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\*\*\*\*\* If men only understood That the heart that sins must sorrow, That the hateful mind tomorrow Reaps its barren harvest, weeping, Starving, resting not, nor sleeping, Tenderness would fill their being, They would see with pity's seeing, If they only understood, —From "Poems of Peace," by James Allen. \*\*\*\*\*

OLD QUESTION OF TAXATION.

The failure of the state of Oregon to collect \$22,000 state taxes due from Yamhill county, and the decision of Judge Galloway of that county that the state tax law is unconstitutional, opens up once more that world-old question of taxation with which Oregon has struggled since she was organized as a territory.

In the first place it seems that it is impossible to secure an equal and uniform rate of assessment in a state as widely diversified as Oregon. What would be right and just in the valley counties where railroads and marketing conveniences are plentiful would not be right and just for sparsely settled and isolated eastern Oregon counties and so the legislature, human as it is, is unable to make a law which will be just and equitable for all parts of the great commonwealth alike, it seems.

It seems that the present table of proportions, under which the state tax is apportioned from the different counties, based on a five year assessment, is about as near right as it is possible to secure. But Judge Galloway says this method is unconstitutional.

If the state tax is based on county expenses, the sparsely settled counties having long distances with little population, heavy court expenses and much county road to keep up would be taxed out of proportion to the property within their borders.

And on the other hand, the small, compact counties having dense populations, short distances, small amount of roads to keep up, and comparatively small court expenses, would pay an amount less than they should pay, in accordance with their property values.

So the law which would suit one section, which would be just and equitable for one section would not be for the other section and this question is really one of the big problems before the people of Oregon.

With 33 counties and each with a different schedule of values and each with different environment and different needs, the state of Oregon is in chaos as to tax laws.

It seems that the final solution of the state tax question is for the state to have a method of levying taxes wholly independent and outside of county valuations or assessment. The state should have a way of levying, high and above the chaotic county method.

OPEN THE RIVERS.

The first report of the Inland Waterways commission appointed by President Roosevelt last spring, shows that there are now in the United States 25,000 miles of navigated rivers and an equal distance that may be made navigable by proper action of congress.

Forty-two states, including Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, boast of navigable streams, and the commission finds that practically every one of these 42 states and territories have non-navigable rivers, the use of which would be a direct benefit to the people at large.

Oregon is fortunate in having a representative in Congressman Ellis on the rivers and harbors committee

of the house and with the co-operation of commercial bodies, shippers, influential citizens and active communities, Congressman Ellis will be able to secure favorable action for Oregon rivers and harbors at another session of congress.

The commission appointed by the president to compile statistics on the streams of the United States will have a mass of information for the next session of congress and there will be no excuse for failure to open many of the important streams to navigation.

The east should not and perhaps will not stand as a barrier to western development in future. The needs and scope of this great section of the country are now better understood than ever before and western members of congress are given more recognition and looked upon as representing a really important part of the nation.

A PROSPEROUS TRIBE.

The East Oregonian takes pleasure in calling the attention of Commissioner Francis E. Leupp, of the Indian department, to the excellent financial, moral and mental condition of the Umatilla tribe of Indians.

This tribe has a greater proportion of educated and enlightened Christian Indians than any other in the north-west, unless it be their cousins, the Nez Perce. A large proportion of the tribe conducts their own affairs, buy, sell, trade and traffic with the whites and are highly capable of caring for themselves and becoming citizens.

The tribe is in better condition now than ever before. Old contentions have been wiped out, old animosities destroyed, old factional fights forgotten and the reservation is peaceable and progressive and is a credit to the state and to the nation and to the Indian department.

For the past few years, after the departure of Major Charles E. Wilkins and before the coming of Major McFratridge, as agent of the Umatilla reservation, matters were in chaos there.

A number of agents and special agents gave up the fight in disgust and the entire tribe was in an uproar. It was the worst period on the reservation since its organization 40 years ago.

