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THE RAIN BEAU.

One stormy morn I chanced to meet A lassie in the town; Her locks were like the ripened wheat. Her laughing eyes were brown. I watched her as she tripped along Till madness filled my brain. And then—and then—I know 'twas wrong—I kissed her in the rain!

As usual there are some legislators now at Salem who haven't sense enough to know what A Misguided they are there for. Solon. They seem to forget the real purpose of the legislature and imagine they are there to play petty politics against the governor because he is of an opposite faith.

There is one senator who thinks he sees a chance to "put West in a hole" on account of his humane prison policy. Here is the way he is quoted in the Portland Telegram: "Even now the penitentiary may be an arsenal, with the gang of human hyenas in there awaiting a favorable opportunity for an outbreak, with its possible carnage and horrors. Then think of what it would mean for hundreds of such abandoned and wicked men to be at large. There would be a reign of terror throughout the length and breadth of Oregon."

Horrible! How that senator must live in dread while he is at the State Capital. How he must worry and sweat with fear lest some of those "hyenas" break out of the prison and chew off his ears. If he stays faithful to his post in spite of danger for the 40 days session he will be entitled to a Carnegie pension and a medal also.

Yet if that senator had only read the newspapers he would not feel so scared. He would know that a short time ago the convicts had a splendid chance to escape. The prison caught fire, but instead of making a break for freedom the "abandoned and wicked" men turned in and helped the fire department extinguish the flames to save the property of the state.

He would also know that "carnage and horror" does not necessarily follow when convicts gain their freedom. We know this because for months a band of convicts was at large down in southern Oregon. Yet all they did was to build a road and then go back to Salem. At another time a blood-thirsty lifeliner was given a parole by Governor West so he could work off a mortgage his father-in-law had incurred during his trial. When the mortgage was lifted the man went back to prison of his own free will.

The news records show that bloody outbreaks do not occur at prisons where a humane policy is followed. Such outbreaks happen at prisons where the old mediaeval methods are

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still in use. Experience also shows that the humane or honor policy of prison management is a success wherever tried. It is bound to be successful when properly administered because it is founded on the sound principle that it is easier to lead men than to drive them.

Legislators who are trying to embarrass Governor West by carping against his prison policy are upon the wrong track. They have been misled by the Portland Oregonian and they should know better than to trust that paper's guidance. They should also know by this time that the people of Oregon want the legislature to legislate and drop that petty political highbinder. It does not promote legislative efficiency. It does not shorten the initiative ballot.

It is well known that "truth is stronger than fiction" and the old adage is verified by the Miraculous, following story vouched for as truthful by the Kansas City Journal:

Down in Texas twenty years ago a wealthy young farmer jilted a young, beautiful and spirited girl. She killed herself because of outraged sensibilities and mental distress. Her brother sought out the faithless suitor and fired a bullet into his head. Thinking that he had avenged the wrong done his sister, he, too, committed suicide. But the bullet intended as a messenger of vengeance only slightly wounded the young farmer and sped on, becoming imbedded in the trunk of a nearby tree. Now comes the strange part of this true story. Twenty years have elapsed and the farmer, no longer young, but still wealthy, was directing the removal of some trees on the farm. In trying to cut up these trees it was deemed necessary to use dynamite in blasting a tough tree trunk. That charge of dynamite happened to be placed under the bullet fired by the girl's brother twenty years before and the bullet, now loosened from its long confinement, was sent flying from the tree trunk by the dynamite and struck the farmer in the head, causing his death. Before he expired the farmer told the story of the bullet to his son. Thus vengeance, delayed twenty years, finally came in as odd a way as ever the inventive mind of man conceived.

What do you know about that, Joseph Walker, prominent Massachusetts republican, former speaker of the house of representatives and G. O. P. candidate for governor in the last campaign, has quit the elephant cold and swears that henceforth he is a bull mooser. His behavior is due to the election of John W. Weeks as senator from Massachusetts to succeed Crane. Weeks is a reactionary and his election convinces Walker that the g. o. p. in Massachusetts is too standpat for him. The action of Walker is significant in that it shows how the two factions of the old party are getting together in one state of the union. They are going in opposite directions and if the process continues they will meet in China in the course of time.

