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THE COWBOY'S PRAYER.

[The following poem by Charles B. Clark, Jr., has been regarded as one of the best bits of poetic sentiment that have clustered around the picturesque life of the ranges, and has probably found its way into more scrapbooks than any other cowboy poem that has been written in many years.]

O Lord, I've never lived where churches grow;

I love creation better as it stood
That day you finished it so long ago
And looked upon your work and
called it good.

I know that others find you in the light
That's sifted down through tinted
window panes.

And yet, I seem to feel you near tonight
In this dim, quiet starlight on the
plains.

I thank you, Lord, that I am pleased so
well;

That you have made my freedom so
complete;

That I'm no slave of whistle, clock or
bell,

Or weak-eyed prisoner of wall and
street.

Just let me live my life as I've begun,
And give me work that's open to
the sky;

Make me a partner of the wind and sun
And I won't ask a life that's soft or
high.

Let me be easy on the man that's down
And make me square and generous
with all;

I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm
in town,

But never let them say I'm mean or
small.

Make me as big and open as the plains;
As honest as the horse between my
knees;

Clean as the wind that blows behind the
rains;

Free as the hawk that circles down
the breeze.

Forgive me, Lord, when sometimes I
forget;

You understand the reasons that are
hid.

You know about the things that gail
and fret;

You know me better than my mother
did.

Just keep an eye on all that's done and
said;

Just right me sometimes when I turn
aside,

And guide me on the long, dim trail
ahead,

That reaches upward to the Great
Divide.

BIRDS AND SCANDALMONGERS.

IN A RECENT edition of the Christian Herald appeared an editorial which so completely supplements recent editorials in The Sentinel, and brings the point home in so unique a manner, that we reproduce it here in full:

"Now and then we read of a thunder storm with lightning striking a church and killing some of the congregation, or of a wind turning a church building over, or of a fire burning it up. But a more curious form of destruction is that of a church building at Oak Hill, in Belmont county, Ohio, effected by the assaults of an army of woodpeckers. These birds had hammered so many holes in different parts of the building, especially in the sides, that the officers met and resolved to repair and put an end to the damage. It is not unlikely that the birds had been busy for a good while, and that the authorities had been careless of the matter, not thinking the damage would be serious till their attention was stirred, and the real danger recognized. Whatever damage the destructive birds may have done to the country church building, there are many churches in the rural districts and in the cities that suffer from the acts of human destroyers, the scandalmongers of society, who hammer ugly holes in people's good names, and feast their long sharp tongues on the insects of slander. Few causes of discontent and open rupture in churches have been greater than gossips and slanderers who, having found some imagined or real fault or sin, run swiftly to proclaim it publicly by telling everyone 'in strict confidence,' with hypocritical caution. 'Don't tell anybody for the world,' knowing that the story will go like the wind. Such persons would not

break a safe and steal money; they would not burn their neighbor's house; but they do a damage which is worse and harder to repair—they destroy a good name. Fortunately character is so much stronger than reputation that it can withstand the assaults of a vile tongue; but a church organization can not afford the damage caused by the long-billed, sharp-tongued, insect-fed birds of slander."

The Oregon City Enterprise has completed a half century of existence, but despite its advanced age is more sprightly than ever and gives promise of growing in power and vigor as it advances toward the century mark.

MORE PROFITS FOR FARMERS.

FARMERS, in general with others, complain of the advanced cost of the things which they must use in their business and which cut down their profit materially. The farmer is harder hit than others, for he has little to do in fixing the prices at which his products shall be sold. Outside of the effect upon prices which results from overproduction and underproduction, it might be said the farmer has practically nothing to say about the prices at which he shall sell.

The cost to the farmer of producing what he has to sell is but a very minor factor in the price at which he sells. In some ways this may prove an advantage, for no matter how cheap he makes his cost of production he gets just as high a price as if he tried to make the cost of production as high as possible. Therefore, if the farmer can reduce his cost of production ten cents a bushel on potatoes or wheat his profits are just that much larger. The farmer is about the only one who can collect a 100 per cent profit without being investigated by the government.

