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Because of your strong faith, I kept the track Whose sharp-set stones my strength had well-nigh spent. I could not meet your eyes if I turned back; So on I went. Because you would not yield belief in me. The threatening crags that rose, my way to bar, I conquered inch by crumbling inch—to see The goal afar. And though I struggle toward it through hard years, Or flinch, or falter blindly, yet within, 'You can!' unwavering my spirit hears: And I shall win. —Aldis Dunbar.

FACTS FOR HOMESEEEKERS.

In the East Oregonian today is the story of two young men who a few years ago started to work in eastern Oregon for wages, as millers in a Union county flour mill. Last week they purchased their fifth flour mill in that county and have accumulated property worth \$120,000.

They took advantage of the opportunity offered them in eastern Oregon.

Another man in Umatilla county is just finishing harvesting a wheat crop from 2000 acres of fine land owned individually by him. Twenty years ago he was working for small wages on a Umatilla county farm. Today he is worth from \$120,000 to \$140,000. He took advantage of another eastern Oregon opportunity.

Other men now living in Pendleton have made fortunes from the sheep and wool industry within the past 25 years; others in mercantile pursuits; others from renting houses, dealing in lands and investing money for capitalists.

And these are not exceptional cases. They are common in this section. And the beauty of it is that nobody has a "corner" on these opportunities. They exist today. They are to be enjoyed by the newcomer at this late date. They will always be here. As the country settles up and new people come in they will be all the more promising and productive.

So the homeseeker need not think that the old-timers have "coppered" everything. In fact, the new man with a keen insight into conditions and fresh vigor and active energy, has the advantage.

The homeseeker who has energy, open eyes, willing hands and active mind need not remain a poor man long in any eastern Oregon county.

THE TAIL OF THE SCORPION.

T. T. Geer, who was once elected United States senator by the people of Oregon, and who has until the last two years, claimed to be an advocate of the popular election of United States senators, now advises republican members of the legislature who are pledged to the people's choice, to resign rather than vote for the people's choice, who happens to be a democrat.

He says there would be nothing disreputable, cowardly or improper about such a procedure. He would have them run away from a plain duty to which they are honorably pledged. He would have them slink out of office by the back door of a resignation rather than "face the music" like men and do the bidding of the sovereign people of Oregon.

Geer's advice to the weak-kneed brethren recalls the old legend of the scorpion, which, when surrounded by its enemies, with no chance of escape left, and no courage remaining to face the foe, committed suicide by piercing its own brain with the tip of its poisonous tail. Geer would have republican mem-

bers of the legislature commit political suicide rather than do as the people have instructed them to do. He would have them, at the last moment, like the scorpion, take the back door out of politics, rather than stand up like men and perform their duty as marked out by their neighbors!

Geer would make an extremely "hot" member of the legislature, judging from his advice to members of that body. And wouldn't he be a towering monument as a congressman from eastern Oregon, if this is the extent and calibre of his "legislative" ability, moral courage and stamina?

BEGINNING OF THE WAR.

George Kennan, in a commentary accompanying the first instalment of General Kuropatkin's suppressed memoirs in the September McClure's, gives some interesting documents, concerning the interest of the family of the tsar in the private timber company in Korean territory, which was perhaps primarily responsible for the great war with Japan. The story of the royal timber company is told by Mr. Kennan as follows:

In the year 1898, a Vladivostok merchant named Briner obtained from the Korean government, upon extremely favorable terms a concession for a timber company that should have authority to exploit the great forest wealth of the upper Yalu river.

As Briner was a promoter and speculator who had little means and less influence, he was unable to organize his company, and in 1902, he sold his concession to Alexander Mikhailovich Bezobrazoff, another Russian promoter and speculator, who had held the rank of state councillor in the tsar's civil service, and who was high in the favor of some of the grand dukes in St. Petersburg.

Bezobrazoff, who seems to have been a most fluent and persuasive talker, as well as a man of fine personal presence and bearing, soon interested his grand ducal friends in the fabulous wealth of the far east generally, and in extraordinary value of the Korean timber concession especially.

They all took stock in his enterprise, and one of them with a view to getting the strongest possible support for it, presented him to the tsar. Bezobrazoff made upon Nicholas II. an extraordinarily favorable impression, and, in the course of a few months, acquired an influence over him that nothing afterward seemed able to shake.

That the tsar became financially interested in Bezobrazoff's timber company is certain; and it is currently reported in St. Petersburg that the emperor and the empress dowager, together, put into the enterprise several million rubles.

PORTLAND'S LAST TRIUMPH.

Dick Stanley, the champion broncho "buster" at the Frontier fair held last week at Cheyenne, is a Portland man.

Now this may be all right for Tom Richardson and the Portland papers to take this honor all to Portland, but there is a suspicion in the minds of old Oregonians that Dick Stanley learned to ride some where in the "short grass counties" east of the Cascades and that although he may have visited Portland occasionally, that his lilihee is on some remote creek in the cow counties.

It's all right, anyway. It's an Oregon victory and was wrested from the greatest riders on earth, those from the Laramie plains, the Nebraska prairies, the Dakota bad lands and the Colorado ranges.

Here's to Dick Stanley wherever in Oregon he belongs.

But Portland will have a hard time making anybody in Oregon believe that the champion broncho "buster" of the world learned to ride on Washington street, or that he owns a mansion on Council Crest or conducts a business regularly anywhere in Portland.

But it's all right if it helps Portland. Let her claim him.

