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I'm weary of false prophets
crying
Their wicked, inscrutable lies;
While thousands of helpless are
dying
As Mammon's and Greed's
sacrifice.
I long for the day and the
hour
When Greed shall be flung
from the throne;
When man in his right and his
power
Again shall step into his own.
I'm weary, but duty is calling.
And only the sluggard will
shirk;
The tasks that are set are ap-
palling,
But honor says simply, "Go
work!"
I long for the woods in their
beauty,
But over the call that they
give
I hear the stern calling of duty
That bids me be worthy to
live.
—Will M. Maupin.

JOHN T. WHISTLER'S PART.

To the tireless and patient efforts of Engineer John T. Whistler, engineer in charge of the Umatilla government irrigation project, the people of Umatilla county owe the selection and adoption of that project.

For over a year Mr. Whistler prospected in the country surrounding Echo for a reservoir site. He walked over every quarter section of land in the west part of the county. He personally investigated every ravine, basin and hollow which promised a reservoir site and after a careful and painstaking search, finally decided upon the Cold Springs canyon where the magnificent reservoir is now about complete.

Many times it seemed as though the Umatilla project would be abandoned. Nature placed peculiar obstacles in the way. To take the water down the south side of the Umatilla river to the original Umatilla project was impracticable and costly, although a fine tract of land could have been covered.

So crossing the river, to the north side another series of patient investigations and examinations succeeded in locating the present east Umatilla or Cold Springs government project. Had Mr. Whistler been a man of less patience and perseverance; had he been less devoted to his splendid mission; had he been inclined to go elsewhere, where the obstacles were not so baffling, Umatilla county might have waited years for a reclamation project.

So when we go to Hermiston to celebrate the opening of the Umatilla project on May 27, Engineer John T. Whistler, the father of the Umatilla project, should receive the recognition and honor which he so richly deserves from the people of Umatilla county.

HOBSON IS WAR-MAD.

While Captain Hobson who spoke on the advantages of an immense navy at the Methodist church in this city last night, is a forceful and eloquent lecturer and an intensely patriotic citizen, yet he is war-mad.

He has been reared in an atmosphere of war. He entered the naval academy at Annapolis when a mere boy and has imbibed the war spirit and has cultivated the war enthusiasm throughout his life until now he is as intensely saturated with it as Edison is with the spirit of invention, as James J. Hill is with railroad management, as John D. Rockefeller preparation on the part of Japan, or Heinze with mining speculation.

Hobson is an extremist, in fact an alarmist. His pictures of war preparations on the part of Japan, while very logical, were overdrawn. His illustrations of the helplessness of the United States were made to fit his subject and to arouse the war spirit.

Suppose the United States should adopt Hobson's plan of maintaining

the greatest navy and naval force on earth, in interest of peace, as he declares. As soon as the United States outstripped England, England would immediately build more battleships to outstrip us. Then we would be compelled to repeat the program and outstrip England again and so on indefinitely, until both nations would be sapped of their resources by the needless and non-productive naval budget.

And all to please and satiate a few war enthusiasts like Hobson.

Instead of this suppose that the United States should counsel peace and arbitration; suppose she should encourage other nations to settle their difficulties without a resort to arms; suppose we should encourage the world-peace idea by being peaceable and industrious and generous. What would the result be? Universal peace; no need for navies; no need for armies, except for local protection; no burdensome war budget; no high salaried war enthusiasts constantly alarming the public.

As long as we persist in preparing for war, we will be compelled to do so. As long as we are bristling with war alarms, anticipating wars, talking war, suggesting war, inviting war, encouraging war, making war inevitable, we will have war.

But if we show other nations that we are not seeking war; if we stop trying to outstrip every other navy on earth, if we encourage friendship and arbitration, it will be but a few decades until war would be absolutely unnecessary and impossible on the earth.

Nations, like individuals, receive just about what they invite.

UMATILLA'S CHEAP LAND.

Homeseekers who are coming into Umatilla county, in search of irrigated lands are delighted with the extremely moderate prices of rich irrigated lands in this county.

People who have visited the Furbush-Coe lands, the Umatilla ranch land, the Hinkle ditch project, the Brownell land, the government irrigation project and other irrigated lands in the west part of the county this week are amazed at the fact that these intensely rich tracts are offered for sale at from \$75 to \$200 per acre, the average price being \$100 per acre.

Over in Washington in the vicinity of Wenatchee, Yakima and other irrigation centers far inferior land is held at from \$250 to \$500 per acre. In Umatilla county the climate is superior in many respects to that of Washington, excellent transportation facilities are afforded here, and an abundance of water is supplied and it seems unbelievable that land which will grow anything on earth can be bought, with water rights, for \$100 per acre and even less.

This is bringing many genuine homeseekers into this county. They feel that they are making a good investment and they come to stay.

ROSS IS CONVICTED.

There is genuine delight throughout Oregon over the fact that J. Thorburn Ross, president of the Title Guarantee and Trust company, has been convicted for wrecking that institution. The Salem jury was not long in finding him guilty.

There is every evidence that Ross purposely squandered his depositors' money. There is every evidence that he conducted a speculative, plunging, "bucket shop" on the capital entrusted to him by the public and his conviction will be a lesson to others who may be similarly inclined.

There is room for hundreds of substantial banks in Oregon. There is room for thousands of investors and room for hundreds of legitimate enterprises, but there is not room for one banking "bucket shop."

The quicker Oregon and the west gets on to a substantial banking basis the better for the country. Every

failure of a crooked bank only serves to lessen the faith in good banks and the legitimate bankers of the country should repudiate Ross and his ilk.

