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OVERLOOKING THE GOOD.

We keep so busy watching for mistakes the foolish make That we seldom notice him who does his best. When a brother yields to weakness we are always wide awake. Everybody hurls a lance against his breast. We keep so busy looking for the evils that prevail That the good receive no notice and no praise. We pay so much attention to the foolish that we fail To notice them that walk in wisdom's ways. We keep so busy thinking of the follies of the weak That we overlook the merits of the strong. Having learned to take for granted what is good, we merely seek A chance to point our fingers at the wrong. —Chicago Record-Herald.

WILL THEY USE IT NOW?

Andrew Fiedler, of Pilot Rock, has written the East Oregonian a letter in which he sets forth some ideas about his irrigation rights. Apparently Mr. Fiedler has just awakened and he has not yet fully grasped the situation.

Were Mr. Fiedler well informed he would know that the East Oregonian has been doing the very thing he asks us to do now. Many months ago when the adjudication suit was first started, this paper repeatedly warned the settlers to assert themselves and look after their water rights. They were told that their rights were of great value and that they should bestir themselves and find out what was going on, or words to that effect. Very likely Mr. Fiedler was blissfully sleeping just then, as were others, and did not hear the call.

In the view of this paper settlers along the Umatilla and tributary streams are entitled to all the water they need. This paper has criticized the government's attorneys for striving to limit them to two and a half acre feet per year. This paper has also urged that the government should establish the reservation water rights so as to permit of the irrigation of the splendid valley just east of Pendleton.

The great difficulty to accomplishing anything has been the indifference of those who should have been most concerned. In the case of the reservation some government officials, who are in the role of guardians of the Indians, have not been eager to protect their wards. In the case of settlers such as Mr. Fiedler their chief fault has been in not making use of more water in the past. The Pilot Rock man says he irrigates eight acres at this time. He should have irrigated more and so should his neighbors. By proper utilizing the flood waters of Birch creek many thousands of acres could have been made highly productive. But the land barons in that country have been content with their lot and scoffed when advised to resort to irrigation. Had they made use of the water that flows through their region they would now be in a better position. The law requires that people must make beneficial use of water in order to hold their rights, though the supreme court has held this rule does not apply to Indians holding water rights under treaties with the government.

For the benefit of Mr. Fiedler it may be said he is in very slight danger

of losing the rights he has actually been exercising. The government's filing at Butter creek is upon the otherwise unappropriated flood waters. The government professes it is not trying to take the water other people have been using but merely the water they have not made use of. They also say that when farmers object to their course they play the "dog in the manger." A charge with much truth in it.

The adjudication suit will be fought out before the state water board and now that they are awakened the settlers will no doubt be able to obtain all the water they need on land they have been irrigating. They are justly entitled to it. It is also possible they will obtain access to much more water. A late report from Washington states that the government may abandon the West Extension because of differences of sentiment within this country.

In the event the extension is dropped will the farmers along Birch creek and other creeks get busy and use the water of those streams or will they go back to sleep again and not wake up until someone else comes along and threatens to take away the privileges they have failed to make use of?

THE McNAMARAS.

When the McNamaras made their confessions last Friday they shook the country as it had not been shaken in many months. The confession clears away all doubt as to their guilt and is a splendid thing from a public standpoint. The world now knows the truth and had the case been tried out the result might have been different. There was so much prejudice on both sides of the controversy that many would have proclaimed the McNamaras innocent no matter what sort of a case the state might have had against them.

Organized labor will suffer by the confessions but the chief blame may be attached to labor leaders who urged their followers to flock to the defense of the McNamaras when they were first arrested.

When the arrests were made this paper, along with many other newspapers, urged laboring men not to make the McNamara case their own. They were urged to let the law take its course and were told that organized labor was not on trial. But no heed was given and labor must now suffer because of its misplaced zeal.

It is safe to say that the next time there is a dynamite outrage labor union men will not flock to the support of whoever is arrested. They should not do so because men who resort to such violence are not good friends of the cause of labor.

How do the knockers like the idea of a new high school for Pendleton. Isn't it terrible that good money should be expended for such a cause as education?

