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**AN AFFIRMATION.**

I recognize that Myself is greater than it seems—that above and below consciousness are planes of mind—that just as there are lower phases of mind which belong to my past experience in ages past and gone and over which I must assert my Mastery—so, there are planes of mind into which I am unfolding gradually, and which will bring me wisdom, power and joy. I am Myself in the midst of this mental world. I am the Master of my Mind. I assert my control over its lower phases wherein are found hatred, jealousy, suspicion, and I demand of its higher phases, all that it has in store for Me!  
 —Raja Yoga Philosophy.

**ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA.**

The Shakespeare plays never grow old. With every recurring production, new versions arise, new ideals are raised, new views of life and love and sentiment and human destiny are presented.

The presentation of "Antony and Cleopatra" by Charles B. Hanford at the Oregon theater last night renews the minds of the students of history and drama, that world-old story. Antony casting away the world for the woman he loved; Cleopatra, loving yet toying with her conquering lord; jealousy, hatred, passion, love and devotion, all mingling in Egypt's olden empire; the world cast away, honor forgotten, empires neglected and lost, kings spurned and friends torn asunder—all for Antony's love for Cleopatra.

It is a fascinating and glorious story—glorious for the intensity of the love it portrays; glorious for the human interest running through its every line and welling up from its every sentiment!

The Shakespeare plays are refreshing and uplifting. The vaudeville and comic opera spirit which is ruling the modern stage cannot drown the thunder-voice of the Shakespearean Jove. Human interest, deep and intense and strong lingers about the Shakespearean characters and the Shakespearean stories. They will ever retain their hold upon the thinking world. They will ever hold a foremost place upon the stage, as long as human hearts rule and human sentiments electrify and vitalize the currents of history!

**FOR IRRIGATION LAW.**

The announcement that Clyde Steen of Milton, candidate for representative from Umatilla county, will work for an improved irrigation code for Oregon, if elected to the legislature, brings to mind the fact that Oregon needs a better irrigation code and the East Oregonian would be delighted to see Umatilla county present that revised and up to date code in the legislature.

Irrigation is now one of the very foremost industries of the state. The irrigated crops of last year exceeded in value the wool clip of the state. Irrigated products exceeded in value the gold output of the state by far, and yet there is no systematic, comprehensive irrigation or water right law on the statute books of the state.

With this industry leading, as it does, many of the other industries of the state, it seems that a set of laws for its special benefit should be formulated. Farmers and irrigators should know what assurance they have of owning and using their water rights; the waste waters should be utilized and distributed equitably and no man should be permitted to use more than he needs for the production of his crops, from any stream of the state.

The development of the state depends largely upon the success of her

irrigation projects and everything possible must be done to safeguard the water interests of the state. If the sheep industry requires a commission and special laws; if the railroad industry needs special legislation and a high salaried commission, surely the irrigation and water right problem demands an equal amount of attention from Oregon.

Let us try to pass a dozen broad, useful, vital measures for the protection, development and regulation of the great basic industries of the state. Let us get down to business.

**THE FLEET'S PERFORMANCE.**

The Portland Oregonian reviews the remarkable performance of the Atlantic fleet in coming to the Pacific coast, in the following able manner:

The American battleship fleet of 16 vessels arrived in Magdalena bay yesterday, three days ahead of time, after covering 13,000 miles of the stormiest ocean voyage in the world. The fleet arrived in perfect condition, "ready for action," after one of the most severe tests ever made by the ships of any nation.

This performance will not surprise the people who have remembered the 16,000-mile run of the Oregon, twice subjected to the burning heat of the tropics and the piercing cold of the far south as she raced through two oceans in record time, and arrived "ready for action."

The achievement may be surprising, however, to those who have placed too much confidence in the criticism made of the fleet by the muckrakers who have been exploiting its alleged weaknesses and frightening the timid people into believing that the navy was no safer than a fleet of old tramp steamers.

The trip of the Oregon, and the condition in which she arrived on the firing line were without parallel in naval history; but there were other American warships in the same engagement in which she participated, so that the final chapters of the Spanish war offer some interesting testimony as to the ability of our ships to "deliver the goods."

If there is anything radically wrong with our fleet it was not discovered when it was sweeping the Spanish from the seas, and it is a certainty that it has not deteriorated since that time. If the present investigation discloses any serious shortcomings in construction or operation of our fleet, it will be pleasing to know that it is still able to make a showing somewhat better than that of any other nation on earth.

