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### THE INFLUENCE OF SECRET SOCIETIES

Is Immeasurable and Inestimable—A Comparison.

An exchange says that hidden in the silent bosom of the Alleghenies is a silent spring, so puny that a dog could lap it up in a summer's day. Unobtrusively and silently it threads its way among the leaves and grass and fallen trunks and boulders, gaining strength with every step, until it becomes the grand and beautiful Ohio; thence stretching for hundreds of miles it cultivates farms, refreshes hundreds of villages and towns, and bears many steamboats upon its bosom; then mingling with the mighty Mississippi, it sweeps along for 1200 miles more until it reaches the great ocean and there even its influence is felt.

So it is with societies. Rising like a little hidden spring in the remote recesses of antiquity the first and grandest of them all, Masonry, flowed along quietly through many changing scenes, ever deepening, ever widening, then other societies added their strength to the stream, until the river of fraternity has become a veritable Amazon, fructifying and beautifying the land of time through which it flows bearing upon its bosom many of the great leviathan minds and hearts of the world, and pouring itself at last with tremendous force into the great sea of eternity, mingling with it and adding to its glory.

The influence, moral, social and educational, of our leading fraternities is immeasurable and inestimable—a statement which is no boast or exaggeration. The magnificent and divine truths which lie at the foundation and are taught in such beautiful rituals have spread like the leaven in the parable, until ever fiber of humanity throbs in heartfelt response. The house, the city, the hamlet, the workshop, the office, the school, the senate chamber and church have all quivered with the joys and blessings which such societies scatter abroad, and have been elevated by their moral leverage. And, however much we may appreciate the benevolent and social principles of our orders, the moral features shall ever be the most potent and sublime. By the "Moral feature" is meant the power that moulds life and character, the power that implies lofty purposes; the power which dignifies and ennobles and makes a man Godlike. In 1848 Lamartine introduced De la Eure to the riotous populace, saying, "Listen, citizens! It is sixty years of a pure life that is about to address you." The multitude all became attentive to his words, for the power of integrity and purity are inestimable. This is the influence which our fraternities should emphasize most, because it is the foundation of all others.

Much has been accomplished already in this direction, but much more might be done. It is impossible to estimate the moral influences which lie latent in our lodges. We talk much of the power that lay latent in steam until Watts evoked the spirit that slumbered there, and he rose to make the world tremble with ponderous machinery. We talk of the power that was latent in electricity until man threw out his hand and chained the lightning, making it his willing slave. Yet, what are these to the moral power that lies latent with in our lodges waiting to be called forth to bless mankind.

### A Communication.

Contributed from Polson Creek.

Then shall the kingdom of Satan be likened unto a grain of tobacco seed, which, though exceedingly small, being cast into the ground, grew and became a great plant, so that the huge and vile worms found a habitation thereon.

It came to pass in the course of time that the men looked upon it and thought it beautiful to look upon, and much to be desired to make lads look big and manly. So they put forth their hands and did chew thereof. And some it made sick; and others it caused to vomit most filthily. And further it came to pass that those who chewed it became weak and unmanly, and said: We are enslaved and cannot cease from chewing it. And the mouths of all that were enslaved became foul, for they were siezed with a violent spitting, and did spit, even in ladies' parlors, and in the house of the Lord of hosts, and the saints of the Most High were greatly plagued thereby. And in those days it also came to pass that others snuffed it and they were taken suddenly with fits, and they sneezed with a mighty sneeze in suchom that their eyes were filled with tears, and they did look exceedingly silly. And yet others wrought leaves into rolls, and did set fire to one end thereof, and did look very grave and calf-like, and the smoke of their torment ascending up forever and forever. And the cultivation thereof became a great and mighty business in the earth, and the merchants waxed rich by the commerce thereof. And it came to pass that the saints of the Most High defiled themselves therewith, even the poor, who could not buy shoes, nor bread, nor books for their little ones, spent their money for it. And the Lord was greatly displeased therewith, and said: Wherefore this waste, and why do these little ones lack for bread and shoes and books? Turn now your fields into corn and wheat, and put this evil thing away far from you, and be separate and defile not yourselves, and I will bless you cause my face to shine upon you. But with one accord they exclaimed, We cannot cease from chewing, snuffing and puffing. We are slaves.

A spring has been discovered near Arlington on the Washington side of the Columbia, that shows every indication of oil. In the little eddies of the stream flowing from the spring oil in sufficient quantities to burn has been found.—Canyon City Eagle.