The farmers of Oregon spend millions of dollars for grain sacks alone. That amount spent in that way is just that much less profit than they would receive if they marketed their grain without sacks. And grain can be marketed in bulk. Marketing grain in bulk is not an experiment, and that method has such possibilities in increasing the profits to the farmer that it will be a principal subject of discussion at the first annual grain convention to be held at the Oregon Agricultural college January 3, 4 and 5. Indications point to a change to the bulk elevator system—with increased profits to the farmer.

XMAS OR CHRISTMAS.

SINCE the publication in The Sentinel of the editorial criticizing the use of the word "Xmas," clergy from many parts of the nation have come forward in defense of the word. They say that the word is of ancient and honorable origin, the X being taken from Xristos, the Greek word for Christ.

We are pleased to learn at last that there is some defense for the use of the word, but that does not change the fact that Xmas is a fearful mutilation of the pretty word Christmas. There are many things of ancient and honorable origin that have no other defense. Xmas seems to be one of such.

As it is the duty of the preacher to try to make the world better, it would not be out of the way for him to attempt to make a word better. Regardless of whatever defense there may be for the use of "Xmas," none can deny that Christmas is much sweeter and prettier and expresses something not contained in the mutilated Xmas.

A BOND ISSUE AGAIN.

THE taxpayers' budget committee asked that Lane county members of the legislature introduce a bill enabling Lane county to vote bonds for the purchase of county fair grounds. Such a law was enacted by the legislature two years ago and for awhile previous to the fight on extravagance by the newspapers an attempt was made to get the bonding measure on the ballot, but for some reason the matter was dropped, as it probably will be again. Bond issues are not popular in Lane county, no matter for what purpose, and a bond issue for the purchase of the present fair grounds seems too much like buying Eugene a piece of property for her own private use to make such an indebtedness very popular with the voters.

THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think.

An old adage should be revised to read, "Carnegie helps those who help themselves."

The man who gets ahead in the world is the one who makes hay while the sun shines or not.

It is preposterous to talk of marriages in heaven. Where would the lawyers come from to start the divorce suits?

Good streets are all right—but they are nevertheless poor educational institutions for the youth of the city.

A Duluth clergyman says modern man is an improvement upon Adam. Old Adam must have been a monkey sure enough!

Why not knock down our tariff walls entirely and simply place an export duty on our horesses as a means of raising revenue?

A scientist claims we think with our toes—which probably accounts for the fact that people who wear tight shoes are usually narrow minded.

An English statistician has figured it out that bachelors commit suicide more often than married men, but rice suicide is reserved for the benedicts.

It may be a good thing to pray for what you want, but your faith will be more likely to be rewarded if you follow up your prayer by getting out and hustling for what you want.

Money talks—which denotes its gender.

The coffin trust now being investigated seems to be a live one.

The government is after the powder trust. It won't do to turn on too much light.

Nicholas II, with his two big I's, ought to be able to see the future fate of his monarchy.

The good die young, they say—and a lot of us are no longer spring chickens.

Silence is golden—that's the reason there are so many poor people.

ENDORSES SHORTRIDGE LETTER.

Merrill, Wis., Dec. 21.—(To the Editor.)—I was pleased to read in your issue of December 14 the views of F. R. Shortridge on our Mexican situation. It is strange that the big daily papers of this country do not discuss this very important subject. To me it seems dangerous to remain passive in our relations with Mexico much longer, and I'm glad to see a small country town paper—though otherwise big—publish the views relative thereto of one who has the courage of his convictions.

If this country doesn't do something before long to re-establish her dignity regarding Mexico, Japan will take advantage of the situation in a manner that may cause us serious inconvenience and trouble.

It is high time to know where we are relative to our demoralized neighbor across the Rio Grande.

It is up to the people to start a popular sentiment on our Mexican situation and not leave it in the hands of the socialist's any longer.

A merry Christmas to Cottage Grove.

DAVID FINN.

REFUTES DEROGATORY REPORT.

Neighbor Says Mrs. Coleman Is Good Woman Overtaken by Adversity.

Florence, Ore., Dec. 19.—(To the Editor.)—From a reliable source I learn that a report is being circulated in Cottage Grove to the effect that Mrs. Matie Coleman, living near Florence, is a "grafter and a lazy, good-for-nothing thing and her children should be taken from her and put where they could have a little chance."

