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Fain would I hold my lamp of life aloft. Like yonder tower built high above the reef; Steadfast though tempests rave or winds blow soft; Clear, though the skies dissolve in tears of grief; For darkness passes; storms shall not abide; A little patience, and the fog is past; After the ebbing of the mourning tide, The singing flood returns in joy at last. The night is long, and pain weighs heavily; But God will hold His world above despair. Look to the east, where up the lurid sky The morning climbs! The days shall yet be fair! —Selected.

UP TO THE LAND OWNERS.

Last evening the East Oregonian published an interview with Engineer John T. Whistler, in which it is plainly stated that the beginning of the East Umatilla irrigation project now rests entirely with the land owners under the project.

The government is ready for work. Unlike the Malheur project, which has been abandoned through the refusal of private owners to come into the Water Users' association, no trouble is expected in the case of the Umatilla project. Most of the private owners are willing to concede to the government's plans of organizations and it is thought that the constitution of the Water Users' association which is now being examined by the secretary of the interior will be readily acceptable to all concerned.

Then dirt will fly. The East Oregonian is enthusiastic over the beginning of this work in Umatilla county. It believes that it marks the beginning of the best era ever enjoyed by the county. It means not only the reclamation of this one small tract of land, but it means the gradual extension of irrigation to the entire west end of Umatilla county, as the government takes courage from the splendid results of this project.

This is but a beginning. It is a nucleus for a wider and more diversified system of irrigation. Even the most pessimistic croaker must feel a thrill of something akin to exultation, in hearing that work on this government project in Umatilla county is about to begin.

It is hoped that not an hour's delay is demanded by the land owners upon whom the responsibility now rests. This is the one, solitary opportunity for the government to expend public funds in irrigation works in eastern Oregon.

Let the work begin. Five hundred unfounded homes are awaiting the magic touch of the winter flood to bring them into existence under this project.

POWER OF THE PRESS.

The direct primary nominating law increases the power of the press 100-fold. Candidates wishing to get before the voters must be advertised if they secure a nomination, and since newspapers can talk to thousands while one individual is talking to one, the duty of thoroughly advertising themselves is the first one to be considered by energetic candidates for office.

Since the ambition for office is a legitimate and laudable one, the business of advertising candidates becomes a business no less legitimate and business-like. Candidates seeking a nomination must be known to the people in order to secure their votes at the primary election and the wider circulation of a newspaper and the more varied and diversified the character of that circulation, the bet-

ter medium it is for candidates for all offices.

The independent paper then, with its hosts of warm and steadfast friends in the ranks of all parties becomes the best advertising medium for the candidates who must reach the mass of the people. Partisan papers with a small list of partisan subscribers do not appeal to the candidate who really desires the support of the people regardless of politics. Money spent in advertising in this class of papers is thrown away.

With a sudden and unexpected rush to the front, the PEOPLE have come into power under the direct primary nominating law, and the PEOPLE must be reached before even the most prominent candidate can be placed upon the official ballot.

Candidates seeking a nomination must therefore reach the reading public, and the independent paper, with a circulation among all classes of people maintains its old-time position as the best advertising medium to be found. It speaks to all parties and creeds while the partisan paper which has driven away from it all except those of its own little following can speak to but an insignificant constituency.

THE HIGHER LAW.

W. Ellis Corey, president of the United States Steel corporation, is doubtless as much surprised as if he were the first man to make the discovery that there is a higher law, says the New York World.

What he proposes is legal. He "will not oppose" his wife's securing a divorce if it "does not involve him in any moral turpitude"—a thing which nobody but himself can do. He issues public pronouncements of his intentions as pompously as if he were Napoleon consenting to cast off Josephine.

Then his own gray father punctures the lofty sounding sham when he says:

"When a woman slaves and starves through a \$40-per-month period with a man, when she mends his clothes and divides the last crust with him, when she bears him children and rears or buries them, as Laura did for Ellis, it is safe to say that she loves him, and I know Laura did love him. The actions of my son are beyond my finding out."

Then his uncle, who set him up in life, repudiates him. Then his Pittsburg friends forbid him their houses. Then Mrs. Corey's friends wisely advise her not so meekly to surrender her place as his wife. Then the owners of the Steel Trust, headed by Andrew Carnegie, begin to discuss who shall be Corey's successor.

Why is Corey surprised? His own predecessor is the best steel man in the country, but he gambled in Monte Carlo and he gambled worse in Wall street. Public opinion demanded his resignation as head of the Steel Trust, and he went.

Six months ago Hyde and Alexander and the McCurdys and Perkins and McCall, and all those associated with them in insurance looting, professed a philosophic doubt as to the existence of a higher law. They have changed their minds. Part of them has gone. The rest will go.

Senator Burton and Senator Mitchell may have thought there was no higher law, but it kept them out of the United States senate after they were indicted. Mitchell is dead and Burton is a ruined man, a political pariah, whether he goes to prison or not.