Governor Odde of Nevada seems to be tired of having his state known throughout the land as a state where easy divorces may be had and where there is no law against prizefighting. Possibly Nevada's fame has not attracted the right sort of people to that commonwealth.

A minister who ruins a young girl should get double punishment, half for his crime and the other half for his hypocrisy.

The chinook makes General January appear like a mollycoddle.

The Cause of Darkness. Teacher—Tommy, can you tell me what causes darkness? Tommy—Yes, ma'am; the gas companies.

Teacher—Why do you think they cause it? Tommy—'Cause they need the money.—Chicago News.

The Psychological Moment. Senator Luke Lea was talking about the psychological moment. "Mrs. Stowe's 'Uncle Tom's Cabin,' appearing at the psychological moment," he said, "freed the slaves." Then with a smile he added: "I believe that New York herself could do better and the vote could be taken on New Year's Day."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

He Didn't Get the Case. Sapsleigh—Would you—er—advise me to—er—marry a beautiful girl or a sensible girl? Hamley—I'm afraid you'll never marry either, old man. Sapsleigh—Why not? Hamley—Well, a beautiful girl could do better and a sensible girl would know better.—Stray Stories.

Not Worth It. The young man was something of a bore and the young lady sent word that she was out.

"But he has a box of candy with him," was the word that came back from the maid. The young lady reflected. "No," she finally said, "it isn't worth it. Tell him I'm out."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

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THE NATIVE WORKMAN.

The native American wage earner is rapidly disappearing, writes W. Jett Plauk in the Atlantic Monthly. Along with him have also gone his working companions of former years, the English, Irish, Scotch, Swedes, Norwegians and Germans. Only one-fifth of the workers in the mines and manufacturing plants today are native Americans. About one-tenth of our wage earners are the native born children of parents from Great Britain and Ireland, Germany and the Scandinavian countries. More than three-fifths of our great body of industrial workers are southern or eastern Europeans. This type of immigrant has had no industrial training abroad. He has also brought with him a low standard of living and has been tractable and subservient. As a result, his competition has exposed the native American and older immigrant employes to unsafe or unsanitary working conditions, and he led to or continued the imposition of conditions of employment which the Americans and older immigrants have considered unsatisfactory and, in many cases unbearable.

He has been inclined, as a rule, to acquiesce in the demand on the part of the employers for extra work or longer hours. The presence of the recent immigrant industrial worker has also brought about a standard of life with which the native American and older immigrant employes have been unwilling, or have found it extremely difficult, to compete. He has no permanent interest in the community in which he lives or the industry in which he is employed. His main purpose is to live as cheaply as possible, and to save as much as he can. Everywhere improved machinery and mechanical processes are eliminating the element of skill formerly required of employes, and are making it possible for the unskilled foreign-born workman to enter occupations which have hitherto been beyond his qualifications. Unless the native American and older British or northern European wage-earner can do something to elevate the standards of the recent immigrants their competition in the higher occupations will be followed by as serious results as have already attended their invasion of the lower grades of the industrial scale.

TEST OF AMERICAN HONOR.

President Taft voiced the highest American conscience when he declared that he would favor submitting the canal tolls dispute to arbitration. His utterance has the further effect of expressing the doubt, or the division of mind, which the country has held upon the propriety of its own act. To England and to the world he has impressively admitted not only that there is a question but that the question exists in the mind of our own people.

In exempting its own coastwise vessels from tolls America has done something which it is in doubt about. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty provides: "The canal shall be free and open to the vessels of commerce and war of all nations observing these rules, on terms of entire equality, so there shall be no discrimination against any such nation, or its citizens or subjects, in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic or otherwise."

With Great Britain our arbitration treaty binds us to submit to arbitration all questions growing out of the interpretation of treaties, provided they do not affect the vitality, independence or honor of the contracting parties and do not involve the interests of third parties.

Could there be a plainer case for arbitration than the tolls dispute in the light of these treaties? A voluntary repeal by congress itself of its own act concerning which the country entertains misgivings would be in still better grace, but the country cannot save its face or preserve its self-respect and the respect of the nations by anything less than yielding to arbitration when Britain presses the demand. American conscience good faith and common honesty were never more flatly put to the test.

Is the word of the United States given to the world in a treaty worth the paper it is written on?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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