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**ON THE WAY.**

Christmas—'It's a-comin'—  
 Hear it, hear it hummin'—  
 Comin' o'er the valley and the hill,  
 All the doors unlookin'—  
 Hangin' up the stockings—  
 Big enough for Santa Claus to fill!

Sich a awful worry!  
 Children in a hurry  
 Wonderin' what Old Santa  
 Claus'll bring;  
 Done forget their playtime,  
 Waitin' in the daytime,  
 To hear the reindeer bells go  
 "ting-a-ling!"

Wish 'twas done an' ended—  
 Toys broke and mended;  
 Then a feller'd have a little rest  
 But, bless the little faces,  
 An' stockings in their places—  
 An' Santa Claus'll do his level  
 best!

—Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta  
 Constitution.

**CONGRESS AND RECLAMATION**

In the attitude of the present congress towards national irrigation the west is vitally interested. Therefore the news that the two big leaders of the senate and the house are opposed to giving any further aid to the reclamation service is bad though not necessarily discouraging.

It is to be expected that there will be opposition to the bonding plan and perhaps to anything else proposed for the benefit of irrigation in the west. During the past year it has been plain that there is an undercurrent of opposition to government irrigation. There are those who would like to see the reclamation service discredited because they say the move is paternalistic. Others dislike it because the reclamation service was a Roosevelt policy. Then there are some private irrigation enterprises that are jealous of the government's activity in reclamation work. But perhaps the greatest objection comes from eastern influences. The east is not interested in the development of the west or at least eastern senators choose to take that view. Perhaps they fear that after the arid plains of the west have been watered and the center of population has shifted westward New England will no longer control the country.

In order to offset these forces the western senators and congressmen must agree upon what they want and then present a united front. With the influence of President Taft and the interior department back of them they should be able to muster sufficient strength to carry the day despite the opposition of Senator Aldrich and Speaker Cannon.

At this time it would be disastrous to have the national reclamation work hampered through lack of funds. The reclamation work is now well underway and the government should by all means complete existing projects and make needed extensions. Then as further funds become available under the operations of the reclamation act new projects should be undertaken. In no other way may the big projects be successfully reclaimed.

**A FIENDISH BUSINESS.**

Beyond all question the hottest part of hell should be reserved for the fiends, of both sexes, who engage in what is commonly called the white slave trade. The occupation of these people consists in luring women and girls, through various false pretenses, into lives of shame. The white slavers operate most extensively among the immigrant class, doubtless because the newcomers being unfamiliar with the language and with the customs of the country become easily duped.

In his message to congress President Taft devoted a paragraph to the subject of the white slave trade. He says there is urgent necessity for additional legislation and greater executive activity to suppress this growing evil. The president also expressed the belief that it will be constitutional to forbid, under penalty, the

transportation of persons for purposes of prostitution across national and state lines. He asks congress to appropriate \$50,000 for use by the department of commerce and labor in employing inspectors to ferret out those engaged in the practice and to bring them to indictment and conviction under a federal law.

It will be well if congress will pass the legislation asked for by the president. How do you handle what is commonly known as the social evil is a perplexing problem. Upon this subject experienced social workers differ in opinion. But regarding how to deal with those who augment the ranks of the fallen through the methods used by the white slave trader it should be easy to agree. Theirs is a despicable calling. No man engages in that traffic who does not have the soul of a coyote. Those who are caught and convicted might well be burned at the stake.

**LIKES PENDLETON.**

Only last evening a well known local man came back from Walla Walla and he had some very interesting observations to make with respects to the Garden City as compared to Pendleton. Since his company operates in Walla Walla as well as in this city he probably would not like to have his name used, yet the following is the substance of what he said:

"I would rather live in Pendleton any day than in Walla Walla. That town has too many dilapidated business buildings and too many junk shop stores. There are not as many people on the streets as in Pendleton; you are liable to break your neck stepping off a Walla Walla sidewalk because they are not graded. There is only one hotel in Walla Walla. I was there the other evening and I heard people speak scoffingly of Pendleton because it is dry. But dry or wet this town is far ahead of Walla Walla in proportion to its size. If this place had been provided with traction facilities such as Walla Walla has had for a number of years Pendleton would be far ahead of Walla Walla in every way."

**SHOULD BE ARBITRATED.**

The interest of the public in the switchmen's strike is in seeing the strike settled. Of the merits of the controversy between the striking railroaders and their employers the average man knows but little. Doubtless there is merit upon both sides. But the general public has a better case than has either the switchmen or the railroad companies. The public relies upon the railroads and the railroad men to handle freight. It is their business to do this and at this time of the year when much fuel is used and when heavy shipments in other lines are being made it would be a public calamity to have the wheels of commerce blocked by a continued strike. In the switchmen's strike and in the threatened general railroad strike there is a powerful argument for a national law compelling such corporations as railroad companies to submit labor disputes to arbitration.

