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The Professor's Troubles

I am sitting in my tower, And I ponder by the hour On the strangeness and perversity of fate.

I'm a graduate from college, And my head is filled with knowledge, But I cannot plough a furrow that is straight.

I can do all algebra, I can talk of far Cathay,

In Greek and Hebrew read the books divine Though I try with all my might,

And I work from dawn till night, I cannot make the grape grow on the vine.

In my Latin and my Greek I can translate for a week. With the hardest sort of problems I

can grapple. Though I toil with might and main, And I spray again and again,

I cannot keep the moths out of the apple.

Sanskrit, Arabic,

I can read so very quick, the why.

Though 1 feed her hay and bran, Shorts and oat chop, all I can,

I cannot keep the cow from going dry.

So I'm sitting in my tower, And I wonder by the hour,

While the fire is aburning bright and warm

And as I sit I ponder

Why it is, O why, by thunder!

That I cannot make a living on my farm

-THE SEER OF DAVID'S HILL.

More interest is manifested at stir uneasily. One day MacPherson this time in school work in called a few men into his office. Washington county than at any the city.



erable inconvenience that I have con-

sented to lead in this great reform.

But 1 have refused to permit personal

considerations to stand in the way of

manifest duty. 1 am for political

purity, sir. In the past the methods

of the tough wards, applied to gentle-

men in politics, may have"- He

stopped suddenly, warned by a sharp-

mind me. I'm tough, all right, but

Mr. Graham's blush might have

been envied by a young girl. "My

dear sir, 1-er-apologize. Pray do not

misunderstand. My remarks do not,

"Don't mention it," Bob interrupted.

"And why not?" Graham once more

"Sure! Why not?" Bob rejoined.

"Surely not from the other side?"

"From the winnin' side," Bob an-

"Well, of course," Mr. Graham

"Well, gentlemen," Graham conclud-

already late. I am glad to have met you, Mr. McAdoo." He added this

from a safe distance, his hands be-

hind him. With a bow, nicely deliver-

"Humph!" Bob grunted.

"In tough wards men don't apologize.

Bob grinned sardonically. "Oh, don't

ly monitory cough from Robbins.

don't mind me."

of course, apply"-

CHAPTER III. THE ROAD TO POWER.

THE lure of politics had caught Bob. From the night of his fight with Haggin he began to take the game seriously, devoting much time and work to the

perfection of his organization. A few months later the new field suddenly opened wider before him. An era of "reform" was impending.

Now, the Steel City was ruled by what was popularly and appropriately denominated the "hog combine," group of gentlemen headed and herded by Steele and Harmon, voluntarily associated to relieve the public of the burden of government.

While Steele, a born political strategist and a man of magnetic personali-You're goin' to run this campaign ty, the heart and brains of the organyourself?" ization, lived the machine found smooth sailing. But the "combine" mounted his parlor hobby. "Should fell upon hard times. Steele died, and not the candidate always be the leadthe leadership devolved upon Harmon. er? Are we not working for a boss-Harmon possessed none of the perless era, in which the leader will be sonal magnetism that had made where he belongs-in the front rank Steele's critics love the man while under the folds of our standard?" they hated his misdeeds; also he lacked the sagacity and caution of the "Go ahead and try it. It'll be quite dead leader. So the machine was alan experiment. I'll be interested in lowed to fall into excesses that Steele watchin' it-from the outside." never would have permitted. The Tenderloin ran openly and flagrantly. Robbins suggested smilingly. A big boodling escapade in the halls of the city fathers came to light. Cerswered dryly. tain public contracts were let with such incautious unfairness that murstammered, "of course-er-that ismurs of discontent began to be heard. ahem-1 do not propose to-er-dictate All this might have had no important tactics to my assistants. We may That I'm sure I know the how, falso results of itself. But to cap the climax have to resort to disagreeable means

Harmon, to satisfy a long cherished to gain our great end. We must if disilke, dismissed MacPherson from necessary fight the devil with firethe directorate of public works. that's it, fight the devil with fire." MacPherson was a hatchet faced. saturnine votary of Mammon; also there was enough of the Indian in him ed briskly, "I must leave you. My wife and I are dining out, and I am

to make revenge for all afronts a necessity. He accepted his dismissal with apparent equanimity and instituted a campaign to destroy his enemy. A sturdy little band of reformers that had fought long but fruitlessly to overthrow Steele's defenses suddenly and mysterously took a new lease on life. MacPherson bought a morning and an evening newspaper. Sensational exposures followed startling revelations with great effect. The city began to

"Gentlemen," said he, "let us reform

Bob laughed insolently. "I'm not afraid of you. You see, you've showed me your hand. You can't do without me. MacPherson with difficulty repressed

out," he said in half threat.

or contempt in the sight accent of

"your." "It won't pay you to stay

an angry retort, and Bob left the of fice with a curt "Good night." Before he descended to the street-MacPherson's office was on the top floor of an eight story building. the skyscraper of those days-he stopped to look out through the corridor window. It was one of the Steel City's rarely beautiful nights. A strong west wind had swept away the dome of smoke, and overhead a myriad of stars shone brilliantly, and below him and on the hills around him twinkled a myriad of other lights, the street lamps of the big city, lighting the night for a half million souls. And of the half million two men were struggling with each other for mastery over all the rest. The half miltion indifferently watched the game and permitted it to go on. "You fools!"

