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Could any little lamp, though lifted high,
Enlighten the void abysses of the sky?

Could a faint roseleaf, blown into the sea,
Perfume the oceans of immensity?

Could one chord sound in melody so far
That all space echoed to the farthest star?

And yet your soul, amid the infinite,
Makes all a fragrant harmony of light.
—Charles Buxton Going.

COME TO UMATILLA.

President Roosevelt's learned commission for the improvement of farm condition and the increase of enjoyment and comfort in farm life is most urgently and cordially invited to come to Umatilla county.

This would be a typical field in which to try the skill and learning of this high council. It would give them an insight into conditions which no easterner believes to exist.

Here are 600, 1000, 2000-acre farms cultivated every other year and on many of them are wells that are used but a few weeks during harvest, remaining for the rest of the year as breeding grounds for typhoid germs, malaria fever and other ills.

Few real farm homes are to be found on many of these large areas. School houses were long ago abandoned. Fences are tolerably well kept up, but there are no signs of real farm life, no pleasant reminders that a home exists there and few families are to be found enjoying those homes.

Men are getting rich in dollars and cents from these farms, to be sure, but they are impoverishing the country, sapping its country pride, destroying its rural institutions, making the county a rich, yet barren waste of wheat.

If in the superiority of their wisdom the members of this high commission can suggest anything which will counteract this tendency toward country desolation, Umatilla county will gladly listen to it. This is a field worthy of a few months' study, at least.

A PLAINT FROM THE PEWS.

If a man wants to have the X-ray eye of the public turned upon his inmost soul, let him run for office. If he wants to see his anatomy turned inside out, his hide stretched on a pole to dry, his secret mind posted up on the bill boards and his thoughts flung broadcast from the house tops, let him get his name on a ticket for a public office.

Until W. H. Taft became a candidate for president, nobody ever asked about his religion. In fact nobody knew or cared whether he had any religion. It mattered not when he was a judge on the bench what his religious belief might have been.

As boss of the Philippines nobody demanded to know what he believed about the trinity, the hereafter or the past. All that was asked was, "could he civilize the Filipinos?"

As secretary of war and joint digger of the Panama canal his convictions about foreordination, infant baptism, hell fire or popular amusements have not been discussed in public. It was taken for granted that he knew how to dig a canal and he was allowed to proceed with the work undisturbed.

As president of the United States he will be guided by the same good angels, he will pray to the same great God of all, revere the same principles of justice and honor and follow the same exact rectitude of conduct.

If his religion was good enough for the federal bench it is good enough for the presidential chair. If it was good enough for the war portfolio in the cabinet, it is good enough for the private office of president of the United States. If it guided him aright in his successful career in the Philippines, it will guide him still aright at the head of the procession.

So why this plaint from the pews? What particular part of his religious creed has become suddenly dangerous for the nation?

Taft is cultured, educated, refined, and broad guage and therefore without inquiring further it may be taken for granted that his religion is all right.

THE LITTLE THINGS.

It seems to many that a president of the United States is stooping from the mighty tasks of state to a very unimportant work when he turns from regulation of railroads, digging canals and directing land frauds to the creation of a reserve for the protection of the wild fowl.

But it is the multitude of little tasks, the inconsequential things which go to make up the work of statesmen and nothing is too small or unimportant to escape the notice of a really big man.

Over in Harney, Lake and Malheur counties in southern Oregon are hundreds of square miles of marshy swamps, suitable for the breeding grounds of myraids of wild fowl, and one of the best things which President Roosevelt has ever done has been to sign an order making this a national reserve for the progagation of these beautiful and useful birds.

In those thousands of acres of marsh, protected from the hunter and allowed to multiply in their natural way, will flourish hundreds of thousands of beautiful bird specimens. There in the wilds of that tangled marsh will be seen in a few years myriads of colors, happy thousands of wild fowl, living and thriving in their natural state, tame and unafraid, a tribute to the thoughtfulness of one good man, or perhaps a half a dozen good men who have been influential in securing this Oregon home for the birds of the air.

This is one of the little things of a big government which count for something in history.

COMMONER CLEVELAND.

Of all the hetrogeneous celebrities whom it has become my business to meet, I have never known one as simple and unaffected as Grover Cleveland, says Herbert N. Casson in Broadway Magazine. He had absolutely none of that veneer of vanity which makes most great men ridiculous.

He was the only democratic president since 1861, and no career in history has been more triumphant and sensational than his; yet he continued to the last to be as simple natured and as ready to listen to the small talk of the people as though he had spent his life raising chickens on a bush farm.

The older he grew the more attached he became to the simple life of the country. He was fond of old clothes and loose slippers and the soft grassy earth. Once he told me with great gusto how George Washington fled to his farm from the flatteries and intrigues of public life.

"In 1797," he said, "when the country demanded that Washington should leave his farm and return to public life, he squealed like a pig. He always preferred his farm to the White House."

He had no aristocratic instincts—not one. He was a commoner to the core. Every man was a man to Grover Cleveland. The richest individual had no glamor and the poorest had no smudge in his eyes. One morning, while he was dictating an interview, a ragged tramp came up the path to the house. Mr. Cleveland opened the door, listened to the man's story and sent him away with half a dollar and a "good luck to you."

"Who is that man, papa?" asked little Dick Cleveland, who had been romping in the hallway.

"That is a poor man out of a job, Dick," replied the father. "He is a long distance from home and he is trying to walk back."

WHAT WILL THEY DO WITH IT?

All the available power and water sites on both the Umatilla river and McKay creek have been located within the past 10 days. Filings aggregating 80,000 inches of water have been placed on record on these two streams.

Now what will they do with these sites? Are they to be utilized in development of the country or are they simply to be held as speculations? Will the country at large be blessed or cursed by this activity?

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In justice to the city of Pendleton, which is one of its best patrons, the Northwestern Gas & Electric company should maintain an auxiliary plant in this city for emergencies like the present. The city has been without light and power for almost a week and it is only justice to the users of electricity that some effort be made by the company to meet such emergencies. Walla Walla has been enjoying a partial electric service. Pendleton would be glad to have only a partial service in times of misfortune. But she is certainly entitled to as much as Walla Walla.

The instalment plan of payments has been the making of many a fortune for poor men. It has placed homes and investments within reach of men who could secure them in no other way and will always be considered one of the genuine blessings of the commercial world.

The Pacific Baptist says that Protestantism would be stronger and purer by incorporating within itself the Catholic—and Christian—doctrine of divorce. At present we are heathen in this respect, and are committing martial suicide at an alarming rate.

The Gordon Falls Textile company which is starting a manufacturing town at Gordon falls near Portland, is starting right. The company has established a newspaper as the first industry in the new town. The remainder of the work will be easy.

THE SUNDIAL.

On the sundial in the garden
The great sun keeps the time;
A faint, small moving shadow,
And we know the worlds in rime!

And if once that shadow should falter
By the space of a child's eyelash—
The seas would devour the mountains
And the stars together crash.
—By Richard Watson Gilder.

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