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For all men say of the gods, To grief they grant release; They lead us at last—the life-pang past— To the land of perfect peace, Where the frown of hate comes all too late, And the storm and thunder cease.

Let us thank them for that gift— That blessing on earth below, As we walk the ways of the barren days, Where the red thorns wound us so! For the gift of rest in the silence blest, Deep under daisies and snow! —Atlanta Constitution.

TO REDUCE TAXES.

The tax commission of Oregon can greatly reduce the tax on farming property, livestock, mercantile and other visible properties by a law compelling the collection of personal property tax by the sheriff at county expense.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars in personal property taxes are now due the state of Oregon, simply because sharks and tricksters refuse to pay such tax, knowing that to levy upon and collect this tax would consume more than the salary of the sheriff, as he must pay all such expenses himself, and cannot afford to do it.

There never was such a flimsy law upon the statutes of any state as this, and it should be one of the first duties of the commission to recommend a law covering this oversight.

Another change that should be made, is one by which vacant lots held for speculative purposes escape their share of taxation. In every city are hundreds of thousands of dollars tied up in vacant lots which escape almost all taxes and yet they are multiplying in value through the enterprise of men who are building and paying taxes all around them. It is a rank injustice and should be remedied in order to reduce taxes on industry and activity.

READY FOR HARVEST.

Some of the big "boss" gamblers who have been out of town for a couple of months are back again ready for harvest to begin.

The way the grand jury dealt with the gambling question was simply a farce and the tinhorns know that the only power in Umatilla county which they have to fear is the people.

They could afford to remain out of the city for a few weeks during the dull season, but to show their faith in the officials they are returning just in time to open in up in full blast to catch the workmen's money during the busy season.

Games have been running continuously in the old resorts, perhaps upstairs, but they have been running and every observant man knows it, despite the alleged closing order from the city council. Some few children may be fooled by this kind of tactics, but very few mature, thinking men are being fooled by it.

The return of the gamblers just at the beginning of harvest is the best evidence that they have nothing to fear from officials, and the gamblers know it or they would not return.

BAD CONDITION IN ISLANDS.

The imminence of an absolute breakdown in the civil government of the Philippines is what is taking Secretary Taft to the insular possessions, according to dispatches from Washington. Governor Wright has not been able to get along with the natives in a way that would enable him to ad-

minister the affairs of the islands in a satisfactory manner.

The governor has lost the influence which his predecessor possessed over the natives, and unless Taft succeeds in restoring the old relations the early retirement of Governor Wright must follow the tour of inspection of the secretary.

One of the worst results of the governor's course is the refusal of the native property owners to pay the taxes levied by the new rulers of the country. Before the Americans came there was no such things as land and international revenue taxes. When they were imposed Governor Taft was able to "jolly" the leading natives into paying them, although it went much against their grain. Taft's way of getting disagreeable things done was to get an influential native into his office and persuade him that by doing as the Americans wanted him to do he was really serving his own interests best.

Wright's way has been entirely different. Wright's way has been to point to the laws made by the legislative body and suggest to the balky native that he could read, or could hire some one who could, and that his business was to do what was commanded in the statutes. That way of governing has not been successful.

It does no good in the Philippines to advertise lands for sale on account of delinquent taxes. The natives generally are too poor to buy even tax titles. The falling off in revenues has been so great that, had it not been for the sale of bonds, the probability is there would have been a financial collapse before this time.

The thing that grinds most is the rejection of a compromise, because of defective titles with Dominican friars for the disposal of their lands to the Philippine government. The compromise was submitted to the Philippine government for its approval. The approval was to come as a mere matter of form, Taft thought. Instead of approval, however, came a decided rejection. This reason for going to the islands arose after the trip was planned, but it made it imperative that Taft continue his journey, even if John Hay was dead.

UMATILLA MAY BE PROUD.

The educational exhibit from the various schools of Umatilla county make up one of the best exhibits of this kind from any county in the state, excepting those counties having large state institutions.

The public school exhibit is especially fine and ranks well toward the head of the list of county exhibits. It is tastefully and artistically arranged and may be seen to good advantage, and every citizen of the county who visits the fair should inspect this exhibit closely.

In addition to the public school exhibit are exhibits from Pendleton academy, Weston Normal, Columbia college, St. Joseph's academy and Pendleton Business college, which, taken in conjunction with the public school exhibit place Umatilla county far in advance of other Eastern Oregon counties and gives her a place close behind the boasted school counties of the Willamette valley, which have been built up largely through state expense and legislative favoritism.

The work of the different schools in the county is segregated and parents may find the individual work of their children by inspecting the work of the schools which their children attended. The work is classified in an able manner, is exhibited properly and with the addition of Indian photographs and drawings of Umatilla county scenes, comprises one of the most attractive school exhibits to be seen at the exposition.

The collection of photographs and beautiful manual training work of Weston Normal attract the attention of every person visiting the educational exhibit and will be a greater argument for the continuation of the normal than any other that could be placed before the people of Oregon.

According to the year book of the agricultural department for 1904 the grain crop of Washington, Oregon and Idaho was \$1,000,000 bushels last year. Washington produced 45,663,000 bushels, which is 10,000,000 bushels more than the joint yield of Oregon and Idaho. The wheat included in the above figures was 32,140,603 bushels. This excellent showing may be increased this year.

Walla Walla Horse Is Fast.

