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If you have a sort of notion
That your clay is rather fine;
If you pay yourself devotion
As a winner in your line;
Kindly ask yourself a query,
As the humblest mortal may—
Though the answer make you weary:
What's the difference in the clay?
Worthless tramp upon the highway
Knows emotions you have shown;
Meanest sinner on some byway
Love and hate and joy has known;
Wants his breakfast and his dinner,
Wishes clothing on his way—
Now, as you're a favored sinner,
What's the difference in the clay?
—A. J. Waterhouse.

VESUVIUS—ITALY'S PLAGUE.

Mt. Vesuvius, which is now in fearful eruption, is but 4099 feet high, or 296 feet lower than the summit of the Blue mountains at Kameia, above the sea level. It appears to be much higher, because it is but 18 miles distant from Naples, on the seacoast.

The crater of the mountain is but 2000 feet across, or about the distance from the high school building to the Main street bridge. The crater is but 508 feet deep, or about the distance from the St. George hotel to the post-office, in Pendleton.

There are two distinct peaks—Somma and Vesuvius and numerous new craters break out with each eruption, within the main area of the old crater.

The mountain slopes gradually upward for 2000 feet toward the main cone, when it rises abruptly for 2000 feet more. A rope railway has been in operation for a number of years to the very mouth of the crater.

The sides of the mountain have been successively covered with vineyards, orchards, small farms and truck patches, after each destructive eruption in its history. Parts of the adjacent country are densely populated. All the tropic fruits and plants grow in splendid luxuriance all about the mountain and at certain periods in its history, adventurous farmers have planted the bottom of the dead crater in clover and vineyards.

Forty different kinds of precious stones and minerals are found on the sides of the mountain and some of the most beautiful specimens of ejecta and scoria have been picked up following eruptions of Vesuvius which have ever been found in the world.

The first recorded eruption of any consequence took place on August 24, 78, A. D., when the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum were destroyed. In 472, A. D., another eruption occurred which carried ashes to Constantinople and into Turkey in Asia, so fierce were the explosions and so great the volume of ashes sent forth.

In 1666 lava flowed into the sea 18 miles distant and thousands of people perished. In 1621, 18,000 people, or nearly as many as are contained in the whole of Umatilla county, perished in an awful eruption of hot water, ashes and gases.

In 1794 a stream of lava 1200 feet in width and 15 feet deep flowed down the mountain and covered the town of Torre del Greco, many of its inhabi-

tants escaping by fleeing out of its path.

The present eruption, which is now in progress has killed as many people as are contained in Milton, Athena, Weston, Adams and Helix, combined, or about 3000 people. Fifty thousand, or as many as are found in the whole of Umatilla and Union counties, are absolutely homeless. Five thousand houses are totally destroyed.

Property to the value of \$80,000,000 has been destroyed. This would equal the total amount of taxable property in eight counties as rich as Umatilla.

The one supreme wonder of the fearful eruption is the daring of Professor Matteucci, government observer of the volcano, who, during the most severe eruptions has remained at his post until forced to leave after his observatory had been destroyed and his instruments torn and shattered by the flying scoria and blistered by the scalding showers from the mountain.

For 25 years this intrepid man has lived at the mouth of the crater and has taken observations of his "pet," as he designates the volcano, every day. Many times he has been crippled by flying pebbles and scorched by hot ashes which have enveloped his home, but seldom has he fled from even the most terrible eruptions.

His daring in the present eruption has been phenomenal. He has maintained his line of telegraph from the mountain and during the intervals between the awful showers of hot water and ashes, he has sent reassurances to the city of Naples, and has prevented an absolute rout of the people, by his reliable information from the volcano.

THE PEOPLE SUPREME.

The returns from Oregon counties showing that 136 out of 230 legislative candidates have taken pledge No. 1 in regard to the election of United States senator proves that the will of the people will hereafter count for something in Oregon.

The agitation for the people's choice for United States senator through the press of Oregon has borne fruits. Fifty legislative candidates out of 239 have modified the pledge by saying that they will vote for the republican candidate having the highest number of votes. This shows the strength of the machine in the state and proves that the demand for cleaner politics and more respect for the will of the people are gaining ground rapidly.