Yet the thought came to him that. fools though the victims were, between the contestants it was a game worth playing. To hold the great city in the hollow of one's hand, to twist it and buffet it and mock it and use it, to make of it a huge automatic engine to lift one to a chosen eminenceyes, that was a game for a man, for a strong man!

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ed, he left the room. "What do you think of him, Mc-White Sewing Machine Co. Adoo?" Robbins queried. 1640 Market St.

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"He's a curiosity. I'd like to take him in a glass case with a sign, 'Hands Off,' down to Tom's saloon and show him to the boys. Why'd you take him up?" he demanded of

MacPherson. That worthy looked sharply at Bob Waiting for One at the Plate

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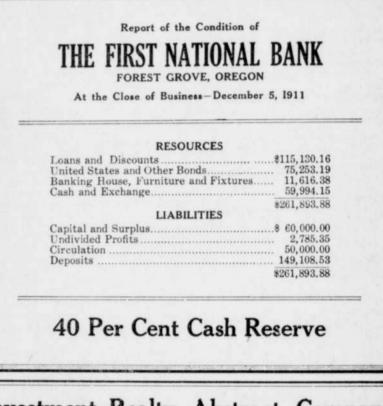
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The teachers And thereupon the "Citizens' party" ing harmoniously and earnestly So it happened that one evening Bob received a call from Robbins, a Mac-

and the parents are showing Pherson henchman who had the repumuch interest. The children tation of knowing how to deal with all

"McAdoo," Robbins greeted him, believe that in the near future "without heating round the bush I'll gang of infernal scoundrels" Washington county will equal, tell you what I'm after. I come from

> fight against Harmon and"-"All right," Bob interrupted care-

"But I have authority"-

"I don't talk to middlemen," Bob "All right," Robbins laughed.

"You're the doctor." The next evening Bob was by ap-

Medford is at last to have a pointment shown into MacPherson's new opera house. Disappointed dawntown office. Besides the prospecby the promises of outside par- bins and Graham, the independents' ties, the Natatorium company, candidate for mayor. Mr. Granam was composed of prominent Medford an elderly gentleman with a pretty citizens, has determined to re- ers and shapely, beautifully manicured model that building and make it hands. He thought he was a reformer into a modern and throughly up and a gentleman of the old school.

"How are you, McAdoo?" MacPherson greeted the newcomer with a cordiality cleverly toned down to fit the man he saluted. "Shake hands with Mr. Graham. You have met Robbins, I believe. Mr. Graham, this is the young leader of the Fourth whom we're hoping to have with us."

and squeezed it until the little man's Monumental Work eyeballs rolled in agony.

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before responding. "He carries along the old reform crowd, and he'll contribute his money."

"I'd prefer to work for a man," Bob said contemptuously.

"Well, are you coming along or not?" "What are you goin' to do?" "In the fist place," said MacPherson, "we're going to clean the city of this

"Talk business. I'm not Graham," Bob interrupted impatiently.

"I know that," MacPherson answered sharply. "I'm not preaching reform. I mean, we're going to knock Harmon and his crowd out of control of the organization and the city and take them ourselves.

"Do you mean that?" Bob demanded keenly. "Or are you only goin' to fight them until they let you to the trough, and then you go back on them that helped you?'

MacPherson brought his clinched fist hard down on the desk. "So help me God, 1 mean it! I'm going to see that dog dead and burled politically if it takes every dollar I have in the world.

"Thut's all right, but can you do it?" "We can." MacPherson said more quietly. "We've got the money, and we've gone over the ground carefully. Here, Robbins, you have the figures." From memory and with a glib certainty that bespoke careful study of the situation, Robbins reeled off a list of putative majorities, to which Bob listened thoughtfully.

"You see," Robbins summed up Bob maticiously caught Graham's eagerly, "this gives us all the upper ladylike hand in his own iron grasp wards, sure. We come to Irishtown with an easy 5,000 majority, and

we'll about break even on all the Irish-You have a strong grip, Mr. Mc- town wards but the Fourth, Seventh, Adoo, an abnormally strong grip, if 1 Thirteenth and Fourteenth. That muy say so, sir. But"-he recalled the brings us to you. If we get the Fourth effusively patronizing manner that he by its usual majority we can't lose. If thought so highly politic-"I am glad we don't get it we may win anyhow. to meet you, my dear sir, very glad That's what we want you for. Some indeed. I am glad to meet all those of us advised going to Haggin, but I who are belping me in my fight. I suld, 'No, McAdoo's the man.' You'd A 1516 may say it has been with no inconsidbetter get your horn and climb on the band wagon. There's five thousand in it for you if you get us the Fourth. And five thousand more if you get the other three-besides expenses. That's fair, I think. Or, if you prefer, a ileutenancy on the force. The pickings to be for yourself. What do you say?"

"No office in mine," said Bob. "I'll think it over." "I'd like to hear you say yes now." "No, I'll think it over," Bob repeated coldly. "I don't know as I care to get

Perhaps MacPherson caught a hint Phone Ind. 752



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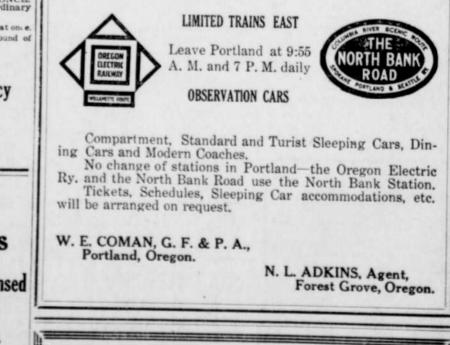
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