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The would-be moralist, who is always plucking motes out of his neighbors' eyes, is the most useless and amusing creature that a community can possess. He imagines that he is gifted with a higher degree of moral feelings than the common herd and is afraid to let this great gift deteriorate by lack of use. Consequently he searches about for opportunities to chide the wicked. Any "auld wife's" tale is sufficient to set him in eruption, and as a result he doesn't last very long anywhere. He becomes a knight errant who is compelled to wander forth again and again. If his bossiness is not kindly received there is trouble. Dramatically he calls all the gods and the just heavens to witness that virtue has been spat upon and that wickedness has prospered. He believes that any man he hates ought to be hated by all the world, and his friends, when he has any, are the only persons worth noticing. You can't cure such an individual. His mind lacks capacity for wider ideas. He is like the little man to whom the doctor prescribed a quart of medicine. "But, doctor," he squeaked, "I only hold a pint."

There is an old Scotch saying that

"When the devil was sick
The devil a monk would be,
When the devil was well
The devil a monk was he."

This saying well applies to the labor world of the last ten years. In 1893 many a worker vowed that if good times ever returned he would lay by sufficient to save him from want in case of any future panic, yet were a panic to occur today what a mass of people would be without the necessities of life within a month! Many farmers who were nearly bankrupt in 1893 are now opulent; many business men who suffered then are now beyond the danger of want; but the workers, who earn their money the hardest of all, seem to have appreciated it the least, and have been poor stewards to themselves.

The Oregonian's forest reserve articles are apparently nothing more than a covert attack on Congressman Williamson. Well, it's too bad that the Scott-Moody combine is forced to indulge in this sort of thing. It is poor judgment, but is probably better than no judgment at all. The republicans of this district elected Mr. Williamson and will see that he has a fair and open field to make his mark. That he is on the right side of the forest reserve question passes without argument.

Senator Platt of New York, the "Me-too" Platt and "Easy-boss" of history, has jilted a bachelor girl for a widow. The bachelor girl is not of the "easy-boss" style and she is after the ancient Romeo for introducing a political trick into a love affair. Now if Mark Hanna was a widower wouldn't his picture be in lots of albums!

Two years ago Amalgamated Copper stock sold at \$130.00 a share, a year ago it sold at \$65.00 per share, today you can buy a share for \$34. Last year U. S. steel stock sold at \$44.00 per share,

today you can buy three shares for that amount. When one remembers the large capitalization of both these corporations it can be better understood how many millions have been lost in the shrinkage. The banks are now afraid of these stocks and are throwing them out as collateral and many loans are being called. As a result holders of industrial stocks have been compelled to realize on other gilt-edge stocks and the free selling of the latter has caused a slump all along the line. Meat prices are also on the decline and this will react on the price of corn and other grains. The doubtful conditions have caused a lull in building lines and lumber prices have been somewhat lowered. As yet very little effect has been felt by the country at large and should the slump check the reckless speculation which has been going on for some years and promote economy in all lines it will do infinitely more good than harm.

President Roosevelt made an address on the battle field of Antietam and never once mentioned the name of the general who won a victory there. General George B. McClellan once commanded on that same field when death was holding high carnival. The Army of the Potomac had previously been lead by Meade, Hooker and Burnside and had suffered crushing defeats. At Antietam, the man who had made that army was in command and won as he always did. McClellan's methods were slow but masterfully sure. Stay-at-home war critics disliked him and their criticisms have had more effect upon the minds of some people than the victories he won.

The Oregonian ridicules Gov. Chamberlain for making a trip to Washington for the purpose of defending the rights of the Warner settlers. There is not a decent citizen in Oregon, irrespective of party, who did not wish the governor God speed and good luck on his most creditable mission. The Warner settlers can say to the Oregonian what the frog in the fable said to the boy who was throwing stones at him. "It's fun for you, but its death for me."

The Oregonian ought to print some of its issues on blue paper. In a late issue it discussed gravely the advisability of exterminating idiots and chronic insane. In the same issue it discussed the question of putting a health qualification on marriage. The cattle editor of that paper ought not to be allowed to write on sociological questions. Rules for breeding, which might apply admirably to cattle, sometimes fail when applied to the human race.

Pinchot, the forestry man, lectured on forest reserves in Oregon and Washington. He probably knows now that there is a feeling that forest reserves are not regarded as an unmixed good. Senator Foster, of Washington, and Fulton, of this state, each took issue with his theories.

A year or so ago nothing could be done in financial matters without the aid of J. P. Morgan. Today Morgan's support of any undertaking is not a sure card to success; in fact, he seems to be a deposed financial king.

A war between Japan and Russia would have a brightening effect on Pacific coast commerce and would create a boom in the market for horses, cattle and sheep.

Of all the evils that have helped to give the railroad corporations

power over legislatures, the granting of free passes to legislators has been the most powerful. The other day a notary public in New York was found guilty of accepting a pass, which as a public officer he was prohibited from doing. This is rather severe but the result of issuing free passes to legislators, assessors and other public officials has wrought a gigantic evil which must be cured. Every state should have an anti-pass law. Railroads do not give railroad passes for nothing and there is little difference between accepting a pass and accepting a plain money bribe.

Canada received the news of America's victory on the Alaskan boundary question with very bad grace. She thinks that England threw her down to win American favor. The fact seems to be that England felt that Canada's claim was the least bit ridiculous and she welcomed any chance to get out of it gracefully.

Knights of Pythias Getting Stronger.

