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"Twas the voice of a brick in a building high. A brick of the lower tier: 'Behold my brothers mount up to the sky. And leave me forgotten here. But I hold my place and I hide my time. That must come to the great and small; And though I be lost in the dirt and the grime, I'm the hope of the whole high wall. 'Tis on my shoulders they upward mount To their place in the sunlight fair. And though far below them I still account Myself with the highest there. For the law that governs I understand, And the law of the world to be; It is this: We are all as one in the land. As the drops are all one in the sea." —Charles Eugene Banks.

AFRAID OF INVESTIGATION?

Samuel Connell, president of the Municipal association of Portland, expresses the belief that an investigation of the municipal affairs of Portland, such as is now being made in San Francisco, would be extremely unfortunate at this time.

He shrinks from the thought of the lime light, as it were. He says that San Francisco will not "recover from the present investigation for many years."

There are a few rascals who will not and should never recover, but the city of San Francisco will arise in dignity and renewed strength from the investigation. Capital will not be afraid of investment, homeseekers will feel secure and industry will forge ahead feeling safe in the keeping of a stronger, more honorable citizenship.

The Municipal association of Portland should court such an investigation. If there is any fear of such an investigation, that makes it all the more necessary to investigate.

A GIRL Baffles HENEY.

Francis J. Heney, who has sent congressmen, United States senators, government officials and prominent citizens to jail for fraud and corruption in the past few years, is being baffled by a slip of a girl in his investigation of the municipal frauds of San Francisco.

Nellie Smith, a stenographer for the Home Telephone company, who is but a delicate maiden, weighing less than 100 pounds, knows the inner secrets of the bribery of the supervisors by the telephone company; the money passed in her presence, she wrote letters concerning the amounts each supervisor was to receive and is in possession of all the vital facts needed by the prosecutor—and yet his artful methods have failed to wring the needed information from her.

Threats, pleading, questioning, even tears, it is said, have availed nothing and the key of the situation is still locked up in the bosom of this slip of a girl who refuses to betray the company which employed her.

She is not accused of any part in the crooked transactions, but she knows all about them and for the precious secrets confined in her haughty little head, Heney would give a large slice of his reputation just at this critical time.

She says she wishes to see every guilty man in San Francisco punished, but she maintains that it would be highly unprofessional for her to betray the secrets of her employer, and she prefers to face an indictment rather than bear the shame of divulging secrets confided to her as a stenographer.

CLIMATE NOT CHANGING.

The people of Umatilla county have flattered themselves for a number of years that the climate is changing somewhat, for the better; that the rainfall in the western portion of the county is slightly increasing; that providence has really given a passing smile to the sagebrush and sand des-

erts and that with the able co-operation of deep plowing and better cultivation, the light lands will be made as valuable as the heavier wheat lands in the wheat belt.

Prof. Willis Moore, chief of the United States weather bureau, says that providence has taken no part in the change. He says that the climate upon the Umatilla plains is today just exactly like it was when the mist which concealed the birth-throes of these plains rolled away, and the sun smiled first upon them, aeons ago.

Prof. Moore quotes from a transcript of his examination, which discloses that he was asked if there was to be any recurrence of dry years in the semi-arid regions, and the gist of it is, that the climate is not changing, but is moving in cycles, not of regular extent—so that it is impossible to forecast accurately what the weather will be 10 or 20 years from now—but on a general scientific principle so that it is possible to predict in a general way that dry seasons will be followed by wet and the average of any given period, say of 30 or 40 years, be approximately the same.

To prove this point, Prof. Moore has compiled a table of the mean rainfall of 10 stations in Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa for 30 years, between 1877 and 1906, showing that there is practically no difference between the rainfall of the first 10 years and the last 10 years.

These figures show clearly that the rainfall has neither increased nor diminished by amounts worthy of consideration. The statement has been made that the winds are diminishing. Prof. Moore states: "An examination of the wind records in Kansas and Nebraska shows that the last 15 years have not been quite as windy as the 15 years previous, and this is especially true of the years 1904, 1905 and 1906. It is safe to assume, however, that a permanent decrease in the wind velocity has taken place."