It is compensation for the few hot days of summer in Umatilla county to breathe the invigorating air, feel the crisp breezes, behold the cloudless sky and golden wheat fields of one unsurpassed autumn morning.

It would be cruel to suggest that James J. Hill's activity in Oregon as much as Governor Chamberlain's persuasive smile, induced Harriman to announce the construction of a central Oregon railroad.

Your cue to laugh comes when a rich relative gets off a stale joke. However, the disgrace of poverty is overshadowed by the discomfort. Some men are too good to be clever and some are too clever to be good.

Whoever wins in the election Mr. Roosevelt can be sure of an endorsement of some of the policies described as his.—Washington Star.

THE U. S. WOMAN.

Hail the pretty U. S. woman, Daughter of our Uncle Sam— She's the queen of all the empires And from Butte to Amsterdam! She has eyes that dance and sparkle Like a pulsing river kissed By the blushes of the morning Shooting arrows through the mist.

She has lips as ripe and ruddy As the apple of the fall When the autumn azure shimmers Like a halo over all. She has hair of silk that's braided By Diana in the sun, And the grace of swaying willows When the laughing waters run.

And her heart, entrenched from lackeys Is as pure as crystal dew, And as beautiful and loyal As the sky's cerulean blue, It is kind and sympathetic, Quick to sense a woman's part Or to lift the pall of sadness From a bleeding, kindred heart.

Ah, the maid of Uncle Sam's, Lass of charms and tender grace; Brave and constant, sweet and pretty; Lithe of form and fair of face— Of her virtue and her beauty Genus man extollates, Crowning her with bays of glory, Queen of these United States!

—Ex.

HOTTEST PLACE ON EARTH

Bahrain Island, in the Persian Gulf, is said to be the hottest place on the globe, far hotter than Tophet. The average temperature is about 141 degrees. On the coast, where the people live, there is no fresh water, but here and there in the harbor's bottom are strong, free-flowing springs of purest water, rivaling that which flows down the sides of the mountains of Lebanon, flavored by the sap of healthy cedars. Divers equip themselves with bags of skins and descend to the springs, where they fill the inverted receptacles with aqua pura. The water is cold enough to drink without the aid of ice, of which the islanders know nothing.

PRESIDENTIAL VOTES

Regarding the pluralities given some of the various United States presidents the following information is valuable. Andrew Jackson had a plurality over Adams of 59,551 votes; Jackson's plurality in 1828 was 138,134, and in 1832 it was 157,313; Martin Van Buren had a plurality of 24,893; W. H. Harrison 146,315; Polk, 38,175; Taylor, 139,587; Pierce, 229,896; Buchanan, 496,905; Lincoln, 591,195 in 1860, and 497,342 in 1864; Grant's plurality was 395,456 in 1868 and 762,911 in 1872. Tilden had a plurality over Hayes in 1876 of 259,935; Garfield's plurality was 7,018; Cleveland's in 1884, 62,683, and in 1892, 380,810. His plurality over Harrison in 1888 was 98,017. McKinley's plurality in 1896 was 601,854, and in 1900, 849,790. Roosevelt's plurality was 2,545,515.

The inscription on a large white marble tombstone in Hampstead cemetery, London, is written in Pittman's reporting style of phonography. It appears that a young wife, who lies buried there, had taken up the study of shorthand, while ill from consumption, to pass away the long days, and had also taught her husband the system. She died soon after she gained a speed certificate.

A self made man is apt to think any change in his scheme is bound to be for the worse.

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CURES S.S.S. SKIN DISEASES When the blood is pure and healthy, the skin will be soft, smooth, and free from all blemishes and eruptions; but when some acid humor takes root in the circulation, its presence is quickly manifested by some form of skin disease. The skin receives its necessary nourishment and strength from the blood. When, however, this vital fluid becomes a humor-laden stream, it can no longer preserve the healthy, natural appearance of the skin, but by its acid, impure nature continually irritates and inflames the delicate tissues and fibres and keeps the cuticle in a diseased and disfigured condition. External applications cannot reach the blood, and therefore are beneficial only for their ability to reduce inflammation, and assist in keeping the parts clean. To cure any skin trouble the blood must be purified of the humors that are causing the trouble. S. S. S. drives out the humors from the blood so that the skin, instead of being irritated and diseased, is nourished by a healthy, cooling stream. S. S. S. goes down into the circulation and removes every particle of impure matter, all ails and humors, and restores the blood to its normal, pure condition, thereby curing every form of skin disease or affection. Book on skin diseases and any medical advice free to all who write. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

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Notice for Bids for Fair Commission. Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the executive committee of the board of directors of the Third Eastern Oregon District Agricultural Society, until August 29th, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the following exclusive privileges inside the pavilion at the fair to be held at Pendleton, Oregon, during the week commencing September 28, and ending October 3, 1908: 1. Restaurant and lunch counter. 2. Candy and ice cream. 3. Soft drinks (near beer not allowed). 4. Ice cream cones. 5. Badges, souvenirs, etc. 6. Country store. Separate bids to be submitted for each privilege, and to state flat rate and also percentage of gross receipts, the committee to decide which way privilege will be let, each bid must be accompanied with a certified check in the sum of \$10.00, payable to the order of C. E. Roosevelt, president, as a guarantee of good faith, to be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the concession bid for, and does not take the same, and to be returned to the bidder if he is unsuccessful. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All bids should be sealed and addressed to Thomas Fitz Gerald, secretary, Pendleton, Oregon. Dated this 17th day of August, 1908. THOS. FITZ GERALD, Secretary.