**A HARRIMAN OPPORTUNITY.**

A Wallowa county paper, mentioning the fact that 8000 hogs have been sold out of Wallowa valley during the past four months, added that when the railroad was completed through the valley as projected there would be four times as many hogs raised there, says the Oregon Daily Journal.

And this is all the more probable on account of the great packing plants to be built in Portland.

This one instance illustrates the need of the completion of that long promised and long deferred railroad. Other products would increase in volume and value also; population and taxable property would increase; the railroad would benefit greatly not only that region, but Portland as well. And there can be no doubt that the road would be very profitable. Yet Mr. Harriman will neither build that road nor permit any one else to build one there.

The establishment of these packing plants here will give a big boom to the hog raising industry in the Oregon country. In several of the counties of eastern Oregon, especially, farmers are contemplating the raising of more hogs.

When grain is very high hogs might not be profitable, but it has been demonstrated by some farmers that it pays, at the price hogs have been lately, to feed even 75-cent wheat to them. And these packing houses will make an unlimited market for all the hogs that can be raised.

**PORTLAND MOVES FORWARD.**

The announcement that a second monster packing plant will be built in Portland, and the news that work on the Portland-Mt. Hood railway will be started at once, add intense interest to the industrial news of the state.

It is impossible to grasp the meaning of these vital enterprises, at a glance. Not only to Portland, but to the entire state and northwest, they mean untold benefits. They mean unsurpassed markets for inland empire products, opening opportunities for small farmers and stockmen in all of this vast empire and increasing demand for labor, transportation facilities and capital in Portland and all of her tributary territory.

Slowly the market and export ca-

acity of Portland is increasing. Year by year she adds to her ability to meet the needs of her customer in various parts of the world and within an incredible short time she will be the commercial queen of the Pacific coast.

**OREGON'S CLEAN PAGE.**

Thanks to the persistence of Oregon sheepmen and state officials in their efforts to eradicate the scab from Oregon herds, this state starts out the year 1908 with a clean page, from the sheepman's standpoint. The spring dipping has been dispensed with as there is no apparent need of it. Her herds are clean once again after many years.

This clean record is primarily the work of the Oregon sheep commission and federal officials, but this commission has also been enthusiastically supported by the sheepmen. Without the active and hearty cooperation of the sheepmen the work of the commission would have been hampered and delayed.

So Oregon's sheep may be sent to market free from the "infected" label which they have worn for a number of years. Oregon is one of the few clean sheep states, thanks to the progress and business foresight of her sheepmen, and officials.

Portland's bank clearings of the past week show better than any other agency the substantial condition of Portland commercial life. On Friday evening the week's clearings shows a total of \$6,378,937, one of the finest showings made for many months. There is nothing the matter with Portland, excepting that she needs a few hundred thousand more people just like those who now compose her population.

The universal commendation of John McCourt, the new United States district attorney for Oregon, from the press of the state, is one of the highest tributes that can be paid to him. Pendleton is proud of Mr. McCourt and takes this occasion to assure the state that he will make good in the high office to which he has been called.

**SONG OF THE PLAINS.**

No harp have I for the singing, nor fingers fashioned for skill,  
 Nor ever shall words express it, the song that is in my heart,  
 A saga, swept from the distance, horizons beyond the hill,  
 Singing of life and endurance and bidding me bear my part.

For this is the song, as I sing it, the song that I love the best,  
 The steady tramp in the furrow, the grind on the gleaming steel,  
 An anthem sung to the noonday, a chant of the open west,  
 Echoing deep, in my spirit, to gladden and help and heal.

And this is life, as I read it, and life in its fairest form;  
 To breathe the wind on the ranges, the scent of the upturned sod,  
 To strive and strive and be thankful, to weather the shine and storm,  
 Penning over the prairies the destiny planned by God.

And no reward do I ask for, save only to work and wait,  
 To praise the God of my father, to labor beneath His sky,  
 To dwell alone in His greatness, to strike and to follow straight,  
 Silent and strong and contented—the limitless plains and I.  
 —London Spectator.

**A GOOD INHERITANCE.**

No boy or girl, can ever come to be utterly bad who remembers only love and tenderness and unselfishness and sweetness as associated with father and mother in the old-time home.

Give them manly and womanly example, give them training, give them the inspiration of devoted lives, give them these higher, deeper things. Do not care so much as to whether you are accumulating money, so that you can leave them a fortune. I really believe that the chances are against that's being a blessing for a boy. But leave them an accumulated fortune of memories and inspirations and examples and hopes, so that they are rich in brain and heart and soul and service.

