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Not one holy day, but seven. Worshipping, not at the call of a bell, but at the call of my soul. Singing, not at the baton's sway, but to the rhythm in my heart. Loving, because I must. Doing, for the joy of it. —Muriel Strode.

THE CASE OF JOHN P. McMANUS.

In the recent history of Umatilla county there has been no more pitiable illustration of the struggle of a brilliant man with the drink habit, than that of John P. McManus, now held in the county jail for shooting Bob Estes.

No man deprecates the habit more than McManus. His mind is brilliant and his nature refined and he keenly appreciates the disgusting environments of the habit—but like thousands of other brainy men, his weakness seems to be incurable.

No one can say that he has not fought off the habit manfully. No man can say that his better nature and his better instincts have not been developed and sustained by a most indomitable will power, for long periods, during which he has remained sober, although possessing an ungovernable appetite.

Had McManus been left to his own inclinations and to his own determination he would not now be in his unfortunate plight and his victim would yet be alive, to grace his profession.

Four years ago when McManus founded the Pilot Rock Record, he quit drinking, shook off his old associates and was one of the soberest and most lovable men in the community. He is naturally a gentleman, and his long business training and brilliant mind give him a peculiarly attractive personality, when sober. He multiplied the number of his friends, married an estimable woman, established a home and prospered. It looked as though he had at last conquered his old habit and every man in the county who had known "Mac" was glad of it and took a personal interest in his case.

But his felicity was doomed to short life.

When the gang of Pendleton gamblers saw that he was prospering and had perhaps put away considerable money, they began to visit Pilot Rock regularly, they became "good fellows" with Mack. They associated with him closely, suggested and begged that he drink with them, just for "old friendship's sake," and by every wile known to the trade, sought to undermine his manful determination and to lower him again to their level where his money would be "velvet" for them.

It was a year or more before they finally succeeded in winning him away from the entreaties and influences of his family and friends. But finally they "got" him, as they say. He began drinking again, and from drinking it was easy to lead him to gambling again, and his money was carried back to Pendleton in installments by the gambling fraternity which is now mourning the untimely loss of a member.

Nobody is to blame for the downfall of McManus and the death of Bob Estes except the gamblers who have worked long and patiently to accomplish the downfall of McManus, after he had manfully stood aloof from them for almost four years, during which time he had leaped into a place of respectability in the community, had accumulated some means, married and settled down and was prospering and highly esteemed.

Nobody is to blame for his downfall except the gamblers of Umatilla county, against whose fraternity the East Oregonian has repeatedly spoken in the past. It is only another illustration of the penalty which must sooner or later be paid, in every community which tolerates gambling.

John P. McManus has made a mistake, it is true. But was he to blame?

Did he not strive manfully, persistently to hold himself up? Did he not live a clean and upright life for a long period in which he was away from the influences of the gamblers? If he was crazed again, through drink, is he more to blame than the wretches who accomplished his downfall, in the face of a manful determination on his part and against the patient pleadings of a family?

Had McManus been left alone, he would be as his desk in Pilot Rock a free man, living a useful and upright life. Had he been left to carry out the high resolves of his mind, he would today be at his home, on the upward pathway.

But it is sadly otherwise, and who is to blame?

THE DIRTY THAW TRIAL.

The East Oregonian has refused to print fully one-fourth of the dirty rot which has been sent over wires concerning the Thaw trial. It has too much respect for the homes of its readers to send such vile stuff out for children to read.

The facts being brought out form a monumental example of social depravity in the great metropolis of the United States and the conditions portrayed by the evidence in the case should cause the American to blush for his country.

White and Thaw and Mrs. Thaw and that entire coterie of social vampires, preying and preyed upon, as they are, form one supreme example of the rottenness of the idle life of the vicious rich. While the woman is to be pitied, yet she must bear her part of the odium.

Some one has said that it was a pity Thaw's pistol did not shoot both ways. That would have been an excellent solution of the case.

THE COMING YEAR.

For Pendleton and Umatilla county and the smaller towns of the county, the coming year promises to be one of the very best ever enjoyed.

Work is now in progress on the government irrigation project and several private projects will be placed upon the market. These will attract settlers and homeseekers, investors and capitalists and Pendleton Commercial association has a busy year ahead of it.

The facts concerning Umatilla county should be placed before the public by some reliable and trustworthy agency, that those who come here upon the strength of advertisements of the county, may not be deceived and leave disgrusted, to become kickers.

The association should see that the right kind of literature is sent out, that the homeseeker is given the right impression, that he is received cordially and made to feel at home, even before he locates.

The spirit of a town has much to do with winning settlers as well as the business opportunities.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$32,000,000 for general education to be used by a general educational board. If this money is to be used to fasten John D. Rockefeller's educational and economic ideals upon the country, let us give it back to him, quickly. Better no schools than schools which teach wrong principles. Better no funds than funds for warped and "manufactured" education.

If every man understood every other man's motives, if all the deeds which we do and which we witness were fully explained and their motives known, there would be much less enmity and hatred in the world. Many a man is branded as an enemy simply because he is not understood.

With the portage road extended to The Dalles, with boats upon the upper river, with railroad lines extending into the interior and with irrigation schemes being developed everywhere it looks pretty well for eastern Oregon.

Expelled for Bribery.

