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Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole! I thank whatever gods may be For my unconquerable soul. In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud; Under the bludgeonings of chance My head is bloody but unbowed. It matters not how straight the gate, How charged with punishments the scroll, I AM the master of my fate; I AM the captain of my soul. —Selected.

WHY IS THE RIVER CLOSED?

An eastern capitalist who passed through the city last evening and who had observed conditions closely as he passed up the Columbia river between Portland and Umatilla, said to the East Oregonian: "It is a national shame to have that magnificent stream closed to commerce. Why should a few rocky barriers in that river stand forever as a hindrance to state development? Why is the river not opened to its farthest limits? It reflects upon the intelligence and honesty of congress to know that this great stream, draining a larger portion of four magnificent western states, is closed to navigation by a few miles of rocky rapids. These thoughts have been in the minds of westerners for a quarter of a century. Now that easterners are beginning to think the same thoughts and see this matter in this light, it is probable that public sentiment will ultimately open the Columbia river. It is hoped that Oregon senators and representatives in congress receive more hearty support hereafter in their work for an open river.

GETTING CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE.

Both the reclamation and forestry departments of the United States government are being brought closer to the people each year. When first organized these important departments were naturally administered largely by specialists at Washington. But that method soon proved to be unsatisfactory. Now it is highly probable that both departments will be administered directly from offices in the heart of the west where the forest reserves and reclamation projects are situated. Both of the departments are vital to the nation. They are for the good of the public and whatever is best for the country and the people will be the guide of those in charge. It is necessary for the forestry department to know what is right between John Smith and the government in the distribution of ranges and so the government will get close to every John Smith in the range districts and ascertain what his rights are and how to best protect them. And the same is true of the reclamation department and soon both of these great departments will be administered on the ground, among the people, and not from a Washington bureau.

SELF-INTEREST AND LAW.

It is disheartening at times to find a leading public man, especially a lawmaker, whose selfish interests override his sense and cause him to legislate, not for the common good, but for himself and his interests. This tendency is seen in the United States senate more often than in any other lawmaking body in the world, for the reason that United States senators have been selected, not always for their fitness, but for the "big interests" which they represent. Naturally when they take part in

lawmaking it is for "the interests" which elected them. That is one of the greatest abuses of the present form of free government.

But slowly the people are awakening to their rights. Through the entire fabric of human effort runs the golden thread of the law and justice, and no matter how many statesmen prostitute themselves before mammon; no matter how many sell their efforts for money and betray their constituents, the final triumphant result will be a perfect civilization.

The traitors will be forgotten, the patriots will be glorified. Wrong may reign hilariously for a time, but it is sure to fall.

THE DENVER PLATFORM.

Not all of the leading democratic papers of the country are pleased with the democratic platform adopted at Denver. The Kansas City Star is highly displeased with it and between the lines in its editorial utterances one may read a bitter disapproval of the document. The Star says: The Denver platform is not a democratic platform unless one man is to be accepted as the absolute sponsor for the democracy. It is not a party expression unless one man is to be regarded as the embodiment of all the wisdom, all the diplomacy, all the foresight of the great political organization to which he belongs. Nevertheless, it is the platform of a party, for the democracy has accepted it, has become responsible for it and must make its fight upon it. It is thoroughly characteristic of the man who made it. As with other declarations that have borne his impress, it is a combination of the obviously unsound and dangerous. It again betrays the Bryan habit of overreaching. It forces on the party positions that must be evacuated in the future as Bryan positions have been evacuated in the past. As to the planks found in both the Chicago and Denver platforms, each party has done well. A great effort was made by Mr. Bryan to improve on the anti-injunction plank of the republican party, but he has accomplished nothing except to make a little more obvious appeal to union labor. His tribute to the courts, implying criticism of the republican attitude, is a bit of humor, for no other man has done so much to discredit the courts as has Mr. Bryan through his insistent phrase "government by injunction."

The effect of the Denver platform on the campaign will be through its inclusion of things not mentioned in the Chicago declaration. Some of these planks will be found advantageous; others will not. By declaring for the publicity of campaign contributions, the election of senators by popular vote and the laying of an income tax, and by denouncing Speaker Cannon's rule of the house, Mr. Bryan has met a popular demand that the Chicago convention ignored.

