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A blessed thing it is for any one to have a friend, one human soul whom we can trust utterly, who loves the best and worst of us, and loves us in spite of our faults; who will speak the honest truth to us while the world flatters us to our face, and laughs at us behind our backs; who will give us counsel and reproof in the day of our prosperity and self-conceit; but who will comfort and encourage us in the day of difficulty and sorrow, when the world leaves us to fight our battles as we can.—Charles Kingsley.

THE DOCTORS "IN COURT."

Osteopathy, Christian science, faith healing, nuropathy nor any other legitimate science should have anything to fear from the regular physicians in state legislatures.

Every legitimate and beneficial science is absolutely entitled to a square deal, regardless of personal sentiments. Even the science of medicine as practiced by the regular physicians, has been under the ban many times in the past.

This fact should make every thoughtful member of the profession more charitable. It should temper the mind of physicians to every new science which presents itself at the door of public sentiment for adoption.

There are millions of people in the United States who believe in and patronize osteopathy, Christian science, faith healing and who are just as much entitled to their beliefs as people who patronize the allopaths and regular physicians. Is it just to legislate against the minority, simply because it is the minority?

And on the other hand, the osteopaths, in seeking to pass a bill recognizing their profession in Oregon should not oppress the other cults still weaker than they.

The principle of just legislation is not the survival of the strongest. Every force which can do mankind good, satisfy the peculiar necessities of certain classes of human minds, or meet the peculiar conditions of society, should be recognized and fostered by law. Everything was new, once in its history. Nothing in the catalogue of human accomplishments sprang full grown into existence.

THE FEE ADMINISTRATION.

The administration of Mayor James A. Fee in the municipal history of Pendleton will be recognized as one of the most business-like, practical and progressive on record.

The annual message of the mayor delivered to the city council last night, the statement of the city departments and the financial condition of the city at the close of the first year of Mayor Fee's administration, all show excellent conditions and are evidence of a vigorous and fearless policy which has prevailed during the past year.

Without permitting open gambling and with enormous expenses to meet during the past year, the council has made a profit for the city of \$1919.92. The report of the city recorder, published today, gives full details and the taxpayers of the city are urged to read the reports carefully.

The present condition of the city

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proves that good morals and business progress are possible at the same time. While Pendleton has paved her streets, purchased a road roller and rock crusher, repaired the levee and purchased a site for a city hall, the council has also held a vigorous rein over moral conditions and has revoked the licenses of several saloons which have proved to be objectionable.

Vigor and vim and fearlessness have marked the present council in a high degree. The opposition to the paving was overcome by this unfaltering determination on part of the council. Decency has been enforced. In the face of a loud and clamorous protest from certain interests and altogether the work of the present administration has been remarkable.

In its fearlessness and practical policies the council has enjoyed the fullest confidence of the people. And as the council progresses with its excellent work, that confidence will be strengthened.

THE AGE OF PROPERTY.

The commercial spirit of the world has coined a new word to apply to the divisions of time. We have had the stone age, the iron age, the glacial age and the dark ages. Now we have the age of Property.

The dollar is the standard of the present age. Money expresses the stature of the man. Wealth rules. Gold is a passport to every favor. The Saturday Evening Post expresses the sentiment of this commercial age in a most startling manner, as follows:

Property, the sense of property, the love of property, the regard for the rights of individual property—all that is undoubtedly the strongest element in our Anglo-Saxon inheritance. The rights of property are better safeguarded by law in the United States than in any other civilized community on the earth. Human life is cheap with us, but Property can do almost what it will, regardless of the common good, of life itself.

Next to us among civilized nations in regard for property come the English, from whom we inherit our reverence for personal possessions. There is a distinction, however, between the English and the American attitude toward property.

Here in America we worship money, the raw medium of exchange itself that can be counted in figures and put in the bank; we don't say "a man of property" when we refer to a rich man, but we call him a millionaire or a billionaire. We don't think of his houses, his land, his furniture or his possessions into which money translates itself. That is a sign of greater development; we shall come to that idea, are coming to it. Again, in England there is one class that loves property supremely and is identified with it—the upper middle class. In America we all love money, irrespective of class, and speak in terms of money.