Then, if you happen to leave them the fortune besides, if they have all these, the fortune will be shorn of its possibilities of evil, and will become an instrument of higher and nobler good.—Minot J. Savage.

**AN ARABIAN PROVERB.**

(Men Are Four)  
 He who knows, and knows he knows,—  
 He is wise—follow him.  
 He who knows, and knows not he knows,—  
 He is asleep—wake him.  
 He who knows not, and knows not he knows not,—  
 He is a fool—abuse him.  
 He who knows not, and knows he knows not,—  
 He is a child—teach him.

**A CREED.**

As I walked by myself  
 I talked with myself.  
 And myself said this unto me:  
 Make friends with yourself,  
 Be true to yourself,  
 And thyself thy good angel shall be.



**Weak Lungs For Years.**

**Consumption Was Feared.**

**Consumption Prevented.**

**MRS. MARY MEYER.** Thomson Avenue, near Shell Road, Winfield, L. I., N. Y., writes: "I have been annoyed with a cough for years. Often it was so bad that I could not sleep half the night. Many people thought I had consumption. 'A woman recommended Peruna to me two years ago. I began to take Peruna, and now I am perfectly free from a cough. I am glad to say that Peruna cured me entirely. 'I take Peruna occasionally, when I do not feel well, and I also give it to my children. 'Peruna is the best medicine for coughs and colds. I have told many people how much Peruna has helped me.' Mrs. Hettie Green, R. R. No. 6, Inka, Ill., writes as follows of the efficacy of Peruna: 'Last November I had catarrh and felt so miserable I thought that I would go into consumption. 'I tried so many doctors and medicines, but nothing did me any good, only Peruna. 'After I began the use of Peruna I began to improve in every way. My head did not hurt so much, my stomach is all right, my bowels are regular, my appetite good, my complexion clear, my eyes are bright and am gaining in flesh and strength. 'I think Peruna has no equal as a catarrh remedy.' Peruna tends to lessen the cough, decreases the expectoration, strengthens the patient, increases the appetite and in many cases procures sound, refreshing sleep.

**MISS BEULAH B. BROOME.** Miss Beulah B. Broome, 409 12th St., N. E., Washington, D. C., writes: "I have suffered from **weak lungs** and catarrhal troubles for four years, brought on by many neglected colds, but on the recommendation of a friend I gave Peruna an honest trial and I am pleased to state that it restored me to perfect health. There is not the slightest trace of catarrh in my system and my lungs are perfectly sound. 'I unhesitatingly give this testimonial.' Mrs. William Hohmann, 509 N. Paulina St., Chicago, Ill., writes: "I suffered with catarrh of the bronchial tubes and had a terrible cough ever since a child. After a while it got so bad I had to cough both winter and summer. Finally, I burst a blood vessel in my throat from the strain of coughing, next a blood vessel in my stomach, so I kept getting worse and doctoring, and even then could get no relief. I thought, and every body else, that I had consumption. 'Reading the papers about Peruna I decided to try it, without the least bit of hope that it would do me any good. But after taking three bottles I noticed a change. My appetite got better, so I kept on, never got discouraged. 'Finally I seemed not to cough so much, and the pains in my chest got better. I am well now. I cannot tell you how grateful I am, and I cannot thank Peruna enough. It has cured where doctors have failed. People who think they have consumption better give it a trial."

**MISS JOSIE SCHAEZEL.** General Delivery, Appleton, Wisconsin, writes: "I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs in very short order, and it was not long until it developed into a serious case of catarrh. Every morning I would raise a lot of phlegm, which was very disagreeable. My digestion was poor and my lungs sore. 'After a few doses of Peruna I began to mend, and felt that if I kept on taking it it would not be long until I would be well. I was right, for in four weeks I was well again. 'I think Peruna is a grand medicine, and wish to add my testimony to the many others you have.' The fight against consumption is becoming a national problem. Everywhere we hear of sanitariums established at the expense of the state for the treatment of the vast army of consumptives. The open air treatment, fresh air and sunlight, are recognized by the medical profession generally as being the greatest necessities in the treatment of consumption in all its stages. Dr. Hartman has for many years advocated the fresh air treatment for consumption. At the same time he has recognized Peruna as a useful palliative for the many distressing symptoms which accompany the white plague. The promptness with which Peruna relieves a fresh cold, and even removes chronic colds, is well-known. This ranks Peruna as a reliable prophylactic against consumption.

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