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A thousand creeds have come and gone; But what is that to you or me? The root of love lives on and on. Though branch by branch proves withered wood. The rot is warm with precious wine; Then keep your faith and leave me mine; All roads that lead to God are good. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

BEGINNING OF THE PROJECT.

It is often difficult to follow a river to its actual fountain head, among all the rivulets which join to make its rushing volume. It is difficult to decide which one of the single rills, having its source among the ferns of a remote and isolated mountain canyon, may be properly designated as the very head of the stream.

The East Oregonian has tried to follow up the Umatilla irrigation project to its source and learn, if possible, who spoke the word, who gave out the thought which gave birth. It is a difficult task but some progress has been made.

One day, shortly after the reclamation law became effective in June, 1902, Judge S. A. Lowell and the late Judge T. G. Halley, while law partners in this city, were talking of the vast idle sagebrush plains of eastern Oregon and wondered if, under the new law, it would not be possible for the government to bring water from Snake river, across Baker and Union counties or from some other source, to reclaim the land in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Turning to the stenographer, Judge Lowell dictated a letter to Malcolm A. Moody, then congressman from this district, asking him to request the reclamation department under the new law, to investigate the project of bringing water from the Snake to Umatilla and Morrow counties.

So far as is known now, that was the very beginning of the Umatilla irrigation project. Others had discussed irrigation here, to be sure, and for years the problem of reclaiming the idle lands of the county had been a favorite theme with many progressive and thoughtful citizens.

But this is believed to be the word which brought this project into life.

Congressman Moody replied to the letter favorably and requested an investigation of the proposed project, and as a result Engineer Camp came to Echo in 1903 and made a preliminary survey of the buttes south of that place, but failed to find a reservoir site.

The Snake river idea had been given up as not feasible.

Engineer Camp and a crew of men worked for several months without results in the country south and west of Echo, and finally John T. Whistler came and continued a vigorous search for a reservoir site south of Echo, the idea being to take water out on the south side of the Umatilla river at Barnhart and carry it through a canal to a reservoir near the buttes south of Echo.

Giving up the task of finding a suitable site on the south side of the River, Mr. Whistler finally turned to the north side, had several score prospect holes sunk, made surveys, estimates and examinations of every possible feature of that section and finally located the present Cold Springs dam site.

His final estimates were made and sent to the consulting engineers, the project was recommended and \$1,000,000 was set aside for its construction. Bids were advertised for, plans were set on foot for its completion and on Wednesday, May 27, 1908, the gates were formally opened and the project delivered to the people.

So the few words of conversation

between Judge Stephen A. Lowell and the late Judge T. G. Halley in their offices in this city may be said to have been the very beginning of the Umatilla irrigation project. From that small beginning the thousand homes which are to be founded upon the project will owe their origin.

WASTING OUR SUBSTANCE.

The Rural Spirit says of the waste of soil forces through the continuous growing of wheat upon the land:

Where prices of farms should rise by increase of population, in many places they are falling. Between 1880 and 1900 the land values of Ohio shrank \$60,000,000. Official investigation of two counties in central New York disclosed a condition of agricultural decay.

In one land was for sale for about the cost of improvements and 150 vacant houses were counted in a limited area. In the other the population in 1905 was nearly 4000 less than in 1855. Practically identical soil conditions exist in Maryland and Virginia, where lands sell at from \$10 to \$30 an acre.

The richest region of the west is no more exempt than New England or the south. The soil of the west is being reduced in agricultural potency by exactly the same processes which have driven the farmer of the east, with all his advantages of nearness to market, from the field.

But the fact of soil waste becomes startlingly evident when we examine the record of some states where single cropping and other agricultural abuses have been prevalent. Take the case of wheat, the mainstay of single crop abuse. Many of us can remember when New York was the great wheat producing state of the Union.

The average yield of wheat an acre in New York for the last 10 years was about 18 bushels. For the first five years of that 10-year period it was 18.4 bushels, and for the last five 17.4 bushels.

In the farther west Kansas takes high rank as a wheat producer. Its average yield for the last 10 years was 14.16 bushels. For the first five of those years it was 15.14 and for the last five 13.18.

Up in the northwest Minnesota wheat has made a name all over the world. Her average yield an acre for the same 10 years was 12.96 bushels. For the first five years it was 13.12 and for the last five 12.8.

We perceive here the working of a uniform law, independent of location, soil or climate. It is the law of a diminishing return due to soil destruction. Apply this to the country at large and it reduces agriculture to the condition of a bank whose depositors are steadily drawing out more money than they put in.

When the most fertile land in the world produces so much less than that of poorer quality elsewhere, and this low yield shows a tendency to steady decline, the situation becomes clear. We are robbing the soil in an effort to get the largest cash returns from each acre of ground in the shortest possible time and with the least possible labor.

PORTLAND.

The Oregonian, in a burst of patriotism and home pride, which is highly creditable and worthy of the paper, gives a few center shots on the vital progress of that city which are worthy of being repeated throughout the state. Here they are:

The North Bank road is building at Portland the largest wheat warehouse in the United States. Meier & Frank are beginning work on the ten-story annex to their department store, and Olds, Wortman & King are planning one to cover an entire block. Work on the largest packing house plant west of Chicago is steadily progressing.

Another national bank has been added to Portland's list of financial institutions. The largest commercial club in the United States has moved into its own magnificently furnished building. The O. R. & N. has issued orders to rush work on the Wallowa branch of the road.

