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AFFIRMATION.

I have within me a great area of mind that is under my command and subject to my mastery. This mind is friendly toward me and is glad to do my bidding and to obey my orders. It will work for me when I ask it and is constant, untiring and faithful. Knowing this I am no longer afraid, ignorant or uninformed. I am master of mind, body, consciousness and sub-consciousness. I am Spirit, a fragment from the divine flame.—Yogi Philosophy.

WASTE OF POWER.

Enough electrical power is wasted every day by the idle flow of the Umatilla river to light every home and turn every wheel in Umatilla county, if this immense power were conserved and utilized.

This power could be generated without diminishing or retarding the stream an iota. Every inch of water now used for irrigation and water power would still be available. The only change in conditions of the river would be that it would be diverted to turn the wheels of electric motors, to flow back into its original channel undiminished, unchanged, unpolluted.

The gigantic forces of mountain streams and the necessity of saving the forests to protect these streams is graphically illustrated in an article in the April Review of Reviews by Thomas E. Will. He says in part, on this subject:

Water power in the south is a mighty economic factor. Its utility has been greatly increased by the perfection of agencies for transmitting electricity. Most southern railroads are built on ridges. Mills, located beside these railways, may now be driven by electric power generated from waterfalls on remote streams. In consequence, electricity has become "the power behind the south."

Under present conditions the streams of the southern Appalachians afford a minimum of 2,740,000 horsepower. This may be increased from three to 30 times by development of the storage facilities of streams. Of the minimum power at least 50 per cent is available for economic development.

The rental of 1,350,000 horse-power per annum is worth \$27,000,000, at \$20 per horse-power. Adding to this the possible revenue of the remaining 50 per cent of power for but half the year gives a total rental value of \$38,000,000.

For the utilization of this power the forest, as a balance-wheel to stream-flow, is absolutely indispensable. No system of reservoirs, however expensive, can more than supplement the forest. In no way can it supply the forest's place.

Said United States Hydrographer Leighton to the agricultural committee: "The reservoirs will not be worth a minute's time, or a cent of money, unless the forests are retained." In both New England and the south forest-cutting has already seriously impaired the usefulness of water-power. Dams are filling in; to such an extent in one case reported, as to decrease the power from 5 to 10 per cent, and in another from 15 to 20 per cent. Electric power, once sufficient, now has to be supplemented by steam.

MR. GEER'S FITNESS.

Mr. Geer has been challenged repeatedly to give a good reason why he should be elected to succeed Judge W. R. Ellis in congress from this district. So far he has failed to give a reason in his own support.

Within the past few weeks the East Oregonian has come into possession of facts concerning Mr. Geer which it did not know before and which are

of sufficient weight and importance to change its attitude toward him.

Had the East Oregonian known the inside facts concerning the deal which Mr. Geer is alleged to have made with H. B. Plummer of Polk county for the sale of the office of superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary to Mr. Plummer for the sum of \$1000, this paper would never have endorsed Mr. Geer for the United States senate or any other office.

If he made that deal, as would appear from affidavits, he is absolutely unfit to hold any office in the gift of the people and should be relegated to the oblivion of politics to which that act should condemn him.

If Mr. Geer would bargain and sell the patronage of the governor's office would he not deal in a like manner with the office of representative in congress? In fact, could the people of Oregon think of electing to any high office a man against whom this accusation still stands unchallenged? The affidavit of the deputy sheriff who heard the deal made between Governor Geer and Sheriff Plummer is published without comment, that the people of the second congressional district may judge for themselves.

WOMEN'S WORK.

In the pamphlet sent out by the state of Oregon to all voters this spring are arguments for and against the various initiative measures proposed. In this book the women of Oregon have made a most eloquent and just appeal for the right to vote and if Oregon respects its mothers and wives, that right will be conferred at the June election.

Woman's work in the state is handicapped by the denial of the right of suffrage. They are active factors in every sphere and yet when it comes to the vital test they stand with hands tied and eyes blinded in the political arena.

