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THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS

It is not given every man to do great things;
To lead the world in deeds of great renown;
But for the few the nation's plaudit rings;
But few can win Fame's diamond-studded crown.
I may not hope to reach the world's ideal,
Nor climb the sleek-runged ladder of success,
It doubtless shall not be my lot to feel
The sensuous thrill of self-exaltation.
Mine not to reach the top, and looking down,
Behold the masses grovelling at my feet,
Mine, mayhap, but to bear Dame Fortune's frown,
And quaff the bitter potion of defeat.
Well, be it so, if only I may find
A place to serve, a little word to speak,
Now here, now there, that may not be unkind;
A chance to help the needy, or the weak.
To reach down into sorrow's seething pool,
And take some fallen brother by the hand;
To mark my actions by the Golden Rule;
Just to be equal to the day's demand.
Let me but faithful be in little things;
Let no unguarded act of mine offend;
Let me do well each task that duty brings;
And I shall be successful in the end.
—E. B. HOUCK.

SHIFTY, BUT UNWISE.

The Oregonian thinks it is a smooth juggler. It still plays on the idea there is no difference between the organization of a Taft campaign committee, as the committee should have been formed, and the delivery to the Taft forces of the republican state organization prior to the holding of the primary election in this state. That paper tries to show the East Oregonian is inconsistent on this subject and claps its hands in childish glee.

But people who are even half way informed on political topics know the East Oregonian is right and that the criticism of the manner in which the Oregon Taft committee was formed was a criticism well made. It is the same criticism that would be made of an umpire who might take it upon himself to award a baseball game to one team or the other before the game had been played.

The Oregonian is well informed as to the facts in this affair and realizes that the truth is against it. Yet "high brow" organ that it is tries to impose on the ignorance of its readers. It is a contemptible course to take and it is doubtful if even those who find their only political gospel in the Portland morning paper will be deceived thereby. As for the East Oregonian this paper is quite sure its own readers are of sufficient intelligence to understand the matter aright.

The Portland Oregonian will learn in time that the people at large are more capable than it thinks and that they are somewhat awake to dawning political truths, even though the Oregonian itself shuts its eyes and professes not to see the rising sun.

NO CONSPIRACY NECESSARY.

Coming close upon the heels of the commerce court's ruling in the Spokane rate case is the complaint that the financiers who dominate the transcontinental railroads are blocking a proposed independent steamship line to operate from the Atlantic to the Pacific through the Panama canal.

Maybe it was the commerce court's ruling that frightened the capitalists who were expected to invest in the shipping company. Would it be safe

for people to invest money in a ship company as long as that ruling stands?

The commerce court ruled that it is alright for the railroads to meet water competition. The decision says it is proper for the roads to haul freight from New York to Seattle at lower rates than from New York to Spokane, or to Pendleton, provided the Spokane rate is not unreasonable and the Seattle rate is not unremunerative. How a Spokane rate can be reasonable that is higher than a Seattle rate the court does not say. There is room for doubt as to the full effect of the qualifying clause. But it is plainly the purpose of the commerce court to allow railroads to meet water competition. In other words, they may haul freight by rail as cheaply as it may be brought by steamer through the canal. That will mean that little freight will come by steamer as long as the ruling stands. It also means that the interior will have to pay for the railroad's fight against water competition.

When the commerce court gave its reactionary decision it dealt a blow at the steamship business as well as at the interior. With that decision in force it should not be necessary for railroad men to form a conspiracy to job the financing of an ocean-to-ocean steamship line. The conspiracy of the commerce court should be sufficient.

THEY TOOK THEM IN.

Though a local victory was scarcely expected the Pendleton high school football team went upon the gridiron at the Round-Up park yesterday and tore the Baker high school team to tatters. It was a grand game from the standpoint of the P. H. S. rooters and the victory reflects much credit on the team and upon its coach. When a light team defeats a heavier aggregation it is entitled to feel unusually good, especially when it is an ancient enemy that is vanquished.

HOW CAN HE DO IT?

John McCourt declared he would uphold the Indians of the reservation in using water for irrigating their allotments, but intimated he would not uphold their right to water for their land when it is rented. It is a very peculiar position to take. It means that the government proposes to protect the strong Indians who can work but refuses to protect the aged, the squaws, and the children. Many local people would like to know how the United States attorney can take such a course and it would be interesting to hear more upon this subject from Mr. McCourt.

LIKES FILTRATION PLANT.

Editor East Oregonian: Pendleton, Ore., Nov. 18. I am in favor of good water for Pendleton, the best we can get. I believe in absolutely pure water, or as near pure as it is possible to have it. I am not in favor of spending public money any more recklessly than I would my own, and when I spend my own money I try to get as near value received as possible. If we spend as large a sum as was voted by the city of Pendleton for a water supply, I believe that great care should be taken and good judgment used in its expenditure. From all I can learn I am of the opinion that a pumping and filtration system is the most feasible plan for an abundant supply of water; however, I am open to conviction, and if a gravity system can be obtained that will be reasonable in cost, adequate and satisfactory, I am in favor of it. From all the information I can get and from some surveys and investigations made on my own account, I believe a plan is feasible whereby a power plant may be obtained and

electric power developed sufficient not only to pump the water for the city, but to light it, also to furnish power for all the industries now in the city and twice as many more. We could then invite other factories to our city by offering them cheap power. I believe this power plant can be installed, together with a filtration system that will furnish the city of Pendleton pure water for very little more outlay, if any, than the amount voted by the city at its last bond election. The advantages of this plan would be: First, pure water; second, this plant would pay for itself, and not only pay for itself, but would pay the whole of the city debt in the course of time, and at the same time give us cheaper water and light.

I believe in Pendleton. I believe in employing Pendleton people on Pendleton work, whether it be common day labor, mechanical expert work or professional work. I believe a public official should take the public into his confidence in all matters of importance, to the end that they may either censure or commend his acts as such official.

I believe a summary of the receipts and disbursements of every public official should be published in a local newspaper at least every three months and that the books and records and public documents should be open to inspection at all times and that any citizen or taxpayer should be welcome to examine them at any time. JAMES JOHNS.

November 18 in History.

1549—De Soto leaves coast and marches inward.
1555—An earthquake extends from New England to the West Indies.
1776—General Cornwallis, with 60,000 men, crosses the Hudson to attack Fort Lee, N. J.
1793—Battle of Dol: the French royalists defeated the conventional troops.
1811—Differences respecting the attack on the frigate Chesapeake are settled. Great Britain makes reparations.
1832—Duke of Wellington's funeral obsequies took place at London with great pomp.
1869—Georgia's legislature votes \$1,000,000 to arm the state.
1861—Confederate congress met.
1883—Standard time substituted for local time.
1890—The battleship Maine is launched at the Brooklyn navy yard.
1893—A successful test of an electrical canal boat is made on the Erie canal.
1904—Incipient revolt in Panama checked by prompt action of American minister, who fixed blame on General Huertas and compelled his resignation.
1909—Richard Watson Gilder died. Pennsylvania railroad tunnels to Long Island, connecting it with New Jersey, were opened, a train running from Harris, N. J., to Sunnyside, L. I.

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