Senator Richard W. Morgan has been expelled from the Colorado legislature, says the Denver News. He confessed bribery and that he had served several terms. He was re-elected last fall, after confessing he accepted \$750 for voting in favor of the Cripple Creek railroad merger two years ago. Public comment forced the republicans to repudiate him. Morgan declared that others were more guilty than he. His share was only part of the quarter of a million boodle fund for which the inquirers accounted.

Profits in Hops.

The Pacific Homestead says of the cost of raising hops: A fair average crop of hops per acre is about 800 to 1200 pounds. Some parts of the river bottom lands near Salem have yielded as much as 2600 pounds to the acre. It is conceded that a crop of hops can be made ready for delivery to the buyer for from 7 1/2 to 9 cents a pound. The average bale consists of about 180 pounds. The hop vines will yield a "baby" crop the first year, and thereafter full crops if the weather conditions permit.

Royal Baking Powder advertisement. Text: 'You can make better food with Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE Lighter, sweeter, more palatable and wholesome.' Includes logo and 'ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO. NEW-YORK.'

LIFE IN KENTUCKY.

The following humorous sketch of Kentucky life was written by Col. E. E. Richardson of Kansas City, for the Kansas City Star:

Man born of the mountains of Kentucky is of few days and full of virus. He fisheth, fiddleth, cusseth and fighteth all the days of his life.

He shunneth water as a mad dog and drinketh much good whisky.

When he desireth to raise h—, he planteth a neighbor, and, lo! he reapeth twenty-fold. He riseth even from the cradle to seek the scalp of his grandseer's enemy, and bringeth home in his carcass the ammunition of his neighbor's wife's cousin's uncle's father-in-law, who avenged the deed.

Yea, verily, his life is uncertain, and he knows not the hour that he may be jerked hence. He goeth forth on a journey half shot, and cometh back on a shutter full of shot. He riseth in the night to let the cat out, and it taketh nine doctors three days to pick the buckshot out of him. He goeth forth in joy and gladness and cometh back in scraps and fragments. A cyclone bloweth him into the bosom of his neighbor's wife, and his neighbor's wife's husband bloweth him into Abraham's bosom before he hath time to explain. He emptieth a demijohn into himself and a shotgun into his enemy and his enemy's son lieth in wait for him on election day, and, lo! the coroner bloweth up a 40-acre field to bury the remains of his enemies. Woe, woe is Kentucky, for her eyes are red with moonshine whisky, and

her soul is stained with the blood of her innocent moonshiners.

Nevertheless, Kentucky, oh, Kentucky! how I love thy classic shades, Where flit the fairy figures of the bright-eyed southern maids; Where the birds are sweetly singing, 'mid the flowers newly born, Where the corn is full of kernels and the colonels full of corn.

IN "GOOD" HEALTH.

A little of the philosophy of an old afflicted brother might help some of us out on the life road. "And how is your good health this morning?" some one asked. "Well, sir," he replied, "I can't com-

plain. Outside of the old war rheumatism, an' a crick or two in my wooden leg, caused from sympathy, an' the deafness that come on me in '76, an' the cataract over my left eye, an' a leetle twinge of the springtime ague, an' the hard to understand change in the elements above us, I am proud to relate to you that my good health wuz never better!"—Atlanta Constitution.

The spice of speculation is a dangerous and expensive experiment, but it is always necessary to suffer a risk in order to enjoy a sensation.

A man is always safe in spite of every influence in earth or heaven, as long as he can keep faith in himself.

BABY'S VOICE

Is the joy of the household, for without it no happiness can be complete. How sweet the picture of mother and babe! Angels smile at and commend the thoughts and aspirations of the mother bending over the cradle. The ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so full of danger and suffering that she looks forward to the hour when she shall feel the exquisite thrill of motherhood with indescribable dread and fear. Every woman should know that the danger, pain and horror of childbirth can be entirely avoided by the use of Mother's Friend, a scientific liniment for external use only, which toughens and renders pliable all the parts, and assists nature in its sublime work. By its aid thousands of women have passed this great crisis in perfect safety and without pain.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

Sold at \$1.00 per bottle by druggists. Our book of priceless value to all women sent free. Address BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga

Watch this ad tomorrow for more bargains. The time taken will be well paid for.

Men's Quality Clothing At Hurry Up Prices.

THE SACRIFICE still continues. Last week's sales were hummers, which goes to show that particular buyers are pleased to get an opportunity to purchase EXCLUSIVE CLOTHING, such as we handle, at such a great reduction in price. We aim to make this week's sales eclipse all previous efforts in our history, or in fact all previous QUALITY CLOTHING merchandising, in the City of Pendleton.

Don't think my friend, that because you are getting this clothing so cheap, that it is shoddy goods or cheap clothing for the man who cannot afford better. No Sir. A majority of our customers have been men of business, who have accepted an opportunity to get that what they wanted, and at lower prices—merely a business proposition + + + +

We Must Have Room For Spring Goods. Read Below and Make Money.

Table with 2 columns: Price and Item. Items include \$25 MEN'S SUITS, HURRY PRICE \$18.75; \$22.50 MEN'S SUITS, HURRY PRICE \$16.85; \$20 MEN'S SUITS, HURRY PRICE \$14.40; \$18 MEN'S SUITS, HURRY PRICE \$13.50; \$16.50 MEN'S SUITS, HURRY PRICE \$12.40; \$15 MEN'S SUITS, HURRY PRICE \$11.25; \$13.50 MEN'S SUITS, HURRY PRICE \$9.25; \$7.50 MEN'S SUITS, HURRY PRICE \$3.75; \$6 MEN'S SUITS, HURRY PRICE \$3.00.

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