Edgar Boy, the handsome stallion recently brought to Walla Walla by Walter L. Cadman, paced a trial work-out third heat yesterday in 2:11 flat, says the Walla Walla Statesman. He was accompanied by a runner ridden by Jockey White. Edgar Boy was driven by Robert Prior. The mile by quarters was as follows: First quarter, 34 seconds; half, 1:07; three-quarters, 1:40; last quarter, 31 seconds. The track from the head of the stretch down to the first turn was very rough and cut up. The mile under the circumstances was pronounced by the leading horsemen present as extremely fast for so early in the season.

The Unseen Universe About Us

I do not speak of that which is known as the spiritual world, but of purely material things. Without conjuring any ghosts, we are continually surrounded by the "evidence of things not seen," and the progress of science is gradually revealing their existence, sometimes in the most startling manner.

We are accustomed to regard sight and hearing in their normal state as perfect senses, but their imperfection, or rather the narrowness of their range, becomes every day more evident. If we could really see and hear everything which the vibrations that cause light and sound would reveal to eyes and ears so constituted as to translate to the brain the impressions of waves of any length whatever, this earth and this universe would become far too wonderful for comprehension by existing human intelligence.

The sunlight deceives us by its brilliancy. We fondly think that it shows us everything, but in its very midst we are like blind animals in a cavern, not aware of objects that stand all about and impend over us. It may be a mercy that our sight and hearing have ranges so narrow. If we could see with the X-rays a world of skeletons would surround us in place of the world of beautiful surfaces, of which alone we are commonly aware. We may imagine that some among the strange creatures about us habitually behold these nightmares of which science affords a few glimpses, some of which make us shudder.

What is true of the face of the earth is equally true of the broad universe beyond. We do not know what we are living amidst, or what companions our sun and his planets have. Many of these things lie just beyond the ordinary reach of our senses. Such a phenomenon is the marvelous solar corona which astronomers are hastening to watch during its few minutes of visibility in Labrador, Spain and Africa next August.

Other material existences are more deeply concealed, and some of these are being rendered partially evident. At the Potsdam observatory photographs have recently been taken of the Orion nebula, using a kind of light that the eye does not see at all, the so-called ultra-violet radiation. These photographs show that great glowing cloud in a most amazing aspect, stretching across vast areas that to the eye and the telescope are mere vacuancies, and revealing contorted masses of nebulousity that defy description and explanation. On every side these strange invisible things are making their presence known. They are probably more numerous and of vaster volume than the apparent and preceptible contents of space.

There is a new kind of glass just coming into use for optical instruments, "ultra-violet glass," which promises to utilize more completely than has heretofore been possible, those radiations of light that lie just beyond the grasp of the eye at the short-wave end of the spectrum. Astronomers are all agog to know what this glass will unveil in the heavens. As he thus pushes aside the curtain of the unknown and unrevealed universe man may some time shrink from going further, not because such knowledge is impious, but because it is overwhelming. Omniscience must be a fearful burden, not to be borne except by an intelligence that is at the same time omnipotent.—Garrett P. Serviss in San Francisco Examiner.

THE "PROGRESSIVE DINNER."

One of the most unique and novel dinners ever given was enjoyed in San Francisco by a party of congenial friends on Saturday night. The function was called a "progressive dinner," and consisted of single courses at nine different restaurants.

The progressive feature was accomplished by means of the palace trolley car "San Francisco," which carried the diners from their first course at the Union League club, at Post and Stockton streets, to Montgomery and Pine streets, where the party enjoyed its oyster course. Returning with souvenir shells to the car they were whisked to an Italian restaurant on Davis street for soup and fish, and then by a circuitous route to a Mason street tavern, where the roast was served. The salad course was next served at an oyster grotto on O'Farrell street, after which a roundabout trip landed the company at the Merchants' club on Sansome street for the game course, which consisted of the game of "500," played at seven tables, and for which prizes were awarded. A grotto on City Hill avenue served cheese, crackers and coffee half an hour later, and this was followed by liquors at Twenty-fourth avenue and Fulton street. The car then circled the park and went by the new scenic route to the Cliff house, where toasts and good cheer prevailed until midnight; then the party returned home.—The Argonaut.

HUNTING WITH EAGLES.

The hunting of foxes with eagles takes place among the Kirghese, in the southwest portion of Siberia, where the foxes' coats are ruddy and perfect.

The eagles are powerful birds, of such weight that a small wooden support is carried by the eagle bearer. A well grown bird of more than usually fierce temperament will occasionally kill a wolf. Directly any game is seen the birds make their flight and swoop down with great precision.

"One of these birds has, of my knowledge," writes our correspondent, "killed 17 foxes in the last six weeks. I can vouch for this killing of foxes by eagles, for I personally took several photographs and saw the whole sport from beginning to end."

"Years ago I wrote a letter to the Field, telling how foxes swarm up small pine trees in Florida, when a 'kill' appears imminent. I have frequently seen them do so, but I was politely told what an Ananias I must be."—London Sphere.

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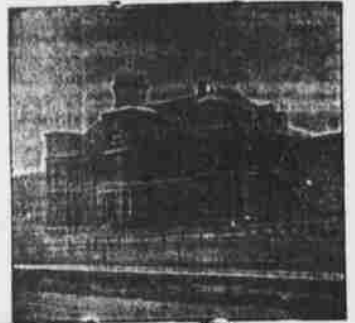
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