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It Is Pitch Black as Far as Human Understanding Goes, For We Know No More About It Than We Do About Its Twin Mystery, Death.

When all is written, how little we know of sleep! It is a closing of the eyes, a disappearance, a wondering return. In uneasy slumber, in dreamless dead rest, in horrid nightmare or in ecstasies of somnolent fancies the eyes are blinded, the body is abandoned, while the inner essence is we know not where. We have no other knowledge of sleep than we have of death. In delirium or coma or trance, no less than in normal sleep and in dissolution, the soul is gone. In these it returns, in that it does not come again, or so we ignorantly think.

Yet when I reflect on my death I forget that I have encountered it many times already and find myself none the worse. I forget that I sleep. The fly has no shorter existence than man's. We bustle about for a few years with ludicrous importance, as bottleflies buzz at the window panes. They, too, may imagine themselves of infinite moment in this universe we share with them. But this is to take no account of the prognostics of sleep. There is something hidden, something secret, some unfathomed mystery whose presence we feel, but cannot verify; some permeative thought insistently moving in our hearts, some phosphorescence that glows we know not whence through our shadowy atoms.

Neither sleep itself nor half its promises nor mysteries have been plumbed. It is the mother of superstitions and of miracles. In dreams we may search the surface powers of the freed soul. Visions in the night are not all hallucinations; voices in the night are not all mocking. There is a prophet dwells within the mind—not of the mind, but deeper throned in obscurity.

The brain cannot know of this holy presence nor of its life in sleep. The brain is mortal and untrustworthy, a phonograph and a camera for audible and palpable existence. Strike it a blow in childhood so that it ceases its labors and awake it by surgery after forty years and it will repeat the infantile action or word it last recorded and will take up its task on the instant, making no account of the intermediate years. They are nonexistent to it. Yet to that hidden memory those diseased years are not blank. It knows, it has recorded, though the brain has slept. And in hypnotic or psychic trance, when that wonderful ruler is released from the prison of the body, it can speak through the atom blent machinery of the flesh and tell of things man himself could not know because of his paralyzed brain. This ruler is not asleep in sleep, nor in delirium is it delirious, and in death is it dead? Through all the ages it has been our sphinx, which we have interrogated in vain. It joins not in our laughter nor our tears. We have fancied it with immobile, brooding features of utmost knowledge and wisdom and sorrow. It has asked us but one question, nor from the day of Oedipus unto today have we answered rightly, so that we die of our ignorance. It is Osiris living in us. It is the unknown God to whom we erect our altars, the fire in the tabernacle, the presence behind the veil. Not in normal wakefulness at least will it answer our queries, but in sleep sometimes it will speak. And it may possibly be that at last, after all these centuries, we are learning how to question it and in hypnotic trance and in the fearful law of suggestion are discovering somewhat of its mystery and how to employ it for our worldly good. Yet to its essential secret we are no closer than our forefathers were.

We may define dreams and nightmare, coma and swoon and trance with what terms we will, search their physical reasons and learn to guide and guard, yet we know no more of them than of electricity. We may begin to suspect that telepathy and clairvoyance and occult forces of the soul are not superstitious fancies, and we may even empirically classify and study and direct them. Yet the soul itself is no nearer our inquisition.

Though we should know of its reality, though our finite minds should fathom the infinitude, of what benefit would it be? Would it modify our beliefs or our hopes or our faiths? Would it dictate one action to our passionate lives? There would be no change in human nature and no reforms of the world. We are the children of our fathers, and our children will tread the prehistoric paths. Dreams are our life, whether we wake or sleep. We drowse through existence, awaking and dying and being reborn daily, ever torpescent and unamazed, and our thousand slumberous deaths we call restorative sleep—sleep that restores our physical being, building up where we have torn down, recreating what we destroy.

Black—pitch black, indeed—is the cavern of Morpheus. Faith peoples it with varied legions and builds its chaos into myriad forms. Nightly we enter it and drain the Lethean air and forget, and daily we return with rejoicings, babbling of dreams that were not dreamed, and finally we enter for the last time and drain somewhat more deeply the essence of ecstasy and awake no more and no more return to the autumn dyed skies of the dawn. And yet we shall dream.—Atlantic Monthly.

