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the balance of power. They were implored by the hostile Bannocks to take the war path and drive the encroaching white men from the pastures of their fathers. It was a call that was hard to resist. Had that call been answered as was expected by the Bannocks it would have been a sad day for Pendleton and there would have been a bloody chapter in the history of Umatilla county.

But the news columns of the East Oregonian of that day show that the reservation Indians, for the most part, stood firm and true to their white friends in this town. For a time the Umatillas held the hostiles in check on the north fork of the John Day and it was an Indian courier, sent by Major Cornoyer, that brought the word of danger to Pendleton. Later on in the campaign it was old Umapine, father of the present Cayuse chief, who killed Egan and left the hostile Snakes without a leader and with their fighting spirit broken.

There are many here who still remember those events. There are others here whose fathers and mothers were in Pendleton then and whose lives and safety were largely in the keeping of the redmen whose rights are now at stake.

In view of these things are not the Indians entitled to some consideration from local people? They were friendly to Pendleton at a time when their friendship was sorely needed. Should we now in this age of peace and prosperity, just at their ignorance and misfortunes and deny them privileges that are justly theirs? During war of '78 the Umatilla's helped protect the women and children of Pendleton. Should we not insist on justice for their squaws and children and for their men who are old and feeble?

It happens of course that the welfare of the Indians is not the only thing involved in the adjudication of the reservation water rights. The interests of Pendleton in this matter are identical with the interests of the Indians. But were the Indians the only ones involved there is much that might be said in their behalf.

SEHNSUCHT.

Do you hear low voices whisper
 In the light
 Of the moon, alone and dreaming
 In the night,
 Your heart finely still with beauty,
 Pure delight,
 Of the fair and the far,
 Of the blue and the star?
 And the winds that whisper
 Tomorrow
 To the hearts so full of sorrow
 That they long from birds to borrow
 Wings to fly, ever fly,
 With the soaring blue sky.
 Do their universal echoes
 Never fill you,
 And with hope's far-off desires
 Ever thrill you,
 That naught else, in earth or thought,
 Could still you
 But the fair and the far,
 But the blue and the star?
 —A. Pascal Covick.

THEY AIDED PENDLETON.

There are those who speak with scorn of the rights of the Indians of the Umatilla reservation and jest because a plea is made for justice to the redmen. Such people seem to think the Indians have no rights that white men need respect and that Pendleton is under no obligations to its neighbors.

Yet it was not many years ago that local people held the friendship of the Umatillas, the Walla Walla's and the Cayuses in high esteem. When Buffalo Horn and Egan with their Bannock warriors swept towards Pendleton in '78 the local Indians held

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But mother had a club meeting, big sister had a call, A bridge, a tea—and Bobby, why, he had no time at all. The speaker of the club was ill, so another home did he; She gave Dixey a bath and rubbed him warm and dry.

Sister came back after her call. "I'll please papa," said she; "I'll give that darling dog a bath and cut that foolish tea!" She seized Dixey without a glance, and plunged him in a tub. With sleeves rolled up, most vigorously did pretty sister scrub. Dixey was keeping house alone when Bob ran in from play. "Ey jinks!" he cried, "I'll soak that cur to see what pa will say." Again Dixey was scarcely dry when father turned the key, "I'll wash that wretched dog," he said, "and shame my family!"

With pride, that night each Jones awaits for Dixey to come in. He came at last (we'll draw a veil)—'Twas straight from the coal bin. —Rebecca Deming Moore in McCall's Magazine.

THE FRIEND DECLINED.

A Japanese diplomat on Admiral Togo's American tour, relates the Louisville Courier-Journal, said at a dinner at Narragansett Pier: "Admiral Togo well merits his wealth and his honors. But a boyhood friend one day—after the manner of the boyhood friend— sneered at the Admiral's success, whereupon our great warrior retorted: "Come, now, I'll resign all my money and titles to you, but on one condition—that you pay the same price for them that I did. We'll just go out into the garden there, and I'll fire a cannon at you ninety times. All I have shall be yours if you survive."

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lanin' agin the corner of the house, and she was lookin' ill!" "The saints bless you, Mary Ann," replied Mrs. Moriarity. "Nanny ain't sick! She climbed up on the intertable last night and ate the mistletoe, and it made her sentimental, that's all!" The average reign of English monarchs has been 23 years; of Russian, 16.

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