CHRONOLOGY IN SALEM.

In Salem, everything dates from the legislative sessions.

Like the farmer planting his potatoes by the changes of the moon, Salem gauges her affairs to the opening of the legislature. It is a sort of biennial sunset and dawn in her little world. Her chronology centers in this all-absorbing event.

Bills long contracted are payable when "the legislature meets." Promises made during political campaigns, months in advance, are discharged during the golden 40 days. It is a sort of clearing-house for political, financial and social obligations.

Like the shepherd who comes to town from the "wild and woolly" hills to take his annual bath, Salem puts off her obligations until the legislative session. Like the fawning admirer of old Bill Jones who only shined his shoes when old Bill gave his annual "blow out," Salem saves up her surplus social energy until the legislature meets.

BROUGHT FIRST NEWS OF GOLD.

Nathan Hawk, a veteran of the Mexican war and the man who, in 1845, first brought east news of the California gold discoveries, is a hale and hearty citizen of Folsom, Cal. Mr. Hawk, who is now 82 years old, left his Iowa home for California in 1847. He lives a few miles from the spot where James Marshall dug up the first gold found in the state.

Pendleton Is Extensively Advertised

The Boise Capital News gives Pendleton and Umatilla county a fine advertisement in its issue of yesterday, in an interview with C. B. Adams, who comes to Pendleton to have charge of the Furnish Irrigated land. The News says:

C. B. Adams, for the past 18 months a member of the Capital News staff, and who became well known throughout the west as director of promotion and publicity of the 14th National Irrigation Congress, will leave tonight for Pendleton, Ore., where he has accepted a position with the Inland Irrigation company. In speaking of the enterprise, his connection with which has taken him out of the newspaper business, Mr. Adams said:

"The project belonging to the Inland Irrigation company is a private enterprise located on the north side of the Umatilla river, from which stream it takes its water supply. The altitude is about 500 feet above sea level, somewhat lower than that at Lewiston or the Yakima valley, and the climate is very much similar. The season is from four to six weeks earlier than in Boise valley, and the country is especially adapted to early fruits, vegetables and crops of this character, requiring intense farming."

"The soil is decomposed lava and volcanic ash, exceedingly productive, and the great depth insures abundant and continuous yields, without the necessity of artificial fertilizing. The lands under the canal are practically level, about half the territory having a gentle slope to the Columbia river and the balance toward the Umatilla. So that the expense of reclaiming and irrigating will be at the minimum, very little grading and leveling being required."

"Adjoining this tract on the north is the government irrigation enterprise being constructed by the reclamation service. This is a storage proposition, the government reservoir adjoining our property, and will reclaim upwards of 20,000 acres of land. Work is well advanced on the feed canal, and construction of the reservoir embankment is to begin early in the spring. The lands are at present withdrawn from entry, but will be opened as soon as it can be determined at what date water can be supplied, probably in 1908. Many settlers are already in that country waiting to secure homesteads in tracts of 10, 20 and 40 acres each."

"The present estimate of water rights under the government system is \$60 an acre, though the price may exceed that amount. This would seem very excessive to people of Idaho, but when you come to consider that land similar to this, under cultivation in the Yakima valley, is selling readily at \$200 to \$400 an acre, and producing crops that would justify much larger prices, the cost of water is not unreasonable and those fortunate enough to secure a homestead will be able to realize handsomely on their investments."

"The Inland Irrigation company's project is a private enterprise in all respects. The company is a close corporation and owns both the land and water. The water rights are appurtenant to the land, and each purchaser becomes interested in the water system according to the acreage of land owned, so that when all is disposed of it will become a co-operative enterprise."

"The lands under the system begin at the town of Echo and extend to within two miles of Hermiston, both on the O. R. & N. railroad, affording excellent markets, and none of the land is more than six miles from town."