So after all, it is the increasing efficiency of the human hand in Umatilla county which is bringing better wheat yields upon the once arid lands.

Instead of changing climate it is deep plowing and frequent cultivation which is bringing better returns. Instead of waiting for the action of nature to increase the value of the land, that power lies in reach of the owner of the land.

Set the plow deeper.

Another glory is added to the crown of Pendleton by the invasion of San Francisco markets by Pendleton flour in quantities sufficient to absolutely control the situation. Pendleton Indian robes, Pendleton wheat, Pendleton wool, Pendleton photographs have already made enviable conquests in every part of the world. Pendleton flour is a strong and lusty member of this redoubtable team of industries.

Every town and city of any importance in the west is abolishing boxes and music in restaurants and saloons, raising saloon licenses and driving out the gambling houses. Soon there will be no place for immorality in any of the reputable towns of the Pacific coast. The country is outgrowing these things.

HINDU EPIGRAMS.

Time wakes when others sleep; Time no one may escape; without rest and with even pace Time strides over all creatures.

Man's life is measured by a hundred years; half of these are passed in sleep, half the remainder in childhood and old age, and what are left we fulfill amid disease, separations, pain and servitude. How can a man take pleasure in a life that resembles the bubble on a wave?

To love those who love you not, to shun those who love you, to make an enemy of the strong—this is to be a fool.

Not to begin an undertaking is the first sign of wisdom, and the second is to complete what has been begun. He who sits after eating gets a pain; he who sleeps after eating gets comfort; he who walks after eating gets health; he who runs after eating gets to his death.

What a man desires and strives for, that he always obtains, unless in weariness he relaxes.

For five years a man shall treat his son as a prince, for ten years as a slave; but when a son reaches his sixteenth year, then shall a man treat him as a friend.

Under good fortune the heart of the great is as soft as a lotus bloom; under ill fortune, as hard as the mountain rock.

Everywhere good fortune attends the man whose heart is content; is not the earth covered with leather for one whose foot is in a shoe?

Seeking for Artesian Water. After spending \$6000 and more than one year in drilling an artesian well to obtain a flow of water, the Bets Brewing company has found a spring near the well which promises to provide an ample supply for the use of the company, says the Walla Walla Statesman. Its discovery was made by workmen excavating for the city sewer. The stream of water running into the excavation is of fair size. An effort will be made to discover its source. The artesian well was sunk a depth of 1910 feet. It was piped to the bottom. The stream which issues from it is small and would not be a drop in the bucket to what the company requires for its use.

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UNIVERSAL HOPE.

The humble man out yonder who is working in the ditch Has the hope within him hidden that some day he may be rich; He has done no wise investing, he has earned no man's regard; He has wasted precious moments when he should have studied hard; But, forgetting all the seasons that so foolishly were spent, He keeps hoping he may profit through some lucky accident.

The faded maiden, stitching as the worthless moments pass, When the long day's work is ended stands with hope before her glass; Youth and beauty she may never claim again beneath the skies, There are wrinkles radiating from her dulled and weary eyes; But within her bosom always an up-lifting hope is pent; He and she may meet tomorrow through some lucky accident.

You have sought to win such honors as the world gives to the great, But your efforts have been fruitless; still you labor and you wait; I have builded Spanish castles; I have longed to win applause For heroic demonstrations in some splendid, thrilling cause; And we plod along, still hoping that the grim fates may relent. Each expectant and each waiting for the lucky accident. —S. E. Kiser.

ANY FUTURE LIFE FOR BEASTS?

