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Grant us, O God, to see the right  
Today,  
Today, whose hour is ours!  
Give sight, give strength  
To make the present perfect,  
and our world  
The temple of a happy brotherhood.  
Tomorrow brings its dawn-burst;  
brings the peace  
That follows doubt and darkness.  
We would taste  
The fruits of our endeavor—we who strive  
While pass the winged hours of Today.  
—Howard V. Sutherland.

### PENDLETON PROSPERING.

To the astonishment of a lot of pessimistic croakers, Pendleton is still on the map and prospering despite the fact that not a fine for gambling has passed into the city's coffers for several months.

When gambling was stopped it was declared by a number of men whose pocketbook is their only creed, that the town would go to the bad, business would suspend and the treasury would have a hole in the bottom of it through which Niagara Falls could pour with ease, if the blacklegs were driven out of town and gambling stopped.

Why, it is found that the city is moving along gracefully, the sum of \$10,188 is now in the general fund, and a total of \$15,745 in the city treasury, and best of all, the city is almost entirely rid of a large class of objectionable characters which cannot find a lodging place in any self-respecting city in the entire country now.

The remark of one grocer yesterday contains a key to the whole situation. He said: "Business has actually been better for the past three months than ever before. People who have never paid a grocery bill before without trouble, now have money and pay cash. The men who earn the money now give it to their families and not to the tin horns."

### WILL THEY BE GOOD?

The Morning Oregonian rejoices that such a thrilling example has been set before the United States senate, as the conviction of one of its venerable members and says this example will mean the beginning of a higher standard, a new condition of honesty and obedience to law in that body.

Will the example set before that body mean the beginning of an era of better public morals or will it only serve to make the members more skillful in hiding their jobs to prevent detection? This is a question.

Graft and dishonesty are so widely prevalent in public office and sentences in the penitentiary and heavy fines have so little terror for brazen rascals, that it is very doubtful if one small example of this sort will have the result of removing graft from public service.

Never before in the history of the government was there such an epidemic of grafting, public rottenness, official thieving and other forms of brazen public crimes as now, and present laws are scarcely adequate to a just punishment of this sort of rascality.

### OREGON'S POLITICAL NEED.

The Salem Journal, an independent republican paper, in speaking of the political crisis now upon the state of Oregon, pertinently says:

The republican leadership at Portland has been so rotten that one after another the highest officers have been taken away from the gang that dominates the party down there.

Are they fit to nominate the next

governor of Oregon, or to name the next United States senator? What is the verdict of the voters who live in Multnomah county?

If Portland dominates in the formation of the next republican ticket the verdict will be the same all over the state. Portland has had too much political power, and has not used it wisely.

Political power in Portland has but one objective point—graft. If a good state law has originated there we would like to have some one mention the article in plain English.

What is the moral of the matter? The next republican ticket must be taken from the body of the country, if it is to be elected by the thinking people of this state, who are republicans.

It was republicans who elected Chamberlain governor, Word sheriff, Manning district attorney, and Lane mayor. It is republicans, not democrats that Oregon politicians must reckon with.

A party movement might originate in Portland that would reach out and take in all the interests and men of brains, thought and ability in the state, but that is hardly likely to occur.

Portland is steeped in graft politics to such an extent that Portland managers will not trust men outside the city, and few in the city will trust one another.

The people must make up their minds to make up their own program, to select their own ticket, to do their own nominating, to follow no rotten leadership, or pursue ancient and time-worn methods.

With practically a whole delegation in congress to select, with a whole state ticket to nominate, with a legislature to choose, with a new constitution that needs to be framed, Oregon has a big job just ahead.

With leadership distrusted, with organizations smashed, with an administration in Washington determined to indict and convict every man of prominence in the state, need anyone be surprised if Oregon goes democratic?

### IS THE CANAL HOODOOED?

Is there a mysterious plot to prevent the construction of the Panama canal? The country is periodically treated to a sensational statement that there is, and periodically lives it down, only to find it bobbing up again.

J. D. Yeomans, a former member of the interstate commerce commission, well known in Walla Walla, is the author of the latest scare.

In a highly sensational interview, he avers that there is no intention of building a canal at Panama; that the route is not feasible, while the Nicaragua route was, and that, therefore, the Panama route was substituted by the conspiracy against any canal.

Mr. Yeomans' ideas may be colored by the fact that he was "moved from the interstate commission" and that he was one of a syndicate which made a proposition to construct the Nicaragua canal.

Nevertheless, Mr. Yeomans must be looked upon as a responsible individual and it must be assumed that he believes, to some extent at least, in what he says.

The evidence of a conspiracy to put the government in a hole, to make it spend untold millions in an effort to construct a canal where no canal can ever be constructed, is not conclusive.

Eminent engineers have testified that a canal can be made over either route, it being only a question of time and money. Unless we are to assume that all engineers who have been over the route are fools or attached to the "conspiracy," we must believe that the Panama route is practicable.

Certainly the French engineers thought so and they also must, years ago, have been either mistaken or corrupted by the alleged conspiracy. Is it possible that an influence, international in character, has laid a paralyzing hand upon this project and held it there for years and never unmasked?

It does not seem probable. But it is possible, and the very possibility makes it worth while to have Mr. Yeomans' warning. If it does nothing else, it will add zest to the hunt for the canal hoodoo.