As teachers, as charity workers, as juvenile workers, as directors of health and sanitary departments of the cities, as managers of large business enterprises and as taxpayers, they are efficient and ever ready with their hands and brains to assist in bettering human conditions—but as a voter, man selfishly arrogates all the power to himself.

Ask your own manhood if it is just. Talk with yourself about it.

LET US START THE MILL.

Pendleton woolen mill has been idle long enough. Somebody should start that excellent institution. There is good profit in it. It is in the heart of the wool country. There is a market for its product. The old stock which was manufactured before the shut-down is now exhausted. There is a sharp demand for new stock.

Labor, wool, fuel and capital can be secured now in abundant quantities and it seems a shame to keep the mill standing still with all these favorable conditions beckoning the wheels to start.

The capacity of the five looms would be about 40 robes per day. These robes are worth about \$7 each, retail, making a return of \$280 per day to this city. About \$40 per day would be paid out in salaries. This would return directly into the channels of trade. The mill would consume thousands of pounds of choice wool. This would be bought at an advance over the regular wool prices in this country.

Everything seems favorable for the opening of the mill.

The University of California receives an annual appropriation from the state amounting to \$558,000; Washington university receives \$200,000 per year; Colorado university, \$145,000; Montana, \$75,000 and even the sparsely settled state of Nevada appropriates \$85,000 per year for the support of her university. Shall Oregon, which is the peer of any of these western states, refuse to appropriate the small comparative sum of \$125,000 for her university? The East Oregonian hopes to see the university appropriation carry by the biggest majority enjoyed by any measure on the official ballot this year. Let us make it good and strong and demonstrate Oregon's pride in her educational facilities.

ENGLISH WALNUT PIE.

Line a deep pie crust with pastry and fill with the following: Beat the yolks of two eggs with one-third cup of sugar; add a teaspoonful of flour, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of cinnamon, an eighth of a teaspoonful of cloves, a little grated lemon, a teaspoonful each of lemon and vanilla extracts, two ounces of chopped English walnut meats and half a cupful of water. When done, cool slightly and cover with a meringue made of the whites of two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of sugar and a few drops of vanilla. Bake until a delicious brown.—Record-Herald.

H. M. Cake was greeted with an audience of 200 voters at The Dalles Tuesday evening.

STATEMENT NO. 1
TICKET INVINCIBLE.

The Salem Journal says of the success of the statement No. 1 ticket in Marion county:

It is very doubtful if men of any party can be found to run against statement No. 1 ticket if it is ratified at the primary election on April 17. This is not because democrats want to help republicans but because there is a vast majority of people of both parties who want to take the selection of United States senators entirely out of the hands of the legislature.

But there is a greater principle involved within the republican party itself.

It is a well known fact that the so-called leaders in the party at Portland and over the state deliberately started out to make the legislative tickets themselves in old-fashioned conventions.

That was the plan in Marion county, and it did not fail for lack of intention on the part of the machine leaders.

It failed because there was too much sentiment among the rank and file against the proposition.

On a show-down in a convention called by the machine leaders, and composed of delegates largely of their own selection, three out of four republicans in Marion county were opposed to a return to the old methods of making up a legislative ticket.

The number who believe in returning to the old convention ways is very small and growing smaller.

The bloody scenes enacted in the republican and democratic conventions held this year in Illinois, Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky and other states brand the convention system as having outlived its usefulness.

The statement No. 1 ticket for the legislature in this county has been put up in spite of the threat of the leaders to knife such a ticket.

THE CHURCH QUESTION BOX.

At the White Temple in Portland, the church of Rev. Brougher, the question is asked every Sunday evening, if there are any people who can be helped in any way. If any want jobs, or need money, or clothes, or anything on earth. Strange requests are often made.

One woman wanted to know if the sexton tank she was having built was all right. A member of the church who was posted was detailed to comply with her want.

A few days ago, two women applied for positions as domestics. They were furnished with places in 15 minutes, and the assistant pastor secured the photographs of each. He wanted to keep the photographs, because they were the first to apply for such places.

MISSOURI "BURGUNDY."