The people will choose the next United States senator.

At the primaries and afterward, voters of all parties should absolutely refuse to support a candidate who will not unqualifiedly pledge himself to the people's choice. While the rings are on the run in Oregon, the people might as well put them out of business entirely.

A man who cannot trust the people is surely not a desirable candidate. The people are the supreme power. Officials are but servants.

VARIETIES OF STATESMANSHIP.

Frederick Ward, the actor who was in Pendleton recently, told of having heard President McKinley say in a private conversation, that a line from Wolsey's advice in "King Henry VIII," had been his whole creed of public life. McKinley said he always kept the sentiment expressed in this simple line foremost in his mind and no matter how much he may be misunderstood, or misconstrued, or maligned, its truth always guided his acts.

This was the line he repeated to Ward: "Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's, thy God's and truth's."

How far from this exalted motto of the great statesman is the motto of a majority of the public men of today!

What conception have the Burtons, the Plattes, the Depews, the Aldriches, of the high standard of this creed which guided McKinley?

Has such a thought ever entered their minds? Is such a creed possible with men whose aim in life is to amass wealth, no matter by what means?

A ROMANCE OF SCIENCE.

A writer in the American Journal of Science says that a prospector, examining stones, came upon what seemed to be a water-worn pebble, four or five inches in diameter. He cracked off a fragment with his pick and discovered a fossil egg inside. The contents had been converted into a substance resembling asphalt.

WHEN EASTER COMES

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which confirms the theory that bitumen is derived from animal remains. The egg is as large as that of a duck or goose, and must have been laid hundreds of thousands of years ago. A bird of the size of a goose or cor-morant must have laid it, and then it fell into the water, or into the soft ooze of which limestone is formed with sufficient force to become imbedded, and thus protected.

For years the ooze continued to be formed on top and at last the whole became consolidated into limestone. Then the limestone was lifted from its watery bed, perhaps by volcanic action, and formed a portion of a mountain range. Through the agency of frost and rain, cold and sunshine fragments of limestone were broken off, until at last the egg was reached, and the piece of stone containing it fell into the Gila river. It was rolled over and over among the multitude of other stones, until its angles were rubbed off, and it became a water-worn pebble in a mountain stream.

LIFE AND DEATH.

O solemn portal, veiled in mist and cloud.

Where all who have lived throng in, an endless line, Forbid to tell by backward look or sign.

What destiny awaits the advancing crowd;

Dumb, spectral gate, terrestrial yet divine,

Beyond whose arch all powers and fates combine,

Pledged to divulge no secrets of the shroud,

Close, close behind we step, and strive to catch

Some whisper in the dark, some glimmering light;

Though circling whirls of thought intent to snatch

A drifting hope—a faith that grows to sight;

And yet assured, whatever may befall,

That must be somehow best that comes to all.

—C. P. Cranch.

THIS IS SUCCESS.

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To never lack appreciation of earth's beauty or fail to express it.

To always look for the best in others.

To give the best one has.

To make one's life an inspiration and one's memory a benediction.—Success Magazine.

AMERICAN TEA FARM.

The tea farm at Somerville, S. C., the only one of its kind in the western hemisphere, is able this year to send 12,000 pounds of tea to market. With the kindly assistance of the government of the United States this farm has grown to a point where it can offer serious competition with the best grades of tea shipped from China, India, Formosa or Java. But, above all, it has been demonstrated that, barring the question of labor, the finest tea can be successfully grown in this country, and there is nothing that gladdens the heart of an American more than the discovery that he can enter into competition in a field hitherto denied him.

JUSTICE WILL BE DONE.

