community. The question of a license for grave-robbing, or the rights of porch climbers, pickpockets, horse thieves and three-card monte experts might as well be discussed. Enforce the law we have, or abolish it. Don't suggest that the state graze off its own parasites. Abolish gambling by law if you will. Sandbag it for tithe? Rat!—Helena Independent.

The French government has served notice on the Sultan of Turkey that unless the duly allowed claims of France against his government are at once settled that the French ambassador will be recalled and trouble will begin.



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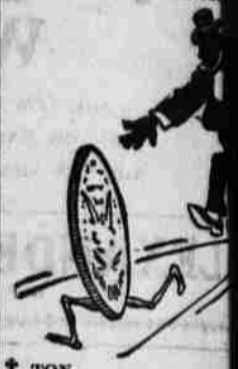
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