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form in Portland the buckaroos who were here last week would be as embarrassed as a new boy in school. They would not be able to yipe above a whisper and they would be afraid their hats were on crooked.

Nor would good mustangs buck in the humid atmosphere down in Web-foot. Only the clear sunshine and bracing ozone of eastern Oregon can make bronchos tramp the sky as they did here last week. Pull off a meet in Portland and General Passenger Agent McMurray would get no such thrills as he felt Saturday when "Blue Blazes" stepped through the fence and waltzed toward the grand stand on one ear and one toe.

It would be a grave mistake to try to hold a Round-up in Portland and would incidentally be very unjust to Pendleton. If Portland wants some entertainment for fall time let them get up something original and appropriate. Like a gum boot carnival or a row-boat festival.

A PROGRESSIVE CANDIDATE.

It is welcome news that there will be a candidate in the field against T. J. Mahoney, candidate for re-election as joint representative. Though a member of the republican party Mr. Mahoney is not in sympathy with the best element of that party. He is an assemblyite and an anti-statement man. He was a delegate to that sainted assembly held in Portland in direct defiance of the direct primary law. In other words he is one of those who say that ordinary people haven't sense enough to name candidates for office and that a few politicians should get together and do the work for them.

Mr. Mahoney is also badly out of tune with respects to the election of senators. He has always declined to take statement No. 1 and two years ago in the house he voted for the Brooke-Bear bill which would have made it a crime for a man to pledge himself to vote for the popular choice for senator.

In Ben F. Hill, progressive republicans will find a man whom they can support with more consistency than they can Mr. Mahoney. Mr. Hill is a democrat, but he is a progressive. He is of the younger political generation and stands for those things in which progressive republicans believe. He is a statement man and believes in obeying the direct primary law in spirit and letter. He has the personal fitness for the office and if elected as joint representative will give a good account of himself in the legislature.

Hill has no spot too hot for the fiends who blew up the Los Angeles Times. It is almost unbelievable that such crimes are committed in this day and age. They would have been more in place in Nero's day. Another feature of the dynamiting of the Times is the fact that it will cast much unjust reproach upon labor unionism. The deed was the work of fanatics or of fiends and should not be charged up to unionism. Yet in the minds of thousands of people such will be done. That one night's work has hurt unionism on the Pacific coast more than could the Los Angeles Times have done by a thousand years of criticism.

The defeat of C. P. Strain for the nomination for railroad commissioner shows the injustice of the alphabetical arrangement of the ballot. The ballot should be equalized by placing the names of various candidates alternately at the top. This is now done in some states.

The Hermiston Bank & Trust company should thank those would-be robbers for the compliment.

THE VARIATIONS OF LOVE.

Into a telegraph office in an eastern town there recently came a much agitated young woman. She wrote upon one telegraph blank, tore it in halves, wrote a second, which she treated in the same manner, and at last a third. This she handed to the operator, requesting, in a trembling voice, that he "hurry it up."

The operator obeyed instructions, and when the young woman had gone he read the two messages that she had torn in halves.

The first was:
"All is over. I never wish to see you again."
The second read:
"Do not write or try to see me at present."

And the third ran:
"Can you take the next train? Please answer.—October Lippincott's."

THE COLLEGE JOURNALIST.

At the University of Missouri is a working school of journalism. As practical laboratory work, a daily paper, with telegraphic reports, is issued. Walter Williams, its dean, tells of the vicissitudes he encounters in turning laymen into journalists. A student was sent in haste to cover a railroad wreck at a town a few miles away. It was almost time for the daily to go to press and still no word had been received from the young man on the assignment. In desperation Dean Williams telegraphed, asking why the story was not forthcoming. The reply was:
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A RACE OF DWARFS.

Dwarfs have furnished themes for countless romances. They divide with giants the interest of a thousand nursery tales. To no small extent the domain of superstition is invaded by them. All countries, more or less are infested by gnomes and goblins. They appeal to the imagination, and connected with them there is always at least a suggestion of the supernatural. Nevertheless, the accounts of the pigmies given by Herodotus and others had long been set down as purely fictional when they were rediscovered by Schweinfurth. He found that the men averaged about four feet six inches in height, while the women were three or four inches shorter. Their color was like that of "coffee slightly roasted;" their legs were short, their hands very small and their stomachs huge. They had a habit of leaping about in the high herbage "like grasshoppers" and one of them, purchased by the explorer, was to such an extent subject to this inclination that he could never learn to carry a plate without spilling more or less of the contents.

Measurements made by Stanley showed that four feet six inches was about the maximum height of the dwarfs, some of whom were not more than three feet in stature. A full-grown man might weigh as much as 90 pounds. Scattered over a region about two-thirds the size of Scotland, they live in the unexplored forest, and maintain themselves by hunting. They are called Akka, or Batwa. They are fierce little folk, though they have no weapons save bows and arrows, their warlike disposition and poisoned arrows make them greatly dreaded as enemies. One of these arrows will kill an elephant with as much certainty as a bone smashing rifle bullet, and a mere prick will bring death to a man in a few minutes. The pigmy warrior always carries in a small leather bottle hanging to his belt a supply of the poison, which is said to be obtained by macerating the bodies of ants of a certain venomous species.