There is no man in the republic so great or so powerful that he can disregard the edicts of public opinion.

The present pope is the first pontiff of the Roman Catholic church to indulge in cigars, his predecessors, notably Pius the Ninth and Leo the Thirteenth, having contented themselves with snuff.

Mrs. Mark Hanna, widow of the late United States senator, was arrested in New York city and fined \$100 for exceeding the speed limit for automobiles.

THE STORK BRINGS JOY

To the household but how about the mother? Has she been joyful during the weeks and months preceding the advent?



Many mothers find it a time of fearful anxiety because of the knowledge that they are "not in good health."

They have allowed weaknesses, pains and drains to accumulate till the health is completely undermined and they are "more than discouraged," and all because they have been misadvised by well-meaning friends or misled by an inefficient doctor.

To all such here is the news that there is a remedy that will heal and not hurt. It was discovered forty years ago by Dr. Pierce who searched Nature's laboratory—the earth, for the remedial agents so liberally provided therein. He took Lady's Slipper root, Black Cohosh root, Unicorn root, Blue Cohosh root, Golden Seal root, and by extracting, combining and preserving, without the use of alcohol, the glyceric extracts of these natural remedies he has given to the world Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION, which has to its credit the enviable and unparalleled record of more than a half-million of cures in the last forty years.

Only those who have given Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription a trial can appreciate what a boon it is to suffering women," writes Miss Vinna Seamore, of 35 Elm St., Toronto, Ont. "For ten years I suffered intensely from female weakness until life was a burden to me. I had distressing, bearing-down pains so I could scarcely stand up. Had hot flashes, was very despondent, weak, and utterly wretched. My physician gave me treatment without success. I tried several remedies but obtained no relief until I began to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I began immediately to improve, and in four months' time I was as well and strong as ever."

Constipation cured by Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

"THE FOOL AND THE MAN."

A fool and a man of wealth, they say, Once met in a garden fair, And the fool he laughed in his foolish way. But the man looked worn with care. Quoth the man: "Oh, fool, why laughest thou?" This word to me is dead. You have found a purse or drunk, I trow, 'Till the wine affects the head."

"Oh, no," the fool then made reply, "No purse I've found today, Nor drunk of cheering wine have I. The reason I am gay Is this: I've earned my keep—no more— Since yesterday's sun declined. And I've besides no wealth in store, But I have peace of mind."

Then the fool passed on with smile and nod, Through the garden fair and and cool. Quoth the weary man of wealth, "Oh, God— Would I were but a fool!" —Bide Dudley.

"BENEVOLENT ASSIMILATION."

The following conversation that actually took place in Manila is significant and very amusing: American housekeeper to Filipino servant: "Why is it, Ramon, that you worked so well for the Spaniards and for so little? They treated you very badly, while I treat you very well; they paid you only two pesos per month, and you demand of me 25; I do not understand it." Ramon replied: "Ah, senora, the Spaniards were our superiors. You Americans are our equals."—The Argonaut.

The rendering of "Ghosts" in Walla Walla a few evenings ago stirred up considerable discussion, as it does everywhere, and Rev. Andreas Bard, whose opinion is so highly esteemed in the inland empire, was present. Being asked afterward if he thought such plays were desirable in a community, he said:

"I certainly do. I have ever held that the stage, like the pulpit, should help educate the human race, and certainly the most cultured can learn from Ibsen's 'Ghosts,' with its powerful commentary on the second commandment. Its penetrating criticism of current propriety and its charity for those that succumb in the struggle."

"What is the chief objection to this much argued tragedy?"

"A young man told me that he did not attend because he hated to have unpleasant facts 'rubbed into him.'"

"It would be better if our young men would bear in mind the organic relation between today's dissipation and tomorrow's result. The majority of people, even when they are thoroughly familiar with the dark side of life, prefer to play innocent and act shocked. This is one of the sins that Ibsen scourges in his 'Pretenders.'"—Walla Walla Union.

Only Two More Days

Many Pendleton Homes to Be Made Happy This Year With Fine Pianos.

Some special bargains and rare chances for shrewd buyers. You will find on display the world's finest makes. The Chickering, Weber, Kimball, Hobart M. Cable, Decker, Schumann, Ratley and many others.

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Walters' Flouring Mills Capacity, 150 barrels a day. Flour exchanged for wheat. Flour, Mill Feed, Chopped Feed etc., always on hand.

WONDERLAND Our Store is a regular Wonderland of Holiday Gifts

And on every side can be seen articles to please all; something to delight the boy, the girl, the old, the young. Never in Pendleton has such a monster collection of Holiday goods been displayed as we now have. Every nook and corner in our store is crowded with suitable presents.

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We invite you to come in and see our gigantic showing. Santa Claus has established his headquarters with us and your money will do double duty at our prices.

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