In regard to this story I will say that I have known Mrs. Coleman personally for two years. She has been a welcome guest at our home several times; also her two older girls. I am acquainted with many of her near neighbors, and from no source have I heard or had reason to think she is other than a refined, intelligent, unobtrusive christian woman, overtaken by adversity, yet patiently trusting in God's guidance to battle with every obstacle in her effort to provide for herself and her five children.

That she appreciates the assistance given her at different times, is putting the feeling very mildly.

Her children, so far as I have seen or heard, are fully as well behaved as those in other homes, and while they, like their mother, have worked hard, often going without nourishing food, every effort is made to keep them in school. The oldest girl has worked for her board and attended school in Glendale the past two winters.

It might be well for the one who said that "her children should be taken away from her and put where they could have a chance," to remember that our famous men and women have not always come from homes of affluence.

Mrs. Coleman moved several tons of hay with a scythe this summer on a rented place, so her neighbors told me. If that is a "lazy" woman's job, she is guilty; and I could mention other similar tasks she has performed.

MRS. CORA E. WEATHERSON.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Interstate commerce hearings will be held at Portland January 23 and 24 by Examiner Brown.

The Cottage Grove commercial club will attempt to get farmers to experiment with broccol growing.

E. J. McClanahan of Eugene was unanimously elected president of the Oregon Poultry association.

Three thousand Oregon rosebushes have gone to Pennsylvania from Cottage Grove during the past few weeks.

The Hawley Pulp & Paper company will begin soon the construction of a second additional unit to its mill at Oregon City.

The farmers of Klamath county have formally petitioned the commissioners' court to place a bounty of 10 cents a head upon rabbits.

A blanket resolution allowing the student body to bond itself in the sum of \$10,000 for an athletic field was voted at the University of Oregon.

One of the first farmers' organizations to be effected in Oregon under the provisions of the rural credit law was formed at Roseburg last week.

The Portland postal receipts for the first 20 days of December of this year exceed those of the same period of last year by approximately \$12,000.

The last of seven Hyde land fraud suits instituted by the state of Oregon for the recovery of 37,000 acres of school land was tried at Eugene last week.

Including the sales made for the Thanksgiving trade, the turkey raisers of Douglas county this year have realized approximately \$58,000 from their birds.

Oliver Lundgren, 22, of Corvallis, was drowned in Mary's river by a canoe, in which he and Troy Bogard, of Woodburn, were paddling, upset in a whirlpool.

Labor Commissioner Hoff will recommend to the legislature the creation of the office of inspector of mines, and also ask that it enact legislation on the subject of hospital fees.

The latest school census of Portland shows there are 48,284 boys and girls in the city between the ages of 4 and 20. This is a decrease of 1543, as 49,227 were recorded in the census of last year.

H. A. George, one of the leading successful poultrymen of Petaluma, Cal., has been procured to deliver a series of lectures during farmers' week at the Oregon agricultural college, January 2 to 6.

In a comprehensive review of the labor situation prepared for his forthcoming biennial report State Labor Commissioner Hoff says that industries appear to have undergone a change for the better in 1916.

Hot lunches are being served in the public school at Damascus by the teachers and pupils as a means of testing the advisability of purchasing the necessary apparatus to continue the practice during the winter months.

Dr. A. C. Seeley, of Roseburg, was elected president, Dr. M. B. Marcus, of Portland, vice-president, and Dr. David N. Roberg was continued as secretary at the annual meeting of the state board of health held at Salem.

Nathan Hankin was shot at his home in Portland by a masked man, who rang the door bell and when Hankin answered presented a pistol aimed at him. Hankin slammed the door shut, but the assassin fired through the wood.

Insurance for every employe in the service whose salary does not exceed \$4000 a year, and extra month's pay for all whose salaries are not over \$1800 per annum, were Christmas gifts of the O. W. R. & N. Co. to their many workers.

Secretary of State Olcott has made public the budget of expenditures for the state of Oregon for the biennial period of 1917-18, together with an estimate of total requirements for all purposes of the commonwealth. The entire amount is \$9,317,528.46.