Captain Hobson in the course of his lecture last night urging an increased navy said that Japan could pour 400,000 trained soldiers into the Pacific coast states through Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle. What would the people of the United States be doing all this time? Does Hobson give Americans no credit for being patriots, soldiers, fighters? Does he think they would sit still and allow 400,000 or 500 armed Japanese to be landed on the Pacific coast? He certainly does not know the people of the Pacific coast.

La Grande is experiencing an industrial and commercial awakening such as has not been witnessed east of the Blue mountains in Oregon before. She is going to have new settlers if boosting and advertising and aggressive, wide awake action will secure them. But La Grande has the advantage of having fruit and garden land right up to her doors. The land adjoining the city limits on all sides will support families on small tracts. Nature has done much for her in this way.

The court house should be filled on next Monday night with PROPERTY OWNERS, for the purpose of listening to the discussion of awakening Pendleton in industrial lines. The renters have been doing all the boosting and paying all the bills in Pendleton. Let us have a renewed interest from the property owner, the man who will suffer if Pendleton quits growing and goes backward.

SEVEN AGES OF MAN.

At first the infant, Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms.

Then the whining school-boy, with his satchel And shining morning face, creeping like snail Unwillingly to school. And then the lover,

Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad Made to his mistress' eyebrow. Then a soldier,

Full of strange oaths, and bearded like the pard, Jealous in honor, sudden and quick in quarrel,

Seeking the bubble reputation Even in the cannon's mouth. And then the Justice,

In fair round belly with good capon laid, In fair round belly with good capon laid, With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,

Full of wise saws and modern instances; So he plays his part. The sixth age shifts Into the lean and slipper'd pantaloon,

With spectacles on nose and pouch on side, His youthful hose, well sav'd, a world too wide

For his shrunk shank; and his big manly voice, Turning again toward childish treble, pipes

And whistles in his sound. Last scene of all, That ends this strange, eventful history,

That ends this strange, eventful history, Thatsen this strange, eventful history, Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

—Shakespeare.

STOMACH PROTECTS ITSELF.

The reason why the stomach and intestines do not digest themselves was once thought by Weinland, a German experimenter, to be that they defended themselves by antileptin or anti-ferments, says a scientific review. Dr. Dandor Klug of Budapest now reports these anti-ferments not to be found, but that the mucin present in the inner half of the gastric mucous membrane resists the digestive action of the trypsin and the gastric juice. The digestive organs, therefore, protect themselves by the mucin they secrete.

A colored parson, calling upon one of his flock, found the object of his visit out in the back yard among his hen coops. He noticed with surprise that there were no chickens.

BLOOD POISON

HUMILIATING-VILE-DESTRUCTIVE

The first symptom of Contagious Blood Poison is usually a little sore or ulcer, which is quickly followed by a red rash on the skin, swollen glands in the groin, falling hair, ulcerated mouth and throat, and often copper colored spots on different parts of the body. As the blood becomes more fully contaminated with the poison, pustular eruptions and sores break out on the flesh, and in extreme cases the nerves and bones are attacked and the finger nails drop off. Then the sufferers find themselves diseased from head to foot with this humiliating, vile and destructive poison. No other disease is so highly contagious; many an innocent person has been inoculated by handling the clothing or using the toilet articles of an infected person. There is but one certain, reliable cure for Contagious Blood Poison, and that is S. S. S. It attacks the disease in the right way by going down into the circulation, and neutralizing and forcing out every particle of the poison. It makes the blood pure and rich, tones up the system, and completely and permanently cures this disease. S. S. S. has cured thousands of cases of Contagious Blood Poison. If you are suffering with this debasing and destructive disease begin the use of S. S. S. and get the poison out of your blood before it permanently wrecks your health. We have a home treatment book on the disease which we will send free to all who wish it, and in addition our physicians will give without charge any medical advice needed. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

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MAY MARK POSTAGE STAMPS.

Postmaster-General Meyer has issued an order amending the regulations so as to provide that, for the purpose of identification only and not for advertising, it shall be permissible to puncture or perforate letters, numerals or other marks or devices in United States postage and special delivery stamps.

It is provided in the order that the punctures or perforation shall not exceed one sixth of an inch in diameter and the whole space occupied by the identifying device shall not exceed one-third of an inch square.

The puncturing must be done in such manner as to leave the stamp easily recognizable as genuine and not previously used. The use of ink or other coloring matter is prohibited.

The purpose of the order is to enable users of large quantities of

stamps to identify the stamps purchased by them that their illegitimate use may be detected.

The effect of the order will be to protect a business firm which employs this method of identifying its stamps from theft and the authorities will likewise be materially aided in detecting and prosecuting those who perpetrate thefts of this kind.

The Chinese have undertaken to nurse their forests, and the officials of the Celestial government have engaged a Japanese expert from Tokyo to act as head master for the proposed school of forests at Mukden for a term of four years, with two Chinese as his assistants.

W. A. LaBar, a merchant of Vale, was killed by a falling tree Wednesday. He chopped the tree down and failed to get out of the way when it fell.

Woman's Nature

Is to love children, and no home can be completely happy without them, yet the ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass usually is so full of suffering, danger and fear that she looks forward to the critical hour with apprehension and dread. Mother's Friend, by its penetrating and soothing properties, allays nausea, nervousness, and all unpleasant feelings, and so prepares the system for the ordeal that she passes through the event safely and with but little suffering, as numbers have testified and said, "it is worth its weight in gold." \$1.00 per bottle of druggists. Book containing valuable information mailed free.

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