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THE LIFE OF MAN.

Like to the falling of a star. Or as the flights of eagles are. Or life the fresh spring's gaudy hue. Or silver drops of morning dew. Or like the wind that chafes the flood. Or bubbles which on water stood. 'E'en such is man, whose borrowed light Is straight called in and paid tonight. The wind blows out, the bubble dies. The spring entombed in autumn lies. The dew's dried up, the star is shot. The flight is past, and man's forgot. —Francis Beaumont.

DUTY ON GRAIN BAGS.

In the United States senate on June 26 Senator Jones of Washington made an effort to have grain bags placed upon the free list. Of course he was unsuccessful, for the men who are changing the tariff are not revising it for the benefit of the consumers. But the discussion which arose over the Washington senator's effort in behalf of the farmers of the inland empire makes interesting reading.

In the past the duty upon products from jute yarns was five-eighths of a cent per pound. In the senate the other day Senator Aldrich reduced the tax to one half a cent per pound. Senator Jones moved to exempt standard calcutta grain bags from duty. He then explained regarding the method of disposing of the wheat crop of eastern Oregon and Washington, stating that it is necessary to ship the wheat in bags; that practically no grain bags are made upon the coast and that it is necessary to import some 25,000,000 or 30,000,000 bags annually from Calcutta. He showed that as grain bags are used only upon the Pacific coast the tariff on bags constitutes a local tax. Furthermore since the wheat is mostly exported the tariff is in reality an export rather than an import tax.

In support of the move for free grain bags Senator Tillman of south Carolina joined with Senator Jones. He called attention to the fact that in the south some 4,000,000 tons of fertilizer is used annually. This fertilizer has to be sacked in order to reach the farmers and it takes 10 sacks to the ton. So the south uses annually 40,000,000 burlap bags for this purpose. As the sulfuric acid in the fertilizer rots the sacks they may be used but once. But the plea in behalf of the farmers fell upon deaf ears. Senator Aldrich insisted he could not stand for placing the grain bags upon the free list since some grain bags are made in America, and lined his minions up with the following, "Of course it is absolutely impossible from my standpoint that any protectionist should vote to put these articles upon the free list." It was with difficulty that Senator Jones secured a ye and nay vote and then the result stood 33 to 25 against the placing of grain bags upon the free list.

Thus it happened that the farmers of the west and the south were less influential with the United States senate than were the few concerns that manufacture grain bags in the United States and therefore stand to profit by a continuance of the duty on grain bags.

ALMOST CONQUERED.

If the helicopter has proven a success, as is claimed, then the problem of aerial navigation has about been solved. The helicopter is an air traveler that lifts itself off the earth by dynamic power. The machine has been devised by a couple of men living near Washington, D. C., and when they made their first trial trip last week the helicopter sailed into the

air, receiving no impetus save that from its own propeller. The aeroplane, devised by the Wright brothers, must be launched into the air at considerable speed before it can sustain itself. Before rising into the air the aeroplane must run for some distance along an incline in order to get up speed. Consequently aeroplanes, as now made, may ascend only from aeroplane sheds.

For successful aerial navigation it may readily be seen that a machine must be devised that will be able to rise by its own power alone so that it may ascend from any manner or place. It is inevitable that in cruising through the air the airship of the future will have to descend to the earth at random points. So it is highly necessary to have a machine that may rise at will. It is also necessary to have a machine that may sustain itself in the air without forward or backward motion. This the aeroplane cannot do as yet.

If the helicopter proves the success that is hoped for it will then have a machine that may sail to mountain tops, alight and then soar away again; may be carried aboard ships and used for countless other purposes. If the inventors of the helicopter, whose names by the way are scarcely mentioned, can but perfect their machine so that it may be put to practical use they will come into fame equal to if not greater than that which now surrounds the Wright brothers.

RECLAIM THIS LAND.

It is interesting and encouraging to know that the government is busy on work looking to the reclamation of more land in this county. It is true the work now being done is of a preliminary nature and it may be years before another project is undertaken in the west end of the county.

But that the reclamation service will eventually undertake another project in this section can scarcely be doubted. In the west end of this county and in the northeastern part of Morrow there lies about 200,000 acres of desert land. All of this land may be made into beautiful and fertile farms if it can but be watered.