FOR PURER MILK.

While the health officers and city council are endeavoring to purify the milk supply of the city and safeguard the users of milk, let us get at the bottom of the question. Practically all of the medical authorities say that the milk is as pure as gold when it comes from the milk glands of the cow and that the contamination comes through filth which is allowed to get into it after it is in the hands of the milkster. If this is true, as it certainly is, the thing for dairymen to do is to make dairies cleaner, take more pains with the milk after it has been extracted from the cow and safeguard the public by greater care and caution. The campaign of the health officials and city council should be for cleaner dairies and more care with the milk, rather than to start on the longer and more complicated route of eradicating the infected cows. If the cans are kept clean, if milksters are more careful, if filth is kept out of milk, if the dairy output is handled with the care which its importance to the public demands, the danger from tuberculosis will be greatly obviated.

A FRIENDLY WARNING.

If the cigar stores will get their ear to the ground they will hear an ominous rumbling which means a public disapproval of their gambling games where young boys are given the first lessons in this vice. There is no desire on the part of the law enforcement league to be unjust or harsh and it will not interfere with a solitary legitimate business, but it is evident that something will be done by the league if the cigar store games are not regulated. There is no desire on part of any citizen to close up any legitimate



MISS SOPHIA KITTLESEN.

HEALTH VERY POOR-- RESTORED BY PE-RU-NA.

Catarrh Twenty-five Years-- Had a Bad Cough.

Miss Sophia Kittleesen, Evanston, Ill., writes: "I have been troubled with catarrh for nearly twenty-five years and have tried many cures for it, but obtained very little help. "Then my brother advised me to try Peruna, and I did. "My health was very poor at the time I began taking Peruna. My throat was very sore and I had a bad cough. "Peruna has cured me. The chronic catarrh is gone and my health is very much improved. "I recommend Peruna to all my friends who are troubled as I was." PERUNA TABLETS: Some people prefer tablets, rather than medicine in a fluid form. Such people can obtain Peruna tablets, which represent the medicinal ingredients of Peruna. Each tablet equals one average dose of Peruna. Man-a-lin the Ideal Laxative.

place or make trouble for any man who is honestly trying to make a living, but the time has come in Umatilla county when the law breaker is going to be severely dealt with. It is just as easy to be right as it is to be wrong--and much less troublesome.

All of the 14 proffered sites for a federal building in Pendleton are good, but some are better than others. What Pendleton wants is a site which will be nearest the center of the business district and which will serve the greatest number of people. It is not for a day nor a year, but this convenience is for all time to come and no mistake should be made.

To which one of the Umatilla county summer resorts are you going? The seacoast is not "in it" with the Blue mountains for a genuine rest and outing. People are learning this year by year, as is shown by the increased patronage at the mountain resorts.

Girl Badly Mangled.

Alice Mathews, 17-year-old daughter of Mrs. Frank Mathews, of Myrtle creek, near Roseburg, Ore., was thrown from a runaway horse near that town Monday and injured so badly that she died an hour later. Her skull was fractured, her neck dislocated and a blood vessel in her abdomen was ruptured. She was rendered unconscious and did not revive before her death.

DOCTORS MISTAKES

Are said often to be buried six feet under ground. But many times women call on their family physicians, suffering, as they imagine, one from dyspepsia, another from heart disease, another from liver or kidney disease, another from nervous prostration, another with pain here and there, and in this way they present alike to themselves and their easy-going or over-busy doctor, separate diseases, for which he, assuming them to be such, prescribes his pills and potions. In reality they are all only symptoms caused by some uterine disease. The physician, ignorant of the cause of suffering, keeps up his treatment until large bills are made. The suffering patient gets no better, the disease, thereby multiplying all those distressing symptoms, and instituting comfort instead of prolonged misery. It has been well said, that "a disease known is half cured." Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a scientific medicine, carefully devised by an experienced and skillful physician, and adapted to woman's delicate system. It is made of native American medicinal roots and is perfectly harmless in its effects in any condition of the female system.

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