But Major McFratridge has cleared up conditions admirably. He has succeeded in enforcing the rules of the department with the least amount of friction. There are but one or two miserably small fights being made against him and the great mass of the people of Pendleton and Umatilla county are with him.

It seems that it will be to the vital interest of the tribe to keep Major McFratridge in charge of affairs there as long as he will possibly stay. The salary should be raised and it should be made a position which will attract and hold a man of ability, vigor and honesty, such as Major McFratridge has proven to be.

DEMOCRATIC HISTORY.

Seventy-six years ago the first democratic national convention met in Baltimore. The democratic party was old, even then, but conventions were new.

The most remarkable feature of the democratic party, historically considered, is its vitality. It came into a definite and separate existence during the second Washington administration and placed its first candidate for president in the field in 1796.

Four years later it was successful in the election and entered upon a lease of power that was all but unbroken for 60 years. It buried the federalist party, witnessed the death of the whigs, smothered a half dozen smaller opposition parties and was supreme until 1860.

Dividing within itself in that year, the party permitted the success of the then four-year-old republican party. The civil war followed, and for 43 years the republicans have had practically unbroken control of the government.

IRRIGATION IN PERU.

This government's active interest in reclaiming arid land in the west by irrigation is not a solitary or exceptional movement in the world of today. Irrigation is as old as civilization, but just now it is receiving more attention than ever before, and many gigantic problems are being worked out by the foremost engineers.

Peru is one of the latest to turn its attention to developing waste land by bringing water upon it from rivers which have always gone idle to the sea. It is true that irrigation in Peru has been carried on since before the days of Atahualpa, 400 years ago, but not on a scale to be compared with what is now contemplated.

A report to this government by Charles M. Pepper, special agent at Lima, says experts from the United States geological survey and from the reclamation service have been in Peru

for some time, employed by that government to investigate the possibilities of irrigation.

The reclamation of 2,500,000 acres between the mountains and the sea has been pronounced feasible. The rivers are not large, and the projects in Peru would not compare for size with some of the great irrigation schemes in the United States. But the marvelous fertility of the land in the South American republic, and its fine climate, assures success in the highest degree.

The arid lands of the United States with five or six inches of rain a year might be considered well watered if compared with some of Peru's dry wastes which are to be reclaimed.

The showers that visited them are few and far between—once in from 10 to 14 years. But when water is put on such land its fertility is phenomenal. The soil has lain inert for centuries without any run-off to leach out the fertility stored from time immemorial. This has been found true in our own west. The driest region often has the strongest soil, once it is brought under irrigation and its salts dissolved and made available for plants.

Peru's rivers, which are to be utilized, flow down from snowy mountains and cross the arid country just as many of the rivers of our own arid regions do. To that extent, the western part of the United States and the western portion of Peru have many features in common and the engineering experts who have gone down there from this country can make good use of the experience and technical knowledge gained at home.

It is worth \$23,400, the amount which Pendleton saloons would have contributed to the city during the next year in licenses, to know that for six days there has not been a drunken man on the streets of the city and not a solitary drunken inmate in the city jail. This is an advertisement that should attract a lot of those people who have said they were looking for a dry town in which to buy a home and educate their children. Pendleton invites you to make good. She has done her part.

THE UNHEARD ANSWER.

"Oh, thou art hard," Youth cried, beseeching life. "Why dost thou force on me the yoke of pain, And bow my shoulders, proud and strong, today? Beneath the weight of age? Oh, I would fain

"With leaf-crowned head and laughing mouth live on, And praise you with my songs; with happy eyes Gaze on the vistas where my dancing feet Will take me. But you make me overwise,

"With knowledge, sadden, and with tears bedim My outlook till the world seems but a waste. Why hast thou made me fair and strong and glad, Only to wreak thy handiwork? Make haste! Make haste!"

But life, with eyes inscrutable and calm, And quiet lips, deigned not the least reply. Youth, whom she loved, embittered, ceased his plaint, And hurried past the hurried years, to die.

The lone, gaunt woman smote her milkless breasts, And clenched her hands. Her moan resounded far. "The Youth I love I may not nurse," she cried.