Wheat is selling very close to the dollar mark and another record-breaking crop is rapidly getting into a state of absolute safety. Hood River has just begun marketing a 100-carload crop of strawberries, etc., etc.

These are just a few of the reasons why Portlanders smile even when they read the baseball scores.

Richmond P. Hobson, representative from Alabama in the national house, says the next congress will be called upon to authorize the construction of at least two 30,000-ton battleships, equipped with turbine engines and having a maximum draft of only 29 feet. Representative Hobson is authority for the statement that plans for this type of vessel were being considered and that in designing an enormous battleship it would be possible to add stability by increasing the

width of the vessel. He called the type the "swan breast." Such a ship would carry almost double the battery of the present Delawares, which are 12-inch guns, and would be the equal of almost an entire squadron of present day battleships in effectiveness.

THE DAY WAS DEAD.

The day was dead, and the flowers swayed In the bitterness of grieving; And twilight came with her eyes of shade

As the spirit fair was leaving, The zephyrs crooned in a requiem And the echoes low, replying, Sang softly sweet, as is wont with them, In the music of their sighing.

The night came slow, while the sobbing sea Swept on in its stately surges; The undertone of a lullaby Rose up from its mellow dirges.

The night came down to the sleeping day That seemed of its noon-glow dreaming— With starry candles in rich array The tomb of the day was gleaming.

The day was dead—and the word went forth To the farthest silent spaces; To the stars that stand west, south and north

And forever have their places, The word went forth and the word went on Till it lost its tone of sorrow

And it broke in light at the gates of dawn And awakened a to-morrow.

—W. D. Nesbit in Republic.

CURED, BUT UNGRATEFUL.

Miss Frances Wynne, of this city, is a shop girl, healthy and withal beautiful, says a New York item. One morning about a year ago she went to the department store where she was employed and was greeted with sneers, grins and giggles on the part of her companions. The reason for these manifestations of levity was supplied by a sympathetic friend, in a newspaper advertisement, illustrated with a picture of the beautiful Miss Wynne.

Reading the advertisement the fair girl discovered to her horror that she had been suffering with divers pains, aches and maladies and that she had been jerked from the jaws of jeopardy and an untimely grave by the medicine manufactured by a feminine philanthropist of Lynn, Mass. So it came that Miss Wynne appeared in the United States circuit court, asking for \$10,000 as a salve for the mental anguish and mortification she had endured.

She declared that she had never suffered from the pains and aches described in the testimonial, that she had never taken the vegetable compound of the feminine philanthropist and that her picture had been obtained by false pretenses. The jury decided, after hearing all the evidence, that \$6000 would cover the damages.

ANOTHER FOOL BILL.

Many fool bills are introduced in congress in the course of a year, says an unknown writer, but fortunately only a few of them ever get out of the committees to which they are referred.

One of the most insane bills thus far introduced in the present house is that of Congressman Cowdrey, which makes a publisher responsible for the representations made by advertisers in his periodical. The name of the advertiser is published with every advertisement, and he can be held responsible by the public.

To make it imperative for every newspaper to go into the stores of its advertisers and see that every article is what the advertisement says it is would mean the ruination of the publicity business of the country.—Eugene Guard.

No man was ever truly wise. Even Solomon took more than one wife.

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OLDEST COIN IN THE WORLD. An archaeological find of the greatest interest has just been made by Pastor Lohmann, chairman of the German society for scientific research in Anatolia. During his recent journey in north Syria a coin of pure silver, excellently preserved, was offered to him, which, on examination, proved to bear a perfect Aramean inscription of Panammu Bar Rabrub, king of Schamol, who reigned 800 years before Christ. It is the oldest known coin in the world. Up to the present the Lydians have always been regarded as the inventors of money, but this new find shows that the Semitic Arameans, who lived two centuries before the Lydians, are the oldest coiners of money. The mayor of Jersey City today pressed the button which set in motion the largest clock in the world. It is located at Colgate's factory, is 38 feet in diameter and has an area of 1134 square feet. Boats in the river whistled as the clock was started. The world is usually willing to step aside for a man who knows where he is going.

What Makes a Bank Strong? In judging a bank, always remember that it is the personnel of the stockholders, directors and officers that are behind the institution which give confidence to the depositor that his funds are safe.

The Pendleton Savings Bank. Is essentially a "Home" Institution. Its stockholders are well known Umatilla county and Oregon citizens. Its constant growth is the result of careful and conservative management, with the most liberal treatment for all deserving enterprise. Capital and Surplus \$250,000.00. STOCKHOLDERS: W. J. Farnish, R. T. Cox, Joseph Basler, E. Boettcher, L. Dusenberry, E. W. McComas, A. C. Koeppen, J. N. Teal, Frank S. Carl, T. J. Morris, Herbert Boylen, A. Devlin, J. W. Maloney, A. E. Lambert, J. H. Raley, R. Alexander, T. G. Montgomery, Estate of D. P. Thompson, Montie B. Gwinn, F. W. Vincent, E. L. Smith, C. E. Roosevelt, R. N. Stanfield, Clementine F. Lewis, Marion Jack, Al Page.

Local Option Ad. Read what the wise men have to say about the evils of drink: "Oh, thou invisible spirit of wine, If thou hast no name to be known by Let me call thee Devil." —Shakespeare. "The liquor traffic tends to produce criminality in the population at large and law-breaking among the saloon-keepers themselves." —Theodore Roosevelt.

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