Some years ago Colonel Wells H. Blodgett was dining with a friend in London, and during the course of the dinner Burgundy wine was served. It was excellent. Colonel Blodgett slipped the red wine with the air of a connoisseur. "This is splendid Burgundy," he said, "where do you get it?"

"I get my wine from Hermann, a town in Missouri, United States of America," the host replied. Colonel Blodgett was dumfounded. He lived in St. Louis, within 80 miles of Hermann, but he was one of many who did not know that down in Gasconade county some of the finest wines in the world are made.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP PAYS.

Consul H. D. Van Sant of Kingston, states that in the annual statement of the waterworks committee of Guelph, Ontario, where municipal ownership largely prevails, it was shown that the city cleared \$20,000 on this branch of civic utility. The city is also growing, there being nearly \$1,000,000 increase in the city assessment and an increase of 600 is recorded in the population, which now stands at 13,700. Guelph's street car lines and gas utilities also pay and the city is said to be one of the most prosperous of Canadian inland towns.

MORTALITY AMONG SENATORS.

The past year has been one of notable mortality among United States senators. The list of those who have died includes Edmund W. Pettus, Alabama; John T. Morgan, Alabama; Stephen R. Mallory, Florida; Asbury C. Latimer, South Carolina; Redfield Pinkney Whyte, Maryland; William James Bryan, Florida. The majority of these were well advanced in years, to whom the end of life's journey had come after distinguished public careers.

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WHAT BOOKS SELL BEST.

"The best seller?" a Kansas City book dealer repeated several days ago. "I'll look it up on the chart. Here they are—'The Weavers,' by Gilbert Parker; 'The Shuttle,' by Francis Hodgson Burnett; 'The Lady of the Decoration,' by Frances Little; 'Days Off,' by Henry Van Dyke; 'Shepherd of the Hills,' by Harold Bell Wright—the formerly was a Kansas City minister—and a new book, 'Somehow Good,' by William De Morgan."

"Same old story," the customer muttered. "Everybody reads the new novels and that's all."

"Not at all," the book dealer contradicted. "In the total of the year's sales the best seller of all is the Bible!"

"You mean it?"

"I certainly do. And the reason isn't far to seek, either. Take the sales, month by month, and some new work of fiction will lead—a different one every month. But take the total of the year and the Bible wins. You see, it's bought by men and women of all classes. The books of fiction haven't that general appeal."

"I could name five other books of which the year's total sale would exceed that of the 'best seller' among the new books."

"Shakespeare's plays are one, of course. Victor Hugo's 'Les Misérables' always outsells the new books. So does Lew Wallace's 'Ben Hur.' And close after them come Richard Blackmore's 'Lorna Doone,' and Hawthorne's 'Scarlet Letter.' Most of Hawthorne's works except that and the 'Twice Told Tales,' however, aren't selling nearly as well as they formerly did."

"I can tell you something else; The class in non-fiction reading is grow-

ing. There's a marked increase in the sale of books of travel. They are mostly expensive editions, too, filled with high art illustration. Next to fiction, however, I should have mentioned drama. We're having a lively sale of drama this year—Ibsen and Shaw especially. George Meredith and Robert Louis Stevenson are holding their popularity, too. Books in French are being bought more than for many years. The store has sold out two lots and a half of another since the first of the year. It's almost a fad.

"Shake hands," the book dealer concluded. "We've talked 15 minutes about books without mentioning 'Three Weeks.'"—Kansas City Star.

FREEDOM'S SONG.

When freedom rent the veil of night, And gave our land its holy light, She sent an angel bearer down With heaven's stars our flag to crown.

And thus our banner waves on high, God's emblem of the azure sky! To Him, as guide, our flag's unfurled, A thousand years to light the world.

And while free soil's beneath our feet, In war or wisdom none compete; Great God, our Ruler and our King, To Thee we pray, to Thee we sing.

Dear our flag with mighty wing And grant this nation to Thee cling! Until our flag in freedom's plight Is emblem of eternal right.

This glorious banner of the free, Thou honored flag of liberty, Unfurl thy colors at their height, And give all nations of Thy Light.

—Charles Hanna.

Meacham, Ore.

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