The land spoken of lies at such an elevation that it may be watered from the Umatilla river. Furthermore there is enough water in the Umatilla to reclaim at least 100,000 additional acres provided storage reservoirs are used. According to the government reports the flow of the river at Yoakum amounts to 602,000 acre feet per annum. At Umatilla the annual discharge amounts to 505,000 acre feet. It takes from three to four acre feet of stored water to reclaim an acre of desert. So it is to be seen that the flow of the river is sufficient to reclaim between 150,000 and 200,000 acres of arid land. At this time the combined projects of the west end embrace a total of only about 50,000 acres. In other words as a reclamation stream the Umatilla is now being used to but one third of its capacity.

With the water flowing down the river and with the thirsty land along side the stream it is inevitable that further irrigation projects will be undertaken in this county. Seemingly the greatest problem now is that pertaining to reservoir sites. May the reclamation men easily solve this problem as well as all others and soon proceed with the reclamation of land west of the Umatilla.

The Indians camped at Cayuse afforded some good entertainment although the "stage management" is poor.

The rain cooled the atmosphere, settled the dust and helped the spring grain. Nature was very kind.

The reclamation service has done well with one project in this county. May they now try another.

The weather man seems to have had some sympathy for those who have had to stay at home.

Pendleton must have a park system before another year passes. Help work for it.

Where there's a will there seems to be a way to contest it.

As a Start.

The proud confectioner had opened his new shop and was putting a few finishing touches to his stock.

The center of attraction in his window was an immense sugar tiger, and that it might look as realistic as possible, a pair of brilliant glass eyes had been inserted.

A crowd of children assembled outside, and when everything was arranged to the confectioner's satisfaction, he stood gazing in admiration at his grand display. He did not notice the entry of a small boy until a smart rap on the counter announced that his first customer had arrived.

"Cent's worth o' uger—piece with the eye in!" demanded the youngster.

Medford will soon add over eight miles of water mains, making over 20 miles in all.

THE ROCK-A-BY LADY.

The rock-a-by Lady from Hushaby street

Comes stealing; comes creeping; The poppies they hang their head to their feet

And each bath a dream that is tiny and fleet— She bringeth her poppies to you, my sweet.

When she findeth you sleeping!

There is one little dream of a beautiful drum— "Rub-a-dub!" it goeth;

There is one little dream of a big sugar plum. And so, thick and fast the other dreams come.

Of pop-gins that bang, and tin tops that hum. And a trumpet that bloeth!

And dolles peep out of these wee little dreams

With laughter and singing; And boats go a-floating on silvery streams

And the stars peek-a-boo with their own misty gleams; And up, up, up, where the Mother Moon beams

The fairies go winging.

Would you dream all these dreams that are tiny and fleet, They'll come to you sleeping; So shut the two eyes that are weary, my sweet.

For the Rock-a-by lady from Hushaby street, With poppies that hang from her head to her feet, Comes stealing; comes creeping.

—Eugene Field.

ELECTRIC SPARKS.

The largest electric transmission line in the world is that of the Niagara-Syracuse-Auburn line which transmits 30,000 horsepower a distance of 163 miles. The Colgate plant, Yuba River, Cal., connects via Oakland and Mission San Jose to a line 222 miles in length. This plant has a capacity of 11,250 kilowatts and there are over 100 sub-stations on 1375 miles of circuit on the system.

Some of the electric light and power companies of Minnesota rent vacuum cleaners to their customers for a nominal sum each day.

Electric apparatus is used in Germany for producing hydrogen and oxygen for brazing and welding with an oxyhydrogen blow pipe.

A new invention entirely dispenses with the telegraph operator in railroad work. Each train as it passes over the road automatically makes a record on a sheet in the train dispatcher's office. By means of red and green lamps and a gong the dispatcher can at any time signal direct to the engineer to stop, slow down or proceed.

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Snow slides, blizzards and rock slides play such havoc with the telegraph lines in the Yukon country that wireless systems will be substituted where these troubles prevail.

A measure has been passed by the Connecticut legislature providing for the compulsory extension of telephone lines.

New York City will have a new fire alarm system costing \$100,000.

About 160,000 automobiles are now in use in the United States, of which 20,000 are electric. About 69,000 of the total number are owned in New York state.—Electrical Notes.

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AUTO TOWS AERO. George Thompson, a former jockey and an old-timer at the Morris Park race track, rode twice around the track yesterday in the Martin aeroplane just arrived from Canton, O. The machine had no motor, so it was towed by an automobile at a speed of about thirty miles an hour. The tow rope was about 100 feet long, and the speed kept the aeroplane at a height of from ten to fifteen feet from the ground. The Martin aeroplane is a novel form. Martin will continue experimenting with it here in New York.—New York Sun. Men employed in logging camps near Astoria were paid over \$15,000 in wages Saturday.

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