"I may not show him where the right paths are. "I may not guide his steps nor ease his care, Nor raise him if he falls, although I yearn To be his aid. I his own mother, may not even speak, For only through my silence will he learn." —Hallett Abend.

SUNSET AT GUAYAQUIL.

The days and nights at Guayaquil are of equal length. The sun knocks off promptly at 6 o'clock in the evening and gets up at 6 in the morning with equal regularity the whole year around. There is no twilight, no gloaming, no interval whatever between daylight and dark—only a brilliant illumination, the sudden disappearance of a red ball into a blue

NATURE SPARES

The Stricken Rose From Grief. What a fortunate provision of nature it is, that deprives the rose of its suffering; for how poignant would be its grief to discover, in the height of its blooming glory, that a canker fed at its heart, and that its beauty and fragrance were doomed forever; Nature always spares the suffering; she is a veritable store-house of pleasing rewards, for those who seek her aid. In the years gone by falling hair and grayness have cast a gloom over the lives of thousands of young women, but thanks to the investigations of scientists the true cause of hair destruction is now known to be a germ or parasite that burrows into the hair follicles. Newbro's Herpicide absolutely destroys this germ, thus permitting the hair to grow as nature intended. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. Two sizes—50 cents and \$1.00. A. C. Koopman & Bros.

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ocean, a spread of flame color over all the western sky for a few minutes and a purple haze in the east.

Then the surface of the ocean, like the heavens, is lighted with millions of strange and shifting stars, for the water is so impregnated with phosphorus that each tiny wave is tipped with light, and the foam that follows in the wake of the vessel is often like a stream of fire. Sometimes you can see porpoises swimming along the bow of the vessel livid with phosphorescent light and followed by a streak of sparks like a comet's tail.

The Southern Cross, with the right arm tipped out at proper angle, lies straight ahead in the midst of myriads of unknown worlds that look strange to those unaccustomed to the northern constellations. Under the left arm is a large black spot in the heavens, brightened by only a single modest star, which the sailors call "the devil's dinner bag." Over the stern of the vessel in the early evening you can plainly distinguish the familiar constellation of the Great Bear, but it goes to bed with the children.

DISCOURTESY TO WIVES.

A well-known Spokane man met two women, stopped and conversed with them. As he did so he raised his hat in salutation and removed his cigar. When he left them his hat was again raised. In this he did as every well-bred gentleman would do.

Soon afterward he met his wife on the street and stopped to talk with her, but there was no motion of hand to hat either at meeting or parting.

Everybody knows that the incident is by no means unusual. Yet is there any reason why the wife should not receive the same courteous recognition as the mere acquaintance? When a girl takes upon herself the marriage vows at the altar is it right that she should thereby give up all claim to the little courtesies of life

previously paid to her by the man she marries? Why should a husband be less polite to his wife than other men are to her?

Why is it that when you see a man greet a woman on the street without the usual salutation of a gentleman you invariably say, whether you know them or not, "He's her husband?"—Spokesman-Review.

HOW LONG DO DREAMS LAST?

How long do dreams last? A German savant is investigating the matter. A writer in the London Chronicle says: "The dream comes in the few seconds before the awakening, and has no relation to time or space. This is clear enough to the man who has ever been placed under an anaesthetic for a short while and found time and space eliminated.

As an experiment this writer was placed under a whiff of chloroform by a doctor. Absolute unconsciousness supervened. Then a return of consciousness, the question of the universe; up through layers of consciousness, with always the feeling, "Now I have solved it"—and the "no" and the "yes" alternating through centuries of thought. And then the quizzical face of the doctor—remembered after a million years. \* \* \* "How long have I been under?" The experimenter struggled up, and saw the doctor with his watch in hand. "Ten seconds," the doctor said. And the dreamer had been outside time for a time that has no measure."

DODGING WORK.

Which way are you tramping pard?" he said As they leaned on the haystack props. Anywhere, anywhere under the sun. Except where they have good crops. —Selected.

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