We answer: John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, thought there was. So did those eminent Christian bishops, Jeremy Taylor and Bishop Butler. Coleridge advocated it in England, Lamartine in France, and Agassiz in America. Agassiz, the great scientist and a man of profound religious convictions, was a firm believer in some future life for the lower animals. A professor of Harvard University has compiled a list of one hundred and eighty-five European authors who have written on the subject. Many years ago a man left by will to Mr. Bergh's New York society about a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Relatives contested the will on the ground that he was insane because he believed in a future life for animals. The judge, in sustaining the will, said he found that more than half the human race believed that same thing—Our Dumb Animals. A Presbyterian minister in Massachusetts not many years ago wrote and published a pamphlet entitled "Where Is My Dog?" in which he argued from Scriptural premises the claim that other animals than man have the immortal counterpart commonly called the soul.

JOHN D.'S CONSCIENCE FUND.

Yes, we are perfectly placid. We knew it as soon as you did. John D. Rockefeller is going to pay another installment of his conscience fund in the shape of some outrageous number of millions to the city of New York, and a still more immoral wad to the cause of education throughout the country. True, and what of it? This isn't the first time John has tried to anoint the head of the goddess of learning with oil, and twist the formula of the paraffine series into a litany of praise for the king of kerosene forevermore. And it won't be the last. As long as he lives John will probably be trying to get some gentleman's agreement with education, with degrees granted only to bald heads and special drawbacks for those who know the ritual of rebates. But it doesn't worry us a little bit, because, you see, among the very few things which we really know is that John will not succeed.—Denver News.

PREFER FEDERAL CONTROL.

E. H. Harriman, President Stickney of the Great Western and other prominent railroad executives are quoted as saying that they would prefer that their roads be brought under the control of congress rather than to be subject to the legislation of the several states, says a Chicago dispatch.

It needs but a glance at the list of railroad measures passed in the various states during the last six months or so to show that there is good reason for this preference on the part of the railroad officials. Congress in response to the popular agitation, commenced the crusade for legislative regulation of railroads two years ago, but it is doubtful if even the most far-seeing statesman dreamed then of the lengths to which the crusade would be pushed by the states.

While Mrs. Levi Jett, wife of a cousin of Curtis Jett, the notorious feudist, was carrying her baby in her arms at her home at Ashland, Ky. he toppled and fell dead. The baby fell into a boiler of scalding water and was literally cooked to death.

LO, THE RICH INDIAN.

In round figures, there are 284,000 Indians in the United States at the present time, 91,000 of whom are in Indian Territory and 15,000 in Oklahoma, or 106,000 in the coming state. Those of Indian Territory, the five civilized tribes—Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws and Seminoles—have been managing their own affairs for two-thirds of a century, and are in all respects fitted for the citizenship which they are soon to exercise. All of these, and nearly all of those in the Oklahoma end of the coming state, wear civilized dress, and have schools, churches and the other accompaniments of civilization.

Of the 193,000 Indians outside of Indian Territory, 116,000 wear civilized dress, 70,000 speak the language, and 38,000 are members of regularly established churches. They have \$25,900,000 in the United States treasury, on which they get \$1,725,000 interest every year, and under treaties the government pays them annually \$750,000 more. The per capita wealth among the Indians is much

greater than the \$1400 which represents the share of the \$5,000,000 people in the \$116,000,000 of available property in the United States. The 2000 Osages in Oklahoma are the richest community on the face of the globe, and they are getting richer.—Harpers Weekly.

CUBAN SADDLE HORSES.

Like all Spanish countries, Cuba is famous for its saddle horses. They are chiefly of Andalusian breed and Arab origin, and are trained to what is caued "el paseo del trote," a sort of single-foot gait, which is very graceful to the animal and easy for the rider. I saw no women on horseback. Several American women in town and the wives and daughters of officers at the American military camp are accustomed to the saddle, but Spanish women seldom ride for pleasure.—Chicago Record-Herald.

At Fairmont, Va. Mrs. James Tolbert and her 2-months-old baby were brutally murdered, supposedly by a negro who has not been caught.

S.S.S. PURELY VEGETABLE

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