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**THOMAS HARKNESS.**

Thomas Harkness was very tired. The mountain road had never before seemed so steep and so dreary. Just around the clump of oaks before him was the Bronson place; his own was two miles further on. But his face wore an expectant smile, and the look in his eyes grew more and more eager as he neared the sudden turn in the road. The oaks were passed and a tiny log cabin met his view, and all about it flamed the flowers of early summer.

At the gate was a dirty and rosy maid whose eyes grew large with welcome as she saw the dusty form toiling up the road.

She trotted down the road to meet him and as she came back, her hand in his she told him all her dog's misdeeds, and all about the little black chickens that had been hatched that very morning. When they came to the gate, she checked him as he would have gone on, and begged him to stay with her "just a little hour." Her father came out of the cabin and seconded her so heartily that Harkness yielded, and with Ellen on his shoulder, entered the low door of the Bronson cabin. Mrs. Bronson welcomed him warmly; a new neighbor was a great gain in the mountains of Washington county, if he was of the right sort, and this, Harkness seemed to be.

When the simple dinner was over and Thomas Harkness was ready to go, his neighbor went up the road to see a fence that his cattle had broken through. On his return home that evening, he told his wife the little he had learned from Harkness' talk of his former life.

He had been a trader in the Sandwich Islands for several years; all alone but for his motherless little daughter. She died, and he had come back to America.

"She was a sight like Ellen, Harkness says," remarked John Bronson, "and poor fellow, he didn't feel much like staying in those parts any longer, so he came back here and made for the mountains. He does seem to set a sight by Ellen. That was how he came to tell me, for I was speaking of it."

Thomas Harkness sat alone in his rudely furnished cabin that night and thought. The old days he had fled from, were with him yet in fancy. He sighed heavily at times, and looked hopefully out at the clear, cold, stars and the dark-massed firs beneath them. His mood changed, the weight on his chest lightened as he thought of little Ellen Bronson and her aimless chatter. "She is so like her," he muttered and relapsed into silence. But an ill-defined purpose began to shape itself before him. Why could he not do for Ellen all he had planned to do for—? He rose suddenly and went out into the night.

As he paced back and forth beneath the faint star-shadow of a fir tree, his purpose became a fixed resolution. He threw back his shoulders and faced the western breeze coming cool and strong from the sea. It gave him new life and new heart; he absorbed a strange sense of power from all about him, the infinite stars, the great low song of the firs, and the limitless night. He had found something to live for; the world seemed to have changed its face, and his heart was lighter than it had been for years.

Within an hour he re-entered his cabin. As soon as he had crossed its threshold, his buoyancy left him. A strange indefinite sense of oppression stifled him; an oppression the more dread because it was causeless. He could not conquer it; could not account for it. After a few hours' struggle it left him as suddenly and unaccountably as it had come.

The next few days he devoted himself unceasingly to work. The clearing on his little ranch grew larger day by day, and his energy never failed him. For the most part his heart was buoyant and strong, but now and again he would be attacked by a nameless dread, which seemed more and more oppressive each time he experienced it. He told his neighbor Bronson of it on one of his infrequent visits to the little mountain home below him; but his neighbor assured him that it was only the mountains and the sense of strangeness to which he had not yet become accustomed.

The friendship between Ellen and Thomas Harkness increased rapidly. While he was with the Bronsons he could not bear her out of his sight and she grew to have a regard for him that was almost uncanny in so small a child.

One evening as he came down the mountain road, she ran up to meet him, stumbling now and again. When she reached him, he took her in his arms and carried her back to the cabin. They sat on the bench in the twilight, and Harkness told her stories of life in the great city beyond the mountains; of women in strange, rich dress, with precious stones on their necks and in their hair; "Would you like to see them?" he said. "Yes," answered the child

**LOCAL COMMENT.**

The republican victory in Oregon will have great weight in its bearing upon national politics. It is clearly a victory for the gold standard over the joint forces that stand for debased money in one form or another. It emphasizes with increased vigor the victory won in 1896, and will teach the national organizations of those forces the necessity of finding new issues.—Yamhill County Reporter.

A liberal reward is offered for any person who will detain the fusion party long enough to learn from them what became of the 15,000 majority they were claiming for King.—Salem Sentinel.

Honesty is the best policy, always has been and always will be. Witness the political downfall of H. L. Barkley and David Craig.—and the silver heresy.—Gervais Star.