"Pendleton is one of the most substantial and prosperous cities in the inland empire. The principal streets have recently been paved with bituminous pavement; the business houses are handsome structures and the stores are up to date. The banks carry a heavy line of deposits, and there is every evidence of prosperity in all lines of business."

"What impressed me most was the fact that there was no wholesale establishments in that city. It has the main line and two branches of the O. R. & N., and a third branch is under construction, and also the Northern Pacific. There are over 50 towns with a population of from a few hundred to 2500 that should be supplied by jobbing houses at Pendleton and with such a territory to supply it cannot be long until wholesale establishments will be there after the business."

"The Inland canal is practically completed and the laterals will be finished in time to furnish water this season, it being the intention to place a portion of the lands on the market about March 1."

ALCOHOL FROM CACTUS.

The profitable manufacture of denatured alcohol from cactus has been found feasible by Chemist G. A. Burns, manager of the Southern Pacific Railway company's hospital in San Francisco, who has recently been visiting this section of California, says the Santa Ana Blade.

He declares that much desert land in this state and New Mexico can be reclaimed by the growing of cactus, the manufacture of alcohol from the plant and the use of the alcohol as fuel for power plants to pump water for irrigating.

Mr. Burns says he knows to a certainty from his own experiments, that denatured alcohol can be produced in sufficient quantities from the common desert tree—so monotonous to the tired eyes of the tourist coming from the east—to furnish heat, light and power for all general farming purposes. From five pounds of pulp he distilled, in a crude way, more than a gallon of alcohol, which was clear in color and burned readily with a very bright, warm glow.

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HILL'S DEADLY PARALLEL.

James J. Hill yesterday sent a letter to Governor Johnson of Minnesota on the railroad congestion, says the Spokesman-Review. Mr. Hill's present opinion of waterway competition is pointedly set forth in the following paragraph in this letter: "A 15-foot canal or channel from St. Louis to New Orleans would go further to relieve the entire middle west and southwest than any other work that could be undertaken. With such a depth of water a single powerful tugboat would carry from 30 to 40 trainloads."

The following is an extract from an interview with Mr. Hill while in Spokane February 14, 1892, wherein he expresses an opinion on the waterway question. It was introduced in evidence yesterday before the interstate commerce commission: "The people have an exaggerated idea about the cheapness of water carriage. Why, you might build a canal 10 feet deep right alongside the Great Northern clear from one end to the other, and we would still do the business. You appear surprised. But have you considered that with

such a line as we are building a train crew of five men can take along at a speed of 15 miles per hour 800 tons of merchandise? To do that on a canal would require three to five canal boats and three to five crews of men, and even then they would plod along at a three-mile gait."

GOD IS OUSTED FROM FRANCE.

M. Briand, the French minister of public worship, denies the statement credited to him that France "had hunted Jesus Christ out of the army, the navy, the schools, the hospitals and the law courts." But as instancing the extent of the wave of irreligion in France the minister of finance has directed the mint authorities to drop from coins the motto, "God Protect France." In place of the time-honored device the coinage will henceforth bear the old revolutionary watchword, "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity."

At Caldwell, Idaho, James Duncan dropped dead on the street following a big drunk. The immediate cause of death was the giving way of the left ventricle of the heart.

FRAZER THEATRE FRIDAY, JAN. 18 JACOB A. RIIS ON Tony's Hardships THE STORY OF THE STREET ARAB WHO "THROWS STONES," AND THE SUCCESS OF THE EFFORTS TO FAME HIM, THE MOST FASCINATING PRESENTATION OF THE FIGHT FOR "OUR TOMORROW," AS MR. RIIS PUTS IT, AND INSISTS THAT UPON IT RESTS THE STABILITY OF THE REPUBLIC. THE LECTURE IS THE ACCOUNT OF THE FIGHT FOR DECENT LIVING CONDITIONS IN NEW YORK, WHICH HAS MADE MR. RIIS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. Mr. Riis is interesting, instructive, amusing and pathetic. Immense crowds greet him everywhere. PRICES:—75c and 50c; Students, 25c. Sale of seats began Wednesday for subscribers. Open to public Thursday noon at Pendleton Drug Co.

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