The McNamaras would be more entitled to respect had they continued their "martirdom."

Some sort of an election in Pendleton today.

THE SETTLERS' RIGHTS.

Pilot Rock, Ore., Nov. 30, 1911. Editor East Oregonian:

I notice you are taking a great interest in securing water to irrigate the lands on the Indian reservation for the poor Indians, who do not seem to want it, as it seems they have made little or no use of same up to this time, and then only when some white renter does the work for them. But you have little or nothing to say in regard to the government's action in hauling all water users up in court, its criminals, for using more than two and one-half acre-feet of water which the government fixes as the maximum amount on land that is, and has been, under ditch for years, and on which people built homes and spent money on to develop. I have but eight acres of land under cultivation at the present time, and am trying to make an honest living for myself and family on same. Do you not think I should have all the water I need for this land? I am irrigating through a ditch taken out 15 years ago, but it seems the government has bought out some old waterright or other in some ditch started in 1894 or thereabouts, and although they have never made any practical use of same, they claim prior rights to all water in the tributaries of the Umatilla river. Myself and hundreds of others who must irrigate their land in order to make a living must either hire lawyers and stand court expenses or submit to the government's arbitrary allowance of one-half miners' inch flow of water per acre. Although we know it to be insufficient to raise maximum crops. Is this a square deal? Would it not be better for the government to build reservoirs up in the foothills and along these streams, to insure us water during the entire season for all land now under ditch, and also that could be irrigated in the future, than to cut us down to a scant supply of water for land now under ditch, leaving us nothing for future improvement? We know Oregon has some claim on the money in the reclamation fund but if it is to be used in taking the water from people now using same, and could use more if properly stored, and pouring it in the said, it were better to have the reclamation service use it in some other state, for if we are to be deprived of water all your boosters and Commercial clubs can not develop Umatilla county, or this part of the country.

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IN "SOME-DAY" LAND.

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"When'll you buy me a pony, Pop?" "Some day, some day." "Mamma, when'll the measles stop?" "Some day, some day." "Uncle, when'll I be a man?" "An' go to the ball game, like you can. An' be a reg'lar growed-up fan." "Some day, some day."

In "Some-Day" Land it never rains; Or, if it does, no boy remains. Indoors enslaved by mother's chains. All things are better planned. You get ice cream most every day; Till ten o'clock you play and play; No grown-up folks try to get gay With boys in "Some-Day" Land.

"When'll I have a dollar, Pop?" "Some day, some day." "When I get big, kin I be a cop?" "Grandpa, when kin I be like you, An' eat wiv my knife an' fingers, too, An' never get licked for wot I do?" "Some day, some day."

HOW HE SAVED IT.

George W. Cable, the author of so many delightful stories of the South, recalls an amusing incident of his boyhood days, which were spent in New Orleans.

A fierce old colonel one day called his negro coachman to him. "You were drunk yesterday!" he roared. "What do you mean by such a performance?" "Twas a accident, sah, 'pon mah word." "An accident?" "Yes, sah. In de mornin' I gets a jimmyjohn oh rum for t' keep de rheumatiz from mah ole woman, an', Marse John, I allips on de ice an' busts de jimmyjohn, an' de rum make little puddles in de road. Den, sah, I jes' gets down an' laps some up. Dat's hom it cum, Marse John." "You black rascal! How much did you drink?"

"Well, Marse John, sah," answered old New, with a twinkle in his eye, "I s'pose I mus' or saved more en a quart!"—Cosmopolitan Magazine.

THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

Captain Joe Fowler, now dead, was a famous southern steamboat man of the old days. One afternoon, after he had reached the age of retirement he was sitting on the wharf of a Tennessee river town when a boat landed and a northern oman came ashore carrying in her arms the first

Mexican hairless dog that Cap'n Joe had ever seen. As the lady approached he rose and made a low bow. "I beg your pardon, madam," he said, "but is that your dog?" "It is," she said. "Is that the only dog you've got?" "It is." "Madam," said Cap'n Joe, "ain't you mighty near out of dog"—Saturday evening Post. Nobody understands Roosevelt, not even, probably, himself.

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