The business men of Caldwell held an indignation meeting the other day, to protest against Debs and the socialist press trying to prejudice the public against the state officers and witnesses in the Steunenberg murder case. They are right, but look on the other side, what an indignation and protest the miners have coming. The daily press publishing "confessions" of Orchard by the page, when the governor has repeatedly announced that no hint of Orchard's confession would be given out prior to the trial. That looks like trying to create prejudice against the accused. It occurs to us that the press has been guilty of serious indiscretions on both sides of the case.—Idaho Unionist.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

The Grant County News says of Oregon land laws:

The methods of sale by which the state of Idaho realizes from \$20 to \$40 per acre on its school lands is in sharp and painful contrast of Oregon's shameless squandering of the nation's gift—the birthright of her children. And the greatest shame for Oregon is that the shame still persists. Time and obloquy fail to end the abuse.

Had the rich timber section which sold for \$25,800 in Idaho lain just across the Snake river it would have brought the mealy sum of \$160. Sixteen hundred dollars for Oregon boys and girls, or \$25,000 for Idaho children. Women vote in Idaho.

SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS WOMAN.

Miss Helen Kimber of the real estate firm of Kimber & Howard of St. Joseph, Mo., is one of the very few women real estate agents in the world and the only one, with the exception of her partner, who is also a woman, who handles railroad lands. Miss Kimber was born and reared in Kansas. She recently visited the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, where she closed a deal for 12,000 acres. She is figuring on several other large tracts.

Klickitat Fruit Prospects. Captain S. H. Miller says that Klickitat will produce a good crop of all kinds of fruit this year as only early fruit trees along the Columbia were partially injured by the cold weather last month. No damage was done in the valley.—Goldendale Sentinel.

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COMING EVENTS.

April 16-21—Pacific Coast Baptist conference, Portland.

April 20—Primary nominating election, state of Oregon.

April 28-29—Mid-Columbia association Congregational church, Pendleton.

May 1, 2 and 3.—Twenty-first annual Sunday school convention of Oregon at Portland.

May 7—Shriners' grand lodge, Los Angeles.

May 22-24—Quarterly conference M. E. church for The Dalles district, Pendleton.

May 24-27—The Dalles and Columbia river Epworth League convention, Walla Walla.

May 31, June 2—Umatilla Pioneers' reunion, Weston.

June 20-24—Northwest Sportsmen's tournament, Walla Walla.

July 7-14—National Educational association, San Francisco.

July 17-19—Elks' grand lodge, Denver.

September 3-5—National Irrigation congress, Boise City.

September 15—Northwest Laundrymen's association, Pendleton.

Dates of Wool Sales.

The following wool sale dates for Oregon have been fixed by the Oregon Woolgrowers' association:

Pendleton—May 22, 23, 29 and 30.

Heppner—May 24, 25; June 7, 8, 21 and 22.

Condon—May 31 and June 1, 27 and 28.

SHANIKO—JUNE 5, 6, 19 AND 20, AND JULY 10 AND 11.

Baker City—June 25, 26; July 12 and 13.

Elgin—July 12.

SITUATION IN IDAHO.

During his visit to Lewiston on Saturday, Governor Gooding was interviewed by a representative of the Tribune of that city regarding the political condition in the state and the status of the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone cases. In the course of his interview, the governor said:

"I am convinced the people at large have little idea of the magnitude of the conspiracy the state is engaged in defeating or it would understand better what I mean in giving my whole energies to the issue."

"The public has little idea, either, of the daily machinations the authorities have to face but this is one of the penalties that have to be met if this state and other states are to maintain their sovereign functions of providing individual citizens with the ordinary rights of freedom of action and protection of person and property under the law. It makes little difference what becomes of me but it makes a great deal of difference whether or not the state has the power and the purpose to do its duty in a great crisis like the law now has to face."

The United Presbyterians of Albany have ordered a \$3000 pipe organ for their new church.

St. Anthony's Hospital



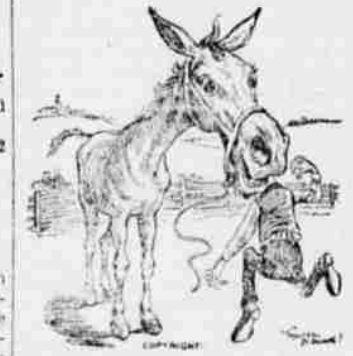
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