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IMMORTALITY.

They are not dead; they never lived
To whom there was no joy in strife.
Not cloistered walls nor dungeon bars
Can dull the ecstasy of life.
To serve and gain,
Or strive and fall,
Is life! Let nothing else suffice.

A life of ease is living-death;
Twere better in the scheme of life
To crowd your days with ceaseless toil,
What though you fall? Yours is the strife.
To strive and gain,
Or strive and fall,
Is life! Let nothing else suffice.

The dead still live who strove and fought;
The passive ones knew naught of life.
The lives that still go on and on
Defied the stake, the rope, the knife!
To strive and gain,
Or strive and fall,
Is life! Let nothing else suffice.

Augustus Wittfeld in February Nautilus.

COLONEL SUMMERS.

General Owen Summers, commander of the Second Oregon regiment during the Spanish war, is dead. His death recalls the time, now 12 years past, when the regiment went away and also its triumphant return a year later. Oregon was proud of the regiment that went to the front from this state and proud of the colonel who commanded the same. It was a good regiment and it was such largely because it was commanded by a brave and capable soldier. The Second Oregon was the first regiment to reach the Philippines and for over a year the command bore a conspicuous part in the events that transpired there. Led by Col. Summers the regiment was in many battles and skirmishes with the insurgents. The command came home with ranks a trifle thinned but with a fine record.

In this day of peace and business activity few people think of wars. Already the Spanish war has been almost forgotten and doubtless there are many in this state who had lost all trace of Col. Summers. His death recalls memories of the day when his name was on almost every tongue—a day when fighters were needed and Col. Summers was the "man of the hour" in Oregon. The people of this state may well bow in sorrow over the grave of General Summers and some day they should erect a monument or a statue in memory of the colonel of the Second Oregon U. S. Volunteer Infantry.

HE MAY "GET BACK."

No doubt most politicians of the republican party will be glad that Barnes is restored as the leader in New York and that Roosevelt and his friends are down and out as far as party control is concerned. The "average politician" does not like the Roosevelt way of doing things. He is glad to see the colonel snubbed. The "average politician" wants to see Taft renominated and reelected. He believes that the control of the party in New York by Barnes will strengthen the Taft chances.

But is it not possible that these same men will later on be sorry that Roosevelt is not in their midst? May he not be more dangerous on the outside than he would be were he within the fold? Roosevelt is strong with the people of the United States and should he take a notion to do so he might raise "particular fits" about the time of the next presidential election.

Of course all looks well to the reactionaries at this time. There are indications that both parties will name conservatives for the presidency. The

democrats will in all probability name a man from the Wilson-Harmon-Gaynor group. He will be a conservative whoever he is. So if Taft is renominated by the republicans the country will be assured of a conservative administration no matter who is chosen. The big business interests are playing the game "heads we win and tails you lose."

But it is possible the thing may be overdone. There is no certainty that the "progressives" in the republican party are going to stand for Taft and Barnes. Nor is it a sure thing that the "progressive" democrats are going to sit in silence and see their party used as certain interests now contemplate using it. In other words there may be a bolt from both parties. The "progressives" may decide it is time to cut loose and form a political party that really stands for something. If they do Col. Theodore Roosevelt could and doubtless would be a "high maul" in that party. He might not want to run for the presidency himself. It would be more reasonable to expect the "progressives" to pick LaFollette or some other senate "progressive." If it got off right the new party would go like wild fire for the country is sick and tired of the sham of the present alignment. Roosevelt could lead a big element of the republican party right into the progressive camp.

If he should do this who would the joke be on then? Would not some politicians be sorry they shut the colonel out in New York?

ARE THEY FOR IT NOW?

Senator Albee has taken a proper move in reviving the matter of passing a resolution endorsing the Oregon system. The Kellaher resolution was voted down because it was deemed too strong and was construed as an endorsement of Bourne. Albee proposes a more temperate endorsement of the Oregon plan. If the members of the legislature are true to their election promises they will pass this resolution. A majority of both houses are statement No. 1 men and at election time declared themselves against assemblyism. They professed then to uphold the direct primary and the initiative and referendum. If they favored those measures then they should favor them now. When the Albee resolution comes up for passage we will see how some men stand.

The world is full of good people of whom no notice is taken. But one woman who is accused of poisoning her millionaire husband has attracted the attention of the entire country. There are few who have not heard of Mrs. Schenk. Yet there is nothing remarkable about her life. She is only a miserable woman who killed her husband. Why should she attract so much interest?

Every time a fire occurs the Pendleton fire department comes in for criticism. The need of better apparatus and of some paid men is explained. Undoubtedly the department would be more effective with new equipment and with a couple of men always on duty. Yet the volunteer department does well. It usually extinguishes the fires.

Just one year ago today the Republic was wrecked and the wireless was used for the first time to summon aid.

It begins to look like Boss Murphy does not have a firm grip on all the democratic legislators in New York.

One thousand dollars more needed for the Roundup.

WHERE QUILL PENS SURVIVE.

