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TRIBUTE TO THE NAGGER. There is no health and no peace for the nagger, No hope for the wretched nagger. 'Twer better to die by the dagger. Or hang from the branch of a tree Than to live with "Why don't you?" and "Did you?" And "didn't I tell you so?" "If you'd only done as I bid you." "Oh, oh, oh! and oh, oh!" -Eleanor Kirk's Idea.

THE NEWCOMERS.

This year the Harriman railroad has brought into the state of Oregon 3014 homeseekers, against 2792 last year, an increase of 1042.

These newcomers have been attracted to Oregon by resources which are to be found no where else in the west. They will become settlers. They will join in the development of the west. They will build homes, found settlements, support schools and churches and add in every way to the social and political machinery of the great state.

According to the statistics of the Harriman railroad Pendleton has received but 99 homeseekers each year for two years. This is not as many as should have stopped here. It is not as many as will stop here during the coming year.

Pendleton must advertise herself more in the east. She has the goods to offer. She has the rich surrounding country. She is a pivotal point for one of the most promising districts in the west and there is no reason why she should not have 500 newcomers in 1907, instead of 100.

THE CONTROL OF NECESSITIES.

Coal and oil, two of the most vital necessities of the world, have been supplied by nature abundantly in almost all parts of the United States.

These are natural resources, given by nature for the daily and hourly use of man, and by all the laws of ethics and sociology, they are the property of the people. It is just as plausible for trusts to attempt to dominate the air or the water, as to dominate coal and oil, which are parts of the earth and the absolute property of mankind.

President Roosevelt has caught a glimpse of this higher doctrine, in his movement to save the remainder of the coal lands of the country for the people. He has been touched by the wrongs of the trusts among the sacred rights of the public and if he could be induced to accept the office of president once more would perhaps accomplish something along this line.

It is a crime for the combinations of capital to make playthings of the necessities of the people.

HELPING OTHER NATIONS.

"Once we taught the nations what to do. Now we teach them what not to do," says Charles Edward Russell in "Soldiers of the Common Good," in the Christmas Everybody's.

"It is even so," continues Mr. Russell. "In all the remaking of New Zealand a tremendous force has been the determination to escape, at whatever cost, the conditions prevailing in the United States.

"All the world knows what has happened to us. The story of the American trust has penetrated to every corner of the globe; the very hostmen on the Wanganni river and

the Maori schoolboys will tell you that America is dominated by its rich men and corporations and distracted with labor upheavals. To all mankind we seem to have become the awful example.

"Often in Switzerland and Germany I was started to find how keenly, even to the minutest details, our troubles had been noted, and here in New Zealand not a line of their significance was overlooked in the discussions provoked by the new measures. 'Let us have no trusts here as they have in America,' men said. 'Let us have nothing like the American railroad companies, bribing legislatures and watering stock.' 'The strikes in America are terrible calamities; we must not have such things here.'

"The newspapers teemed and still tear with such comments; and if we have done ill for ourselves we have at least done well for our neighbors, since every disastrous effect upon America of the unequal distribution of earnings and of opportunity has been a spur to the regeneration of New Zealand."

It is really a little strange isn't it, that Canadian coal can be delivered from Spokane at a rate of \$2 per ton now, when in ordinary times and under ordinary conditions this is not done? If Pendleton had some source of coal supply beside the Wyoming mines the present shortage would not exist, perhaps. Why cannot coal from Fernie, Crow's Nest Pass and other Canadian mines be shipped into Pendleton at all times? Why must it be necessary to make a special rate under pressure of a scarcity, to supply this entire district with coal? It looks as though the railroads had parcelled the territory among themselves regardless of the needs of the country and all that can be done by the people is to accept the situation.

Poor's Manual for 1906 states that at the close of 1905 the mileage of completed railroads in the United States was 217,341. The capitalization of 212,624 miles was \$14,563,195,931, or \$68,441 a mile, stock being \$6,711,956,827 and bonds \$7,425,241,991. The average interest rate on bonds was 4.75 per cent or less than ever before; the average dividend rate, 2.27, or more than for many years. The average freight rate per ton per mile was 784-thousandths of a cent; the average passenger rate 2.028 cents per mile. The expenses in 1905 were 67.49 per cent of gross earnings.

"Western Tours" is the name of a delightful magazine of American travel edited by Edith Tozier Weathered at Berkeley, Cal. The magazine is the voice and spokesman of the movement started recently in Salt Lake to "see America first," and is calculated to stimulate an interest in American, and especially in western travel and scenery. Mrs. Weathered does not forget Oregon while living in the glamor of the Golden Gate and the Sierras.

Death has saved the courts of Washington of the unpleasant task of disposing of the Creffield woman. This miserable brood of imbeciles and fanatics has caused enough trouble. Let the curtain be drawn mercifully. "Holy Rollerism" has been the witchcraft of the Pacific coast.

ENCOURAGE THE HELPFUL HEN

Hens will lay eggs in Oregon all winter, says J. W. Bailey, state food and dairy commissioner, if they are hatched right, fed right and kept happy. Their happiness, he declares, is the most necessary condition, and this can be attained only by keeping them dry and warm.