The Earwig.

There is no insect which has puzzled naturalists as to its proper classification more than the earwig. Some have asserted that it belongs to the beetles, of which it is an "aberrant type," others that it is connected with the grasshoppers. Even about its very name there has been endless discussion. Some have thought the name earwig is the result of the creature's supposed habit of getting into the ears, while others are equally certain that it is derived from the original name, which they say was earwing, from the fact that the wing when spread resembles the human ear. At all events, one thing is certain—the earwig as we know it now is a survival of an early type of which almost every other member has become extinct.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior,
United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon,
November 30, 1909.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Daisy E. Brown, contestant, against homestead entry, No. [illegible], made December 1, [illegible], for E½ [illegible], section [illegible], township 17 S., range 11 E., Willamette Meridian, by Emily Johnson, deceased, contestee, in which it is alleged that said entrywoman died on or about April 27, 1907; that she never established residence upon, cultivated or improved said tract prior to her death; that since her death her heirs have wholly failed to reside upon, cultivate or improve said tract or cause the same to be done; that if there are any heirs of said entrywoman they are unknown to affiant; that said alleged abandonment was not due to employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond, and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 5, 1910, before H. C. Ellis, a U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Bend, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 19, 1910, before the register and receiver at the United States Land Office in The Dalles, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed November 13, 1909, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

d10-13 C. W. MOORE, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon,
December 4th, 1909.

NOTICE is hereby given that

Andrew G. Anderson,

of Rosland, Oregon, who, on Dec. 28th, 1907, made Homestead Application No. 9972, Serial No. 02600, for the W ½ NW ¼, NE ¼ NW ¼ Sec. 23, SW ¼ SW ¼ Sec. 14, Twp. 21 S., Range 10 E., W. M., has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Soldier's Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner at Bend, Oregon, on the 17th day of January, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: Ralph Patterson of Bend, Oregon, Harry Everingham, Grover Caldwell and George Bogue of Rosland, Oregon.

d15-12 ARTHUR W. ORTON, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office,
The Dalles, Oregon,
December 13, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that the State of Oregon, has filed in this office its application, Serial No. 02681 to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress of August 14, 1848, and the Acts supplementary and amendatory thereto, the S ½ SW ¼ Sec. 1, SE ¼ SE ¼ Sec. 2, NE ¼ NE ¼ Sec. 11, and N ½ NW ¼, NW ¼ NE ¼, SE ¼ NW ¼ of Sec 12, Twp. 20 S., R. 17 E., W. M.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant should file their affidavits of protest in this office on or before the first day of February, 1910.

d22-j26 C. W. MOORE, Register.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon,
December 14th, 1909.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Charles H. Erickson, contestant, against Homestead Entry No. 14929, made March 17, 1909, for Lots 3, 4, S ½ NW ¼ sec. 3, Twp. 18 S., R. 10 E., W. M., by Jens Bjorndal, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Jens Bjorndal has wholly abandoned said tract for more than six months last past; that said abandonment was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States in time of war.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 21, 1910, before H. C. Ellis, a U. S. Commissioner at his office in Bend, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on January 28, 1910, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in The Dalles, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed Dec. 1, 1909, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

d21-j14 C. W. MOORE, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon,
November 10th, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Pacific Railway Company, whose postoffice address is St. Paul, Minnesota, did on the 20th day of October, 1909, file in this office its application to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1898 (30 Stat. 597, 620) as extended by the Act of Congress, approved May 17th, 1906, the NE¼ SE¼, Sec. 20, Tp. 22 S. R. 11 East, NE¼ SW¼, SW¼ SW¼, Sec. 21, Tp. 22, S. R. 11 East, and E½ SE¼, Sec. 18, Tp. 24 S, R. 11 East, W. M.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the 10th day of January, 1910.

ARTHUR W. ORTON, Register.
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