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This reduction is not only made by the C. & E. line all but via routes, and is equal to 1-1/2 cents per bushel, which has already enabled buyers to make several large purchases and about one thousand tons of grain, flour and feed have already gone to San Francisco by the C. & E. via Yaquina. Probably 4000 tons have been moved by other lines, making 5000 tons, or about 165,000 bushels since the 15th of March, on which 50 cents per ton has gone into the hands of the producers.—Corvallis Union-Gazette.

This verifies the contention of Congressman Tongue when he states that the Yaquina Bay improvement will put thousands of dollars into the pockets of the Willamette valley farmers.

Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism.
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About three years ago my wife had an attack of rheumatism which confined her to her bed for over a month and rendered her unable to walk a step without assistance, her limbs being swollen to double their normal size. Mr. S. Maddox insisted on my using Chamberlin's Pain Balm. I purchased a fifty-cent bottle and used it according to the directions and the next morning she walked to breakfast without assistance and in manner, and she has not had a similar attack since.—A. B. PAISON. For sale the Delta Drug Store.

If the sixteen-to-one idea enthusiasts don't look sharp Mr. Bryan will yet get away from them. A few weeks ago he was making speeches in which he forgot to mention silver at all, and though he has been since laboring with the silver-or-bust leaders he is not yet sure that silver will be the main issue next year. "I would not say," he declares, "that I think the paramount issue will be anti-imperialism, but it may. Could not the same forces that opposed monopoly in 1896 oppose a double standard of Government—monarchy abroad and republic at home?" Long after the election of 1896 Mr. Bryan continued to insist that everything else would have to wait until question was settled right. Is Mr. Bryan growing wiser as he grows older?

"Lord!" prayed the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, "we do not land here from our ship to exercise any permanent sovereignty over this land nor to make it an integral part of our possessions, but to hold it until the present inhabitants are fitted to govern themselves, when we shall return to them, and, at the same time, exercise a protectorate! And their descendants are holding it yet and still praying.—Kansas City Star.

But we shall turn it over to the progeny of the aboriginal Americans and get out, just as soon as Billy Mason and Uncle Hoar and the other posterity of the red men prove their capacity for self-government.—Courier Journal.

"Secretary Long says of our responsibility in the Philippines: 'There will be work in it for the philanthropist, the scholar and the humanitarian. There will be opportunities for the outlet of our own enterprise and trade and commerce.' This sounds more like the voice of Massachusetts than anything heard from Hoar."

Yep. We must also sell them school books. Ex.

According to the Philippine dispatches a woman Filipino warrior who laid down her rifle and attempted to accompany the he parleyers with a flag of truce to the Americans was prematurely ordered back to the jungle. So it seems that among the Philippines women are all well enough when there is fighting to do, but are allowed no rights when it comes to talking. Can we ever enlighten such barbarians?

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THEY THAT SIT IN DARKNESS

A STORY OF
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CHAPTER III
THE WOMAN AND THE SERPENT.
When within 60 yards of so of Mr. Mackenzie's camp, I witnessed a rather exciting little adventure.

Beneath an awning that had been rigged under the trees the squatter was sitting with his daughter. A little farther off were the wagons where Saville, the cook, was tending himself over a camp oven. A little farther still I could see the two black boys engaged, after the manner of their people, wandering about, tomahawk in hand, from tree to tree, evidently with an eye to a possum, an iguana or a "sugar bag," as they call a hive of bees. Suddenly, when passing a fallen log, I saw one of them give a skip and a jump and heard him sing out to his fellow:

"Yarry, Yarry, look out! Big fellow snake!"

Even from where I stood it could be seen for it was an enormous tiger snake. One could see the patches of yellow gleaming amid the horrible, simons folds. It coiled itself up and stood on the defensive. Yarry promptly cut off its retreat in another direction. It had thrown itself at Snowball and narrowly missed that gentleman's bare shins. I cut a stick as I ran, intending to kill it for bushmen invariably dispatch a snake upon principle. There is not much to fear from one if you keep well in front and keep cool. If it is a good fighter, there is just enough danger to give a certain relish to the entertainment. But the sporting bent of my nature was not to be indulged. Miss Mackenzie threw down the book she had been reading and cried, "Saville, hand me your whip and tie up the dogs."

"Here, toward," cried the cook, running toward her with it. Saville was courteous itself where the female sex was concerned. "But don't get too close; he's an ugly chap."

At the same moment Yarry sang out to me, "You wait a bit, white fellow missis—that one white Yarry—he'll 'n' plenty quick—that fellow kill 'n' snake."

I stood still and waited; things were growing interesting. I had seen girls in the bush kill snakes, but also was the first I had seen practice upon one with a stock whip, which was evidently her contemplated mode of warfare. This strange girl had pinned up her riding habit, so as not to interfere with her freedom of action, and took the whip from the hands of the cook.

"Now, be careful, Narah!" her father cried. But it was evidently no new sight to him; he sat coolly on a camp stool and watched what was going forward.

She ran into the open until she was within a few yards of the snake, which, with body coiled and with head and neck reared and swaying from side to side, looked the very incarnation of wickedness. As most readers know, the handle of a stock whip is short, perhaps not more than 24 inches in length at the outside, while the lash is 8 or 9 feet long; it requires skillful handling. And now the light, lithe figure of the girl stepped closer to the snake, her head being over so slightly inclined forward. I observed a brilliant color steal into the delicate olive of her cheeks. As I watched those great, inscrutable dark eyes of hers, in which some unanny kind of glamour seemed to lie, I thought of the snake fascinating the bird, but I also thought that the snake had not more than its match this time. There was something very like a smile upon her lips as she watched it. She drew the soft, pliant body of the whip through the palm of her left hand, and then, raising her right arm, she laid described an airy circle round her head. With a forward and downward motion it cut through the air; a sharp report like the crack of a pistol rang over the snake's head was the result. I never before had seen a girl handle a stock whip as she did. With eyes that seemed to blaze with fury the snake threw itself half of its own length toward her and struck at her with a lightning-like rapidity. My heart was in my mouth. At the same moment one of the blacks spring forward as if to deal the angry reptile a stroke with a stick. But he never touch-

ed it. The long lash curled through the air, ed it. For swiftly the long lash whizzed through the air, the girl made a quick but deliberate step backward, and Snowball experienced a slight nip somewhere in the neighborhood of the right wrist. He dropped his stick as if he had been bitten by the snake and with a howl of terror skipped quickly out of harm's way.

"Now then, Snowball," cried the gypsy-looking girl, "had I had been told 'in you kill 'em snake. What for you touch him?"

The quaint black's pigeon English came from her lips so trippingly as if

she had been a black gin.

"My word, Snowball that fellow, missis," said Snowball by way of relieving his feelings and imparting information, at the same time ruefully rubbing his wrist.

The snake coiled itself back into position again, as if waiting for round number two. And now the girl and the snake seemed to be gazing into each other's eyes. I could see the snake's scintillate. Suddenly and before it threw itself at her a second time the long lash, curled through the air, and with a deafening report struck it on the neck with a force that no round number two. And now the girl and the snake seemed to be gazing into each other's eyes. I could see the snake's scintillate. Suddenly and before it threw itself at her a second time the long lash, curled through the air, and with a deafening report struck it on the neck with a force that no round number two. And now the girl and the snake seemed to be gazing into each other's eyes. I could see the snake's scintillate. Suddenly and before it threw itself at her a second time the long lash, curled through the air, and with a deafening report struck it on the neck with a force that no round number two. 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