Quill pens, as an official correspondent explains, survive in government offices as outward and visible signs of officialism, like blue paper and red tape. In the courts they are indispensable, for who can imagine counsel taking a note with a steel pen or using it to point at a witness or to give emphasis to an argument? But the art of mending quills is almost, and probably 99 out of 100 readers who attempted to "nib" one after the manner of Dotheboys Hall would succeed only in cutting their thumbs. The use of quill pens is by no means confined to government offices. Several well known novelists still stick to the quill; it is indeed the only writing implement with any personality—if it is refractory you can coax it. The mending of a quill does not require much practice and you can buy for a few shillings a little machine that does it for you beautifully. You may easily write 15,000 words with one quill, mending it four times, which gives six quills to the novel.—London Chronicle.

Proving Too Much.

An Irishman was once serving in a regiment in India. Not liking the climate, Pat tried to evolve a trick by which he could get home. Accordingly he went to the doctor and told him his eyesight was bad. The doctor looked at him for a while and then said:

"How can you prove to us that your eyesight is bad?"

Pat looked about the room and at last said: "Well, doctor, you see that nail on the wall?"

"Yes," replied the doctor.

"Well, then," replied Pat, "I can't."—Chicago Tribune.

THE PREVARICATORS' CLUB.

In a little country village, a crowd of loafers around a store, got to talking about echoes, and Jim Sanders said down where he was born and raised there was an echo and he used to put it to a peculiar use. He said that every night before he went to bed he would put his head out the window and say:

"Jim Sanders! Seven o'clock; time to get up."

He would start that echo going and next morning at 7 o'clock it would get back and say: "Jim Sanders! Seven o'clock; time to get up."

Deacon Witherspoon said he didn't know much about echoes, but he'd seen it rain about as hard as anybody ever seen it rain. Somebody said:

"Deacon, how hard did you ever see it rain?"

"Well, sir," said the deacon, "once upon a time, when I was at home, we had an old elder barrel lying out in the yard with both ends out and the bung hole up and would you believe it it rained so hard into that bung hole that water couldn't run out of both ends fast enough and it swelled up and busted."

We thought that was pretty good for a deacon.

Reuben Henry said he'd never seen it rain very hard, but he'd seen some mighty cold weather. Somebody said: "Rube, how cold did you ever see it get?"

He said: "Well, sir, one time when I was living down in Pickaway county, in hog killing time, we had a kettle of boiling water setting on the stove, and we took it out in the yard and it froze so doggone quick the ice was hot."—From Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

THE SEDUCTIVE MINCE PIE

M. Campanini, the great operatic conductor, praised mince pie at a dinner in Chicago.

"I don't wonder," he said, "that your mince pie is indissolubly linked with your Christmas for Christmas is the best day of all, and mince pie is the best dish."

"But indigestible! I hear on all sides tales about the indigestibility of mince pie. Nevertheless I keep on eating it, though the last tale I heard was very harrowing, indeed."

"It was a tale about a dyspeptic bishop who spent Christmas week with a Chicago family. There was, of course, mince pie for the Christmas dinner, and at first the bishop, on account of his dyspepsia, refused to take any; but his hostess assured him that her mince was as digestible as stale bread, and so he succumbed. He ate a whole mince pie. And the next morning he was so ill that he could not conduct an early service for which he had pledged himself."

"The bishop was very ill, indeed. He groaned, and he tossed about the bed and the family brought him hot water bottles, mustard plasters and all manner of remedies."

"But nothing seemed to do any good, and his host, when he gave vent to an unusually loud series of groans, hurried into the room and said somewhat sarcastically: 'Why bishop, you are not afraid to die, are you?'"

"The bishop, thinking of his mince pie and his missed service, answered: 'No, I'm not afraid to die, but I'm ashamed to'"

January 23 in History.

1809—Edward Rutledge, one of the South Carolina signers of the Declaration of Independence, died. Born in Charleston in 1749.

1814—United States troops defeated the Indians in the battle of Enotah-Chopo.

1815—Thanksgiving in New Orleans over Jackson's victory.

1824—St. Louis Castle at Quebec, destroyed by fire.

1854—The Kansas-Nebraska bill introduced in the United States senate.

1883—Ice palace and winter carnival opened in Montreal.

1884—Hon. John Jones Ross became premier of Quebec.

1907—Murder trial of Harry Kendall Thaw, murderer of Stanford White, began in New York.

1909—Steamship Republic sunk in collision with steamship Florida off Nantucket Lightship; passengers and crews saved by wireless telegraphy.

1910—Gifford Pinchot was elected president of the National Conservation association.

Manners and the Man

"Children, children, don't make such a frightful noise," said the mother.

"We're playing amibus, mamma," said Mattie soberly.

"Yes, I know dear, but it isn't necessary to make such a terrible noise."

"Yes, it is, mamma. We've got to where Hattie insists on playing the the fare, and so I did."

A Great Error

"My hero dies in the middle of my latest novel," said the young author.

"That's a grave mistake," replied the editor. "He should not die before the reader does."—Atlanta Constitution.

STUCK

"I swear," old Charson said in wrath, "here is a pretty fix. This ferryboat won't go at all because the river Styx."—Galveston News.

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