A movement has been started in Umatilla county among the school authorities to obtain from the legislature a law to permit the county school levy to be raised from 1 mill to 4 mills to the end that the district levies be greatly lowered or eliminated.

In a report of the Oregon Conservation commission, just filed with the governor, it is estimated that there are 4,273,909 acres of improved farm lands in Oregon, and that at least 3,000,000 acres in the state can be improved or reclaimed by drainage.

An amendment to the workmen's compensation law, making it compulsory upon the state, counties, cities, ports and school districts to operate under the act in all employments now defined by it as hazardous, and elective as to all other employments, will be asked from the coming legislature by the state industrial accident commission.

WILSON NOTE SEEKS TERMS OF PEACE

Recent Statements of Statesmen Regarded as Being too Vague.

Washington.—Information as to their exact meaning in seeking a "just and permanent peace" is the whole purpose of the note addressed to all the belligerents by President Wilson. The United States desires a full, practical and detailed statement from each of the governments addressed, it was stated officially for the administration.

This government does not know any feels that it has been given no real means of knowing what terms would be required by each of the belligerents to make peace. It regards the recent speeches of the leading statesmen in all countries as vague and undefined and sees nothing in them that would enable a conference to draw up a treaty.

What President Wilson wants is their details. As the largest neutral facing grave problems, and as the friend of all parties concerned, the United States feels most earnestly that it is entitled to know these facts. Unless some one of the group lays down its actual terms there will be no basis for negotiation and no possibility of peace till the world is bled white, officials declare.

Lansing's Warlike View is Modified. The critical situation of the United States and the fact that the nation has been drawing nearer and nearer to war was responsible, Secretary Lansing officially declared, for the president's move in the cause of peace.

A few hours after Secretary Lansing had issued a statement explaining the president's action, he was called to the white house. Exactly what transpired there has not been revealed, but immediately after his return to the state department Mr. Lansing issued a second statement, expressing regret for possible misinterpretation placed upon his words and asserting that the United States had no intention of departing from its course of strict neutrality.

Congress Takes recess.

Congress adjourned for the Christmas holidays, to reconvene January 2. In the three weeks of the session the house passed five government supply measures—the urgent deficiency, legislative, Indian, District of Columbia and diplomatic and consular appropriation bills—more than ever passed before in the brief period pending a holiday recess.

The senate passed the immigration bill, with its literacy test provision and it now is in conference. The senate also began consideration of the District of Columbia prohibition bill and fixed January 9 for a vote.

TREATY IS RATIFIED AGAIN

Danish King and Cabinet Take Final Action on Island Sale.

Copenhagen, via London.—King Christian in the cabinet council ratified the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

This follows the passage by both houses of the Danish parliament of the bill for the ratification of the treaty. The exchange of the ratification instruments will take place in New York, probably towards the end of January.

Woman Gets High Washington Vote

Olympia, Wash.—Mrs. Josephine Corliss Preston, of Walla Walla, candidate for re-election as state superintendent of public instruction, polled the biggest vote of any statehouse officer, according to the official certification of I. M. Howell, secretary of state. Her total is 192,236. H. O. Fishback, candidate for re-election as state insurance commissioner, is second in the list with 189,645.

Bomb Mailed from Suburb of Seattle.

Albany, Or.—If any crew has developed as to who sent a bomb to James R. Mitsner, of this city, by mail, it has not been disclosed. Government post office inspectors are at work on the case. The bomb was mailed from a suburb of Seattle.

Sentiment Against Peace in France

Paris.—By a vote of 194 to 60, the French senate pledged its confidence in the Briand government and firmly announced to the world that France will not make peace while her enemies occupy her territory.

Idaho Chief Justice is Chosen.

Boise, Idaho.—Justice Alfred Budge is the new chief justice of the supreme court and will succeed Chief Justice Isaac N. Sullivan, who retires from office December 31.

Berlin Bets on Peace Before August.

Rotterdam.—Heavy betting on the stock exchange that peace will be signed before next August was reported in Berlin dispatches.

Every week The Sentinel has inquiries for sample copies from parties looking for land in this vicinity. If your farm is for sale, you should have it advertised in The Sentinel, where it will reach the eyes of those looking for land in this vicinity. Jly277w

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