The Grand lodge K. of P. met on Oct. 13. The official report shows a gratifying increase of membership during the year just past. There are 73 subordinate lodges having a membership of 5196, a net gain of 345. The order has expended for relief about \$15,000 and also raised \$3231.90 for relief of the sufferers from the Heppner flood. The Grand lodge has \$4466.12 cash on hand. The Uniform Rank has 13 companies with an aggregate of about 400 men; two companies having been organized within the year. The Rathbone Sisters have also just closed a very successful year, but at present writing we are unable to give the figures. Some change of the Grand Constalation of the K. of P. were considered chiefly in regard to representation. The subject of district conventions was also commented on very favorably by Grand Chancellor Malaney. —Wasco News.

Screws Put On U. S. Commissioners.

United States commissioners and county clerks have been notified by Assistant Commissioner Fimple of the general land office that hereafter no filings or affidavits affecting lands in Lake county or Klauath county may be taken by such officials in Crook county. The order seems to affect only the Lakeview district seriously in this state. Crook county officers may take filings or procs only on those lands in the Lakeview district which are in Crook county. This is old news, but some of the newspapers seem to have just heard of it. The order was first issued in August. —Prineville Review.

What Three Beers a Day Will Buy.

A man who has had time to figure it out has made the statement that three beers a day for a year would bring into your home: One barrel of flour, fifty pounds of sugar, twelve pounds of corn starch, ten pounds of macaroni, ten quarts of beans, four twelve pound hams, one bushel of sweet potatoes, ten pounds of raisins, ten pounds of rice, twenty pounds of crackers, one hundred bars of soap, three twenty-pound turkeys, five quarts of cranberries, ten bunches of celery, ten pounds of prunes, four dozen oranges and twenty-five good beefsteaks. —Mitchell News.

Short of Hay in Harney.

A report comes from Silver Lake telling of the scarcity of hay in the Harney country. The fact of the shortage was made known by a shipment of cattle made by the Johnson Bros. and Dell Diddle from Silver creek to that place. There were about 1000 head in the

shipment and the herd will be held near Silver Lake until something more definite is learned regarding the amount of hay and the price of it. If the feed can be had at reasonable prices the stock will be held and wintered there. If not, it will be driven further south. This plan of wintering was made necessary on account of the shortage of hay in the vicinity of Silver creek, Harney county. As the entire crop is held by stockmen, none can be purchased at any price. —John Day News.

School of Journalism.

The editors of Oregon should attend the coming meeting of the press association at Salem, on October 22, 23, 24, and meet each other face to face. If there are any duels to be fought, there is the place to fight them and not in the editorial columns, which belong to the patrons of papers, and must be used in pushing the interests of the country. Instead of holding the next meeting in a small country village, it should come to Eastern Oregon, where the greatest development of the state in future is to take place —E. O.

Didn't Get Any Comps.

Antelope was visited Monday evening by the dramatic event of the year when the Bijou Concert Company, composed of a man and a boy, put on their production. The best we can say for them is that they were barnstormers of the severest type. We do not fear the dire predicament of the Portland Journal in making this criticism. It was a warm number. It was so great a sell that no one thought of asking for his money back. —Herald.

The Burning Issue.

What the powers will do about Russia's occupation of Manchuria, or about the Turks and Bulgarians doesn't matter so much just now. What the powers who control the cattle markets are going to do about beef is the question that needs solving. —Burns News.

Gorman's Excessive Modesty.

Modesty prevents Senator Gorman from naming his choice for the democratic presidential nomination. —Grass Valley Journal.

Mr. Richards Explains.

Commissioner Richards of the general land office is busy explaining again. The policy of Secretary Hitchcock requires vindication and Commissioner Richards of the gen-

eral land office is chosen as vindicator. He says the honest entrymen need have no real cause for alarm, which is very good of him, considering what has happened in the very recent past. So long as the honest entryman is content with homesteading a piece of worthless desert land and promises to starve on it in the fruitless endeavor to live on one-third of a crop of rye, with jackrabbits as an occasional dessert, he is a gentleman and is treated as such, and can have all of Uncle Sam's domain he wants up to 160 acres. But so soon as he becomes avaricious and wants to exchange his cheap gold for 160 acres of Uncle Sam's valuable timber land the government becomes very conservative and suspicious and intimates, very gently, that timber is sacred; that corporations and companies are inhibited from gaining possession of it in any manner; that its water supply must be protected, etc., etc., etc. And the inspectors in the various land offices have said this over so many times lately that they have come to actually believe it themselves! The inspectors never hear of scrippers; nor has Commissioner Richards of the general land office, if his "explanations" are understood. Such thing as scrip doesn't exist in the lofty intellect of Commissioner Richards of the general land office, and section after section of the very best timber lands in the state continues to disappear through the medium of scrip and pass into the hands of sure thing speculators who are getting their lands at a nominal figure. And during all this time the virtuously indignant Commissioner Richards of the general land office is doing what he can to explain how it happens he is against letting the speculators gobble up the precious timber. O, the efficacy of soft soap! —Prineville Review.

George Had a Birthday.

George Clunie, on receiving the announcement of his \$20,000 legacy on Saturday became excited and rang the fire bell, as he said, out of his excess of high spirits over his good fortune. He was promptly arrested and the recorder, out of his store of good nature, genially fined the offender in the sum of \$25 and costs (\$12). This fine was cheerfully paid, and George, still in high spirits, took Monday's stage for his future home in California. —Prineville Review.

A Baptist Sunday school is being organized at this place.

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