The recent political campaign exposed or developed a desperate state of affairs. Last Saturday at least four hundred men of Benton county were in Corvallis for the purpose of disposing of their American citizenship for money. There was an open and brazen demand upon the candidates for "a few dollars if I support you." These men were not drawn to this by want. Many of them were well-to-do and all of them could have earned as much money by honest work, on that day, as they received for their promised "support." Eighteen hundred votes and four hundred for sale! Small wonder we sometimes see corrupt politicians.—Corvallis Gazette.

The soldiers will continue to be paid in 100 cent dollars. Monday's election settled that question. And the Nicaragua canal will be assured of the vote of Oregon's representatives.

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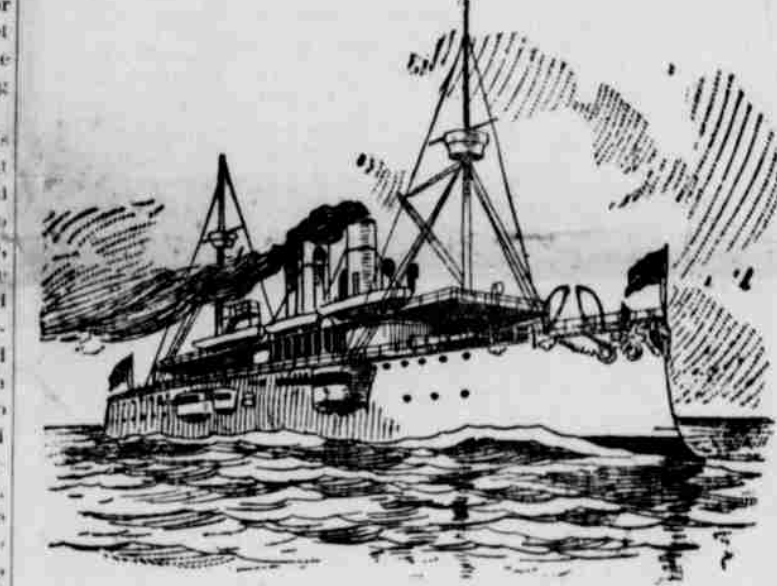
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It seems to be settled pretty well in the minds of the public that the threeply ticket that went down in the wreck of June 6 in Oregon was blown up from the outside.—Newburg Graphic.

Hofer and the great one cent daily failed to save Brother Barkley from the general wreck.—Newburg Graphic.

The "ruinous" gold standard has created so great a foreign demand for Portland flour that enough bottoms cannot be chartered to carry it away.—Portland Telegram.

In Clackamas county "Bro." Barkley has a majority of 69 over Porter, but in Marion county Porter's majority is 372, thus making the result in the district—comprising the two counties—in favor of Porter by a majority of 303. Good-bye, Mister "Bro." Barkley.—Salem Statesmen.

No great loss—but some small gain! U'Ren is gone.—Capital Journal.

Come into my parlor read the demos to the popos.—Pendleton Tribune.

We hope the bishop's title to "mansions in the sky" is better than the credentials to a seat in the senate.—Stayton.

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**CURRENT HAPPENINGS**

**Items of Interest from all Parts of the State.**

**WAR TAX ON ALL OREGON BANKS**  
 John Peterson a Raving Maniac.—A Election Contest has Begun.

Since 1895, Corvallis has reduced its debt at the rate of \$2000 a year. Oregon banks are taxed in the aggregate sum of \$15,000 per year by the new war revenue law.

Peter Bouland, a Union county sheepraiser, clipped 65,000 pounds of wool this year. He has been offered 12 cents per pound, but will hold for higher prices.

John Peterson serving a seven years term in the penitentiary on a conviction for rape in Linn county has been confined in the insane asylum as a raving maniac.

Linn county threshermen have established the following schedule of wages for the summer: Per bushel, 4 and 5 cents; harvest hands, \$1.25 per day; man and team, \$2 per day. It is thought that there will be work for all.

The Seven Devils Mining Company is endeavoring to raise a subsidiary in Pine valley for the purpose of building a good wagon road from the mouth of Powder river to that of Pine creek. If they succeed they will bring the boat only as far as Powder river.

In some bands of Lake county sheep the increase this season has been enormous. There has been a good average increase 100 per cent, and the Lakeview Examiner has heard of one band that shows a percentage of 120.

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