Boasting, like charity, should begin at home. Unfortunately this city has had some very persistent knockers within its own borders. Without reason they have unjustly complained about this city. But the day of pessimism is now past. Every local Pendletonian belongs to the booster brigade. Those who still insist on whining should be shown the door.



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"Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work," says the Bible. Some people merely observe the commandment regarding the seventh day.

If you want to see Pendleton grow and prosper you are in favor of a traction system and you will do your part towards securing such.

A good citizen is one who sees that the walk in front of his place of business or his residence is kept free from snow.

There are two classes of people in the world, those who can do things and do; and those who cannot or wont.

That one act farce "Zelaya and Nicaragua" has now been running for about a week. It is time for a new bill.

**THE CUSSING HABIT.**

The jackal is a beastly beast; and when it hankers for a feast, it has no use for nice fresh meat; the all-fired fool would rather eat some animal that died last year; and so the jackal, far and near, is shunned by the self-respecting brutes, and slugged with rocks, and bricks and boots. And men whose language is decayed, who make profanity a trade, are like the jackal of the wild, that hunts around for things defiled. In all your rounds you'll never find a healthy, clean and gentle mind possessed by any son of wrath whose language needs a Turkish bath. On great occasions there's excuse for turning ring tailed cusswords loose; the father of his country swore at Monmouth, and then cussed some more; that patient soul, the Man of Uz, ripped off some language rich and brown, until old Bidad called him down. Great men, beneath some awful stroke let loose remarks that fairly smoke, and we forgive them as we write the story of their deeds of might. But little men, who swear, and swear, and thus pollute our common air, are foul and foolish as the frogs that trumpet in their native bogs.—Walt Mason in Portland Journal.

Anxious Friend—Gayman, you ought to do something for that uncontrollable thirst of yours, and you ought to do it quick.

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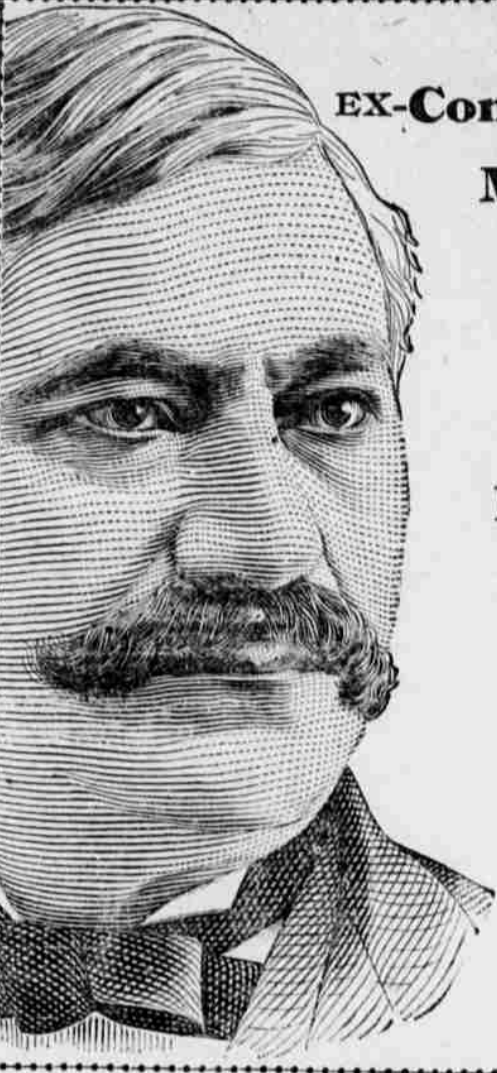
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**EX-CONGRESSMAN MEEKISON COMMENTS PE-RU-NA.**

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**OTHER REMARKABLE CASES.**

Mr. Jacob L. Davis, Galena, Stone county, Mo., writes: "I have been in bad health for thirty-seven years, and after taking twelve bottles of your Peruna I am cured." Mr. C. N. Peterson, 132 South Main St., Council Bluffs, Iowa, writes: "I cannot tell you how much good Peruna has done me. Constant confinement in my store began to tell on my health, and I felt that I was gradually breaking down. I tried several remedies, but obtained no permanent relief until I took Peruna. I felt better immediately, and five bottles restored me to complete health."

**A SINCERE RECOMMENDATION.**

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