"There's no good excuse for a scarcity of eggs in Oregon," he declared last night before a group of citizens who were grumbling at 40-cent hen fruit.

The hen may have to work hard to produce the eggs at this time of year was the sentiment of the auditors, but the consumer has to work harder to get the money for the price. They wondered what was the matter with the barnyard fowl in Oregon, that it did not do its full duty in the temperate Novembers of this state.

But they were finally rounded up by Mr. Bailey, who declared: "Hatch chickens in March in incubators, and keep them out of the rain and the cold the next winter and they will lay," and forthwith he told of a man named Tucker in Jefferson, Ore., who, from 24 hens, has been gathering 18 and 20 eggs a day this month.

"Mr. Tucker," continued Mr. Bailey, "hatched his chickens last March, and now, in their laying period keeps them protected from the weather. He

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"Large numbers of farmers neglect their chickens or give them poor care, and the result is scarcity of eggs. They need to wake up to business. The old idea that Oregon winters are too wet for laying is exploded. The hens can be kept out of the wet."

Medium weight hens are best for winter eggs, says Mr. Bailey, such as Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes or Rhode Island Reds. Careful attention to breeding must be given, as in building up milk cows in the dairy. Just as cows that yield little milk should be culled from the dairy, so hens that lay few eggs should be given place to larger producers.

An indispensable aid to such work is the keeping of a daily record of each hen, so that the lagging fowls can be picked out from the busy ones.

HE SINGS TO BEAT THE BAND.

Bert Morphy says farewell to Portland today for a whole long year, says the Telegram. He leaves for Phoenix, Ariz., and not until next summer will he return to Portland, which he declares is the greatest spot in the world outside of old Ireland itself.

Of course you know Bert Morphy. There is but one Morphy—not Murphy—and he is the "Man who sings to beat the band." All Portland knows him, and he is as well known from one part of the country to the other.

Morphy has what is believed to be the strongest voice in the world, yet there have been times years ago when it looked very much as though he would have to forget that he was a singer and get in and do hard work to keep body and soul together. He has been in the business 16 years, but now it is a common thing for him to enter into \$500 per week contracts, and sometimes even more.

The greatest trouble he has had in his business has been to make people who have not heard him believe that he can sing to a brass band accompaniment. While he was at The Oaks this summer the Portland newspapers were full of articles of the great hits he made. But despite this people could not believe what they read until they heard him with their own ears.

Boise City, Idaho, planned a big fair and wanted a star attraction. The committee heard of Morphy, but sent several men to hear him sing with a brass band before they would engage him, and he went there with a fat contract after the close of The Oaks. Phoenix sent a man to Boise to hear him, and he obtained another big contract. It is exceedingly hard for him to get an engagement at a place where he has not appeared, and it is a common thing for committees to be dispatched long distances to hear him sing.

"I can write bushels of letters and send press notices galore to managers, and if they have never heard me warble, or rather yell, they will not believe that I can sing with a band," laughed Morphy yesterday at the Hotel Portland. "Once they hear me tear off a few notes when a band is playing its loudest the contract is as good as signed."

"When I made a tour of England I came near starving to death before I could secure an engagement. I made quite a name for myself in the United States, and then thought I could invade our European cousins. I landed in London with a trunkful of press notices, and immediately sought out the music hall managers. I told them what I could do and they laughed at me. They thought I was either a fool or a candidate for the duty-house. For weeks I hung around those managers, and they began to look upon me as a village pest. The claim that I could sing and be plainly heard with the largest band in England they regarded as absolutely absurd."

"In sheer desperation I decided to hire a band of my own and show them. I engaged a band of about 60 pieces, hired a hall and then made a hustle for the managers. Many of them attended because they thought if they saw me make a fool of myself that the village pest would bother them no more. Well, I made good, and at the conclusion of the concert had more offers than I could handle."

Morphy is virtually ostracized from the theaters or vaudeville houses. Several times he tried to appear in vaudeville, but got fired. In nearly all vaudeville programs from three to four of the acts are singers. Morphy sang so loud that when he was followed by some average vocalist the voice of the latter sounded like the buzz of a mosquito. The other musical acts dwindled into insignificance and the complaint raised by the other performers was of sufficient volume to cause the managers to fire Morphy.

Once Morphy tried to break into grand opera. His powerful voice, with its wonderfully penetrating qualities, drove the other members of the troupe into distraction and they went on strike. As a result Morphy was turned out. So he took to singing with brass bands, and now he makes a small-sized fortune every year. He makes more than many of the famous grand opera singers and has no aspirations now for grand opera or vaudeville.

Morphy does not claim to be a De Reszke or a musical prodigy, but he says he is a musical freak, and what is more that he is proud of it. His voice is natural and has never been cultivated. He admits that it has many rough spots in it which could be detected by critics were he to appear in opera, but that when singing with a band they cannot be detected. He has a wonderful articulation, and no matter how big the band when singing every word he utters can be heard very distinctly. He hurls out the syllables like a shot from a cannon, and it is said no band has ever been able to drown his voice.

A negro restaurant at Dresden, Tenn., was attacked by whitecaps, the windows were broken and the inmates forced to flee.

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