The first pigmy seen by Stanley in Africa was a young woman, only 23 inches tall, yet "perfectly formed, and of a glistening sleekness of body." She appeared to be about seventeen years old, and her complexion was that of a quadroon or the color of yellow ivory. Her eyes were magnificent, but "absurdly large for so small a creature—almost as big as those of a gazelle, and extremely lustrous." Though absolutely nude, she was entirely self-possessed.

The little people wherever they now exist in the world, are passing away, and before very long the last of them will have disappeared. There are only a few thousand of them left in Africa. A few thousands more are still to be found in the Philippines and elsewhere. In the forests of the mountainous interior of India some tribes of them are said to linger, their small size and primitive mode of life obtaining for them the name of "monkey men." Their final departure is inevitable. A pity, too, it seems for, although the pigmies cannot be regarded as important contributors to the welfare and progress of mankind, they furnish a most interesting and picturesque memorial of the ancient past of the human race.—From "The Passing of the Pigmies," by Rene Bache in Technical World Magazine for October.

THE OCTOBER LIPPINCOTT'S.

Magazine editors would probably deny that they concentrate more thought and energy on one number than another, yet the fact remains that the autumn issues often seem stronger than those which have immediately preceded them—Perhaps the editors do this unconsciously—just as folk in other walks of life take up their burdens with renewed zest after the relaxation of the summer season.

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Lippincott's Magazine is one of those which open the fall campaign with especially meritorious October numbers. The complete novel—long a feature of this publication—is "The Riders of Petersham," a stirring tale of the south and its "night riders" by Rupert Sargent Holland, author of "The Man in the Tower." Though full of action and dramatic scenes, there is a delightful love interest running through the story. We predict that it will prove one of the most popular novelettes Lippincott's has ever brought out.

A very striking feature is "Thirty Years of Penicraft: What It Came to and What It Cost." This paper, to be published in two parts, in October and November, embodies the literary reminiscences of the distinguished soldier-author, General Charles King. The general talks frankly of his successes and of his failures, and the result is not only interesting reading, but may prove a valuable object lesson to literary aspirants. Other articles, brief and pithy, are "The Fetish of the Girl" by Herman Scheffauer; "The Clubby" by Ralph W. Berggren; and "The Hifalutin' Hyphen," by John E. Rosser. Minna Thomas Antrim contributes a charming as well as seasonable sketch on "Getting Back to Work."

The short stories in the October issue of Lippincott's are distinctly clever. "Little Brother," by Elizabeth Maury Coombs, is a strong yet pathetic tale in which are depicted some of the vagaries of the human heart. "The Last of Conquest," by Rafael Sabatini, is a lively romance with the true flavor of the olden times in which it is laid. Other stories worthy of special mention are "Ten Thousand Dollars," by Thomas L. Masson; "The Prolonged Hallow'een," by Caroline Wood Morrison; and "The Platonic Friend," by Gertrude Morrison.

Then there are the usual sixteen pages of "Walnuts and Wine." Lippincott's widely quoted humorous department; and poems by John Kendrick Banks, Agnes I. Hanrahan, Irene Stanley Martin and others.—October Lippincott's.

J. C. Messick, near Goshen, fed salt from fish brine to nine head of cattle, which seemed fond of it, with the result that four soon died, but the other five recovered after severe sickness.

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- Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
- If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
- But make allowance for their doubting too;
- If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
- Or being lied about don't deal in lies,
- Or being hated don't give away to hating,
- And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;
- If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
- If you can talk—and not make thoughts your aim;
- If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
- And treat those two imposters just the same,
- If you can hear the truth you've spoken
- Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
- Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
- And stoop and build 'em up with wornout tools;
- If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
- Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch,
- If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
- If all men count with you, but none too much;
- If you can fill the unforgiving minute
- With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
- Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
- And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

—Kipling.

JUDGE HIM BY HIS DEEDS.

In a letter to the Portland Oregonian Jay Bowerman, candidate for governor, seeks to pacify the progressive element of the republican party by the declaration that if elected governor he will oppose any attempt to change the direct primary law.

The statement sounds fair as it was intended to sound. But it should influence no one. No change in the direct primary law is needed by the reactionaries if their assembly scheme wins out. The assembly is change enough. If it goes it will virtually annul the direct primary law though that law will still be left intact upon the statute books. If assemblyism wins we will be living outwardly under a direct primary system but as a matter of fact we will have the old convention system back in a far more vicious form than ever.

Mr. Bowerman is an adroit politician as his record will show. He knows that the direct primary law is a good law and a popular measure. So he is seeking the support of the direct primary men of his party by promising to oppose any change in that law. But he does not promise to oppose assemblyism which would make a mockery out of the primary law though leaving it intact upon the books.

In the coming election Bowerman should be judged by what he has done and not by what he may say at this time. His record as the leader and boss of the assembly shows that he is the most dangerous sort of an enemy of the direct primary.

DON'T TRY IT.

The Oregonian wants Portland to get hoggish and swipe our Round-up. Commenting editorially upon our show Monday the Portland paper suggests that a frontier celebration be held in Portland in connection with the livestock show each fall. A friendly suggestion indeed! It reminds the East Oregonian of the Indian who noticed a brother redskin's pony and said "That good horse; I steal him."
But it is a rich joke—the idea of having a frontier celebration in Portland. To pull off such a gathering on the Country Club track in Portland would be like attiring a cowpuncher in a dress suit. If they had to per-