### STRUCK THE RIGHT SPOT.

The conviction of a senator upon a fine point of official probity testifies to the conscientiousness of the courts and the virility of the jury system, says the Minneapolis Journal. If we need deterrent examples of the disgrace of supine yielding to conventional sin, surely the United States senate is a tempting place for the lightning to strike. From no other source could an illustration be drawn more calculated to attract attention.

The senate is the highest legislative body in the world today. It should illustrate in its membership the highest ideals of the people. When the people find senators who are a failure they are led to moralize on how far they contribute to the result by selecting improper men for the trust and how far the declining traditions of the senate contributed to the corruption of a senator originally pure. Reform must be consistent. The people will correct any error of judgment in

choosing senators, but they must ask the senate to protect its members by surrounding them with the highest ideals of the place. Senator Sorghum must go.

### IN THE PRISON CELL.

I know not whether Laws be right,  
Or whether Laws be wrong;  
All that we know who lie in goal  
Is that the wall is strong;  
And that each day is like a year,  
A year whose days are long.

But this I know, that every Law  
Than men have made for Man,  
Since first Man took his brother's life,  
And the sad world began,  
But straws the wheat and saves the chaff  
With a most evil fan.

This too I know—and wise it were  
If each could know the same—  
That every prison that men build  
Is built with bricks of shame,  
And bound with bars lest Christ  
Should see  
How men their brothers maim.

With bars they blur the gracious moon,  
And blind the goodly sun;  
And they do well to hide their Hell,  
For in it things are done,  
That Son of God nor son of Man  
Ever should look upon!

The vilest deeds like prison weeds,  
Bloom well in prison air;  
It is only what is good in Man  
That wastes and withers there;  
Pale Anguish keeps the heavy gate,  
And the Warden is Despair.

For they starve the little frightened child  
Till it weeps both night and day;  
And they scourge the weak, and flog the fool,  
And gibe the old and gray,  
And some grow mad, and all grow bad,  
And none a word may say.  
—Oscar Wilde.

### OPPORTUNITY.

This I beheld or dreamed it in a dream,  
There spread a cloud of dust along a plain,  
And underneath the cloud, or in it  
A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords  
Shocked upon swords and shields. A prince's banner  
Wavered, then staggered backward, hemmed by foes.

A craven hung along the battle's edge  
And thought: "Had I a sword of keener steel—  
That blue blade that the king's son bears—but this  
Blunt thing—" he snapt and flung it from his hand,  
And, lowering, crept away and left the field.

Then came the king's son, wounded, sore bestead,  
And weaponless, and saw the broken sword,  
Hilt buried in the dry and trodden sand,  
And ran and snatched it, and with battle shout  
Lifted afresh, he hewed his enemy down.

And saved a great cause that heroic day.  
—Edward Rowland Sill.

### BUGS COST \$785,000,000.

We have the word of the statisticians that the chinch-bug annually destroys crops valued at \$60,000,000; that the grasshopper eats up \$50,000,000 worth, the Hessian fly \$40,000,000 worth, the Hessian fly \$40,000,000 worth, the cotton boll weevil and the codling moth of apple each \$20,000,000; the army worm \$15,000,000, the cotton boll worm, \$12,000,000, the grain weevil and San Jose scale, \$10,000,000 each, the cotton leaf worm and the potato bug \$8,000,000 each, and the cabbage worm \$5,000,000.

This makes a total of \$298,000,000 worth of products that might have been expected to but never do get to market because of the ravages of these most numerous pests. And this is not the only loss charged to their account. Shortage of crops affects various industries and increases prices, and a deal of money is spent in fighting the pests.

Taking into account all these things the annual loss in this country from insect pests, distributed among the various products, is estimated as follows: Cereals, \$200,000,000; animal products, \$175,000,000; forest and forest products, \$111,000,000; truck crops and hay and forage, \$53,000,000; cotton, \$50,000,000; fruits, \$27,000,000; tobacco, \$5,300,000; sugars, \$5,000,000; miscellaneous crops, \$5,800,000, and products in storage, \$100,000,000, making a total of \$785,000,000.

### NEW ACADEMY FOR ROME.

Now that the \$1,000,000 endowment fund for the maintenance of the American Academy of Fine Arts in Rome has practically been completed by the subscription of \$100,000 by H. C. Frick, it is proposed to raise \$200,000 more for a library for the institution. Frank D. Millet, secretary of the academy, today said that a number of subscriptions for this purpose had already been received, says a New York dispatch.

Of the \$1,000,000 pledged for the endowment fund, Millet said that a large part was ready to be paid in at once and the balance was expected soon. The subscribers besides Frick, are J. P. Morgan and Henry Watters, trustees, who subscribed \$100,000 each; and William K. Vanderbilt, who subscribed \$100,000; Harvard University, through Henry L. Higginson, subscribed \$100,000; James Stillman gave \$100,000, and Columbia university, Yale university, the University of Chicago and the University of California subscribed \$100,000 each.

A fierce fight between moonshiners and federal officials was fought in the Elkhorn district, central Kentucky, Wednesday. The moonshiners escaped after losing their leader, Calvin Centers, who fell at the first fire. One officer was injured.

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