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THE CRY OF TOIL

We have fed you all for a thousand years,
And you had us still unfed,
Though there's never a dollar
Of all your wealth,
But marks the worker's dead,
We have yielded our best to give you rest,
And you lie on a crimson wool.
For if blood be the price of all your wealth,
Good God, we ha' paid it in full.
There's never a mine blown skyward now,
But we're buried alive for you.
There's never a wreck drifts shoreward now,
But we are its ghastly prey.
Go reckon our dead by the forges red,
And the factories where we spin,
If blood be the price of your accursed wealth,
Good God, we ha' paid it in full.
We have fed you all for a thousand years,
For that was our doom, you know,
From the days when you chained us in your fields,
To the strike of a week ago,
You ha' eaten our lives and our babes and wives,
And we're told it's your legal share,
But if blood be the price of your lawful wealth,
Good God, we ha' bought it fair.
—Rudyard Kipling.

TRULY WONDERFUL!

Pendleton is justified in demanding that the electric company place its wires underground even though the improvement does mean expense to the company. The expense might well be considered as rent payment for the use of the streets.

At the present time the Pacific Power & Light company has the privilege of using our streets free of cost. At Walla Walla the franchise is paying for its street privileges and yet there are no overhead wires on the main streets either. Under the terms of the Walla Walla franchise the company pays, in graduated installments, the sum of \$20,000 in cash for the privilege of doing business in that town. It is a very small amount to pay for such a privilege.

But in the fact that the company pays Walla Walla for using its streets or rather its alleys there is room for thought. We do not get lower rates than do the people of Walla Walla even though we let the company operate free of cost here. In fact it has been the complaint in the past that we have been charged more than they. The company now says the same charges will be collected in each city.

What does this mean? It means that Pendleton will be in the position of giving the electric company money with which to pay its franchise charges in Walla Walla. In other words we are being taxed for the benefit of our rival city across the state line. A fine situation isn't it?

In Pendleton the deal with the electric company is a one sided arrangement and it has been this way for years. The electric company is living in our house and has done so for years without paying rent. On the contrary the city of Pendleton pays the electric company about \$7000 per annum for street lights and for electricity for pumping purposes while citizens of the town pay out unknown thousands every month for private service.

We are willing to let these things go, however. We are not asking the company to pay rent for the use of the house, or in other words, franchise charges. But under the leadership of the ladies' civic club we have gotten up sufficient nerve to suggest to the trust that it should be decent enough to make a few improvements to better the appearance of our

streets and to safeguard the lives of our firemen.

However, the electric trust is a hog and it objects. It has only grunted at the ladies of the civic club and others who have had the temerity to ask that the overhead wires be taken down. Some of our councilmen are also grunting out of sympathy with the poor mistreated trust. They say the East Oregonian is too fresh and that the ladies are out of their sphere when they ask that the electric company do something for Pendleton. Yet councilmen are supposed to be public servants representing the interests of the people.

GOOD WORK.

Work being carried on at the Umatilla agency by the agricultural department of the school shows the possibilities of close farming upon the reservation and is also of benefit to the Indian children.

On the bluff south of the agency 90 fruit trees were set out this spring and with the exception of two trees all are doing well. This despite the fact the land is not irrigated or sub-irrigated.

The government is also engaging in hog raising to quite an extent this year. There are now 90 hogs in the drove and they are being fattened on field peas raised on dry land. The hogs during the early spring were kept in a field of alfalfa on the bottom land. They are good money-makers for the Indians.

According to Major E. S. Swartzlander the agricultural department at the agency derived a total of \$7000 from farming operations last year. This money along with the interest derived from the loaning of the tribal fund makes sufficient money to meet the total expense of the school, including the salary of the superintendent.

Demonstrations such as this are of intense value on the reservation. Such instruction looks to making the Indians understand something about intensified farming so they may be able to make a livelihood off their allotments. Such work as this, if carried on earnestly and continuously, will do away with the lazy, indolent blanket Indian and will bring about a race of thrifty small farmers. It will keep some of the Indians from going to poor farms later on in life.

HAS PAID THE PENALTY.

If the newspaper stories are true that tell of the Baker woman who has surrendered to the sheriff and admitted she is guilty of bigamy it will be interesting to watch the course of justice.

According to the woman's story she married her first husband through a matrimonial agency and left him because she found life with him unbearable. She married a second time and was living happily with her husband until the former spouse learned of her whereabouts and began to hound her. In desperation the woman has given up and asked to be sent to the penitentiary.

But the state prison was not made for such people as this. The woman of course is guilty of a violation of the law but the indications are that she has more than paid the penalty already. It would be a mockery of justice to send this woman to the penitentiary.

With "Slim" Bill Ridings in jail here for alleged horsestealing and with John Spain under arrest in Union county for some offense against the peace and dignity of that county, it looks like our Round-Up performers are meeting with trouble. But nothing has yet happened to Buffalo Vernon or George Fletcher.

The best way to relieve the local water shortage will be for the proper authorities to make speed with the construction of the mountain water system. When the new system is installed there will be ample water for everybody for all purposes. It is bad to be compelled to economize on water in the summer time.

Another revolt in Mexico is to start in two weeks. But the announcement omits the hour.

Grain fires are bad it is true, but the suffering falls upon insurance companies as a rule.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY SKETCH.
Cipriano Castro, who can always be relied upon to raise his particular brand of trouble—in Venezuela and with any other country that will allow him to do so, is fifty-one. After a long period of exile, he has returned to his home land where he seeks to be restored to power—and the chances of his success seem very bright indeed, for he has found a strong body of supporters among the very factions that were instrumental in driving him out of Venezuela.

Castro's first taste of public life was when he was elected to the senate. He has always been inordinately fond of dress and was the Beau Brummel of the Andean country in his youth—if indeed he does not deserve the same reputation now. As a legislator he took his little part in the debates of the senate, and in 1852 he resigned. In 1859 when the country was in a ferment against the

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rule of President Andrade, Castro's opportunity to lead his countrymen came. Starting with a small band of fellow mulattoes and cattle smugglers he joined the revolution. Villages and towns fell into the hands of Castro and his men, and detachment after detachment of the government forces gave way before them. In addition he always made it a rule to buy out as many government generals as possible. On October 24, 1899, he found himself provisional president of Venezuela. Then he became dictator. Enemies were imprisoned, taxes levied on the rich and every high handed method used to make money. Finally he got into trouble with foreign countries, the history of which is well known. Then he was banished. And now he returns to try to regain his lost powers. Castro is undersized, swarthy with Indian blood in his veins, and temperamentally nervous. Two years ago he was considered almost a dying man. Now he is in the full enjoyment of his health and vigor.

JULY 21 IN HISTORY.
1773—Pope Clement XIV signed the famous bill which pronounced the extinction of the Society of Jesus.
1814—The Inquisition re-established in Spain by Ferdinand. It had been suspended during the reign of Bonaparte.
1861—Battle of Bull Run.
1864—Correspondence between Horace Greeley and representatives of the Confederacy looking toward peace negotiations made public at Niagara Falls.
1888—Mills' tariff reduction bill passed the house.
1903—King Edward and Queen Alexandra visit Ireland and are warmly received.
The house of commons passed the Irish land bill by a vote of 317 to 20.
1909—Anti-war riots occurred in Madrid, Spain.
1910—Great forest fires in Manitoba, Ontario, Montana, Washington, Michigan and Wisconsin swept out four towns.
Rogue Santos-Pena was proclaimed president of the Argentine Republic.

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