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### LIEN FIXED FIRST

State Decides on Arid-Land Reclamation Contract.

The State Land Board has reached a final decision in regard to the form of contract that will be made with irrigation companies for the reclamation of arid lands. The form adopted is expected to meet the approval of the several concerns which have been seeking contracts. In brief, the board has decided that it will give an applicant a contract for the reclamation of arid land at a price to be estimated by a civil engineer appointed by the State Land Board. This price will be the amount due the reclamation company, and the amount for which the company will have a lien upon the land. The state engineer will also fix the rate the company may charge per year for use of water by settlers upon reclamation land.

The State Land Board has reached this decision after consulting with a number of well-known attorneys in this state. A difference of opinion has existed concerning the proper interpretation of the law, and this difference has caused the delay. The attorneys for the irrigation companies urged immediate action, upon the ground that development of the arid regions in Eastern Oregon is being delayed. The board took the position that while it felt a desire to promote the development of Eastern Oregon, it must follow the law strictly, and hence refused to yield to the demands of the applicants until the advice of attorneys had been obtained.

The principal difference of opinion was in regard to the agreement that should be made governing the amount due the company for its work of reclamation. The arid land law passed by the last Legislature is inconsistent in important particulars. Section 2 provides that the State Land Board is authorized to enter into contracts for the reclamation of arid lands, and to create liens, which, when created, "shall be valid against the land reclaimed, for the actual and necessary expense of reclamation, and reasonable interest thereon from the date of reclamation until said lien shall have been satisfied." In section 4 it is provided that the State Land Board shall, by the contract, "fix the amount due the person or corporation for the reclamation of said land, and the annual charge for the maintenance of the irrigation system, and create a lien which shall be valid on and against the land reclaimed for the amount due, as agreed upon, and interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the date of reclamation, until said lien shall have been satisfied."

Under these two conflicting provisions the board at first took the view that the amount due should be the actual cost of reclamation, which could be determined only after the work has been completed. The applicants for contracts, on the other hand, contended that the board must fix the amount due in the contract and for this amount the company should have a lien, though the actual cost may prove to be greater or less.

The board has been advised by its attorneys that the amount due should be fixed in the contract, and that in determining this amount the board may adopt such means as it may deem best. Contracts will therefore be drawn according to this view. Applicants will be required to furnish the State Land Board with plans and specifications of the work that will be necessary in order to reclaim the land. The board will submit the plans to an engineer appointed by the board, and will require him to furnish an estimate of the cost of constructing the ditches, flumes, etc., and also the annual charge per acre which should be allowed for the maintenance of the irrigation system. The compensation of this engineer must be paid by the applicant for a contract. All the expenses of reclaiming the land and securing title thereto must be paid by the company reclaiming the land, and the company must look to settlers who wish to purchase land for repayment of the cost of reclamation.

The arid land law has for its object the acceptance of a donation of 1,000,000 acres of arid land from the United States. The Carey act provides that Oregon may secure title to that amount of land by having it reclaimed, and that settlers may then secure title to it from the state by paying the actual cost of reclamation, with interest. The state could not undertake to reclaim land, for such an undertaking would soon bankrupt it, and the arid land law was passed in order to encourage private concerns to undertake the enterprise.

The law provides, in brief, that any person who desires to reclaim arid land shall make application therefore to the State Land Board, submitting at the same time maps and plans of the proposed irrigation system. The application must also contain an estimate of the cost of constructing the irrigation system, and the annual cost of maintenance. The Land Board then makes a contract with the applicant for the reclamation of the land, and the State Land Board makes an application to the Secretary of the Interior for a contract binding the United States to convey the land when reclaimed. The irrigation company is given full and exclusive possession of the land from the time the contract is made. The company must begin work on its ditches within six months after the contract shall be made with the Secretary of the Interior, and by the end of the first year 10 per cent of the necessary expenditures must be made, and must complete the work within such reasonable time as may be fixed in the contract. After land has been reclaimed, any citizen of the United States may secure title to 160 acres thereof by paying the holder of the lien the proportionate amount due on the tract desired, provided the State Land Board shall designate the proportion of the amount of the entire lien which the desired tract bears to the whole tract subject to the lien. The deed to the land is to be executed by the State Land Board and will be in the form of a quit claim.

Applications have been filed for contracts for the reclamation of a total of more than 250,000 acres of arid land. Many of these applications are from individuals or small associations of individuals who desire to reclaim land for their own personal use. The form of contract determined upon today will be used in all cases, with such minor variations as may be necessary where individuals are seeking only 160 acre.

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