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BEING PRESIDENT.

The Strain and Isolation That Come With the Office.

UNDER GUARD ALL THE TIME.

When the Chief Executive is in the White House the Regular Police are on Watch, and When He Goes Abroad Secret Service Men Shadow Him.

It is a fierce light that beats upon the White House—quite as fierce as any that beats upon a throne.

Of course it is pleasant to be treated with consideration by every one; it is human nature for the incumbent to enjoy the respect that is rendered to the office.

It is not true that that keeps him from knowing what is going on or that it saves him from feeling the shafts of criticism.

From congressmen and from visitors who frequently turn their steps to Washington the president hears the news from all over the country.

It is pleasant to dispense the hospitality of the White House, because you know that most of your guests will remember all their lives all the circumstances of their visit.

Three presidents of the United States have been assassinated, and congress in consequence has thought it wise to enjoin upon the chief of the secret service of the treasury department the duty of guarding the president against assault.

Of course when he is in the White House the regular District policemen, who watch the approaches, make the presence of the secret service men unnecessary.

These secret service men become very skillful in detecting the presence of persons who are demented and who in their excitement may become dan-

gerous. Of course if a man wished to kill the president and sacrifice his own life for it the secret service precautions might not prevent him from carrying out his purpose.

The assassin in that case had his hand in his pocket, where he had concealed a revolver wrapped in a handkerchief. If it had happened today a secret service man would have seized the assassin's hand in his pocket, found the revolver and arrested him long before the man had reached a point where he could carry out his purpose.

An impression has gone abroad the president may not leave the country. There is no law that prevents his doing so, and there is no provision in the constitution that he would violate in leaving the national jurisdiction.

Her Old Habit.

Medium—Ah, I hear the knocking on your late wife's Patron—That so? Who's she knockin' now?—Puck.

How art men are to hate those they injure!—Fielding.

RAGAMUFFIN ABYSSINIA.

Its Despotism Rulers Descend From Menelik, Son of Solomon.

Abyssinia is the Ethiopia of the Bible, and it is almost unchanged since the birth of civilization. The line of despots that rule Abyssinia today are the lineal descendants of Menelik, the son of the queen of Sheba and King Solomon.

For Abyssinia, surrounded by tropical wilderness and without a seaport, is a country apart from the modern world—a country of turbaned and sandaled men, of veiled women wearing silver anklets, of mighty hunters who still take their game with leopards and hawks as in Biblical days; a land where gentlemen live by plunder and monks by alms and a man has as many wives as he can buy or steal.

Abyssinia is a fortress of antiquity, defying the world by its sheer physical impenetrability. But a few degrees from the equator, it is a great mass of igneous mountain ranges flung down upon a tropical plain. Lower Abyssinia is burning desert and fever ridden jungle. The interior is healthy upland cut by great gorges, many of which are wholly impassable.

A CITY OF SILENCE. Conditions That Make Santa Cruz de la Sierra Noiseless.

Amid gusts of Scotch mist and under heavy skies we drifted inertly into a sand paved, silent, tropical city street. Past rows of languid stares, and on the last afternoon of the year, with Cochabamba (a town in the center of Bolivia) 335 miles behind us, we sat down dripping and sunburned in the central plaza of Santa Cruz de la Sierra.

The capital of all the vast tropical department of eastern Bolivia owes its fame largely to its isolation. Far away one hears much of it; once there, he finds little. Like the eminent men of many secluded corners of South America, it is important only through the exceeding unimportance of its neighbors.

It is a city of silence. Not only its bare feet, but its primitive ox carts make not a sound in the sand streets. There is no industry to add its strident voice, and every street fades away at each end into the trackless, whispering, jungled mountains.

In this rainy season, which begins in earnest with the new year and lasts through April, it had many muddy pools and ponds, along the edges of some of which the streets crawled by on long heaps of the skulls of cattle, bleached snow white by the sun.

The larger ponds were almost lakes and carried the mind back to Kandy, Ceylon. Frequently the streets were flooded deep for an hour or more until the thirsty sand had drunk up the tropical deluge. For these eventualities the town has a system of its own.

Niagara by Electric Light.

Generally speaking, it is hard to improve on nature, but those who have seen Niagara falls lighted at night by electricity are agreed that the effect is far more impressive and beautiful than anything that daylight affords. The lights are of more than a hundred million candle power.—Youth's Companion.

The P. P. "I put my faith in the wisdom of the plain people," said the statesman. "Yes," replied Senator Sorghum. "The wisdom of the plain people is all right. The only thing I fear is that some of them are getting so that they know too much."—Washington Star.

Small Comfort. "Never despair. Somewhere beyond the clouds the sun is shining." "Yes, and somewhere below the sea there's a solid bottom. But that doesn't help a man when he falls overboard."—Baltimore American.

Smart Girl. Teacher—Now, Nellie, would it be proper to say, "I can't learn you nothing?" Nellie—Yes, mum. Teacher—Why? Nellie—"Cause you can't."—London Telegraph.

His Job. "It takes two to make a bargain." "Yep; my wife and the storekeeper. But I'm paying the bills single handed."—Detroit Free Press.

Sugar Beets for Profit

(Continued from last week)

Sixth: That only about one-third of the nitrogen in a crop of beets is taken away with the root and about two-thirds is left in the field in the crowns and tops and by plowing under these tops and crowns while they are green (before they cure out), much valuable human and about two-thirds of the nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash required to produce the original crop is thereby returned to the soil.

Seventh: That the price of the crop is known before the seed is planted and the fact that the price by interference or by actual contract is guaranteed for 2 or more years enables the farmer to plan the preparation of his soil and arrange their schedule of crop rotation in a manner which is sure to enhance the promise of greater returns.

Eighth: That the beet crop is sold in the fall and is a crop that deteriorates if kept later than harvest time, the price is established and no increase in price can be promised by the market if the crop is kept over.

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Just as soon as the farmer learns to gage the size of his beet crop so that

this plan can be worked out his prosperity is assured. Can you imagine a more perfect dovetailing of business in farm management? Twenty-five per cent of the farm in a crop that permits the other 75 per cent to return as much money value as the 100 per cent could return without the assistance of the beets.

Tenth: That the natural increase in the selling value of land in the beet growing community is about 4 per cent per year. This alone will just about meet the annual interest on the ordinary farm loan.

The unfavorable part of this development is that the progress is so slow that it is scarcely noticed nor appreciated. The farmer like any other class of people are tenacious in their methods in social or business life.

The important thing at this time is to so hasten a beneficial change of methods that results that have required so much time heretofore can be brought about more quickly. There is no good reason why a community should take 10 years to develop a prosperous sugar beet and beet sugar industry.

The editor of The Commercial Appeal Memphis says:

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beet grower and anything that makes for success to the beet grower helps the general farming.

We in the West are behind the East. The road maker can help some. The irrigation engineer and the school teacher can help to quicken the pulse of agriculture.

Mr. B. F. Harris, President of the First National Bank, Campaign, Illinois says:

"Last summer a conference was held in Chicago, Deans and professors of colleges of Agriculture, editors of farm journals, country school teachers and bankers met to learn what could be done to bring about a better agriculture and country life. There were more bankers than those of any other class present for the conference was under their auspices.

(To be continued next week)

County Corn Project

The Oregon Agricultural College offers each summer to boys and girls a 2 weeks course in subjects pertaining to the farm and the home. The work is interesting and instructive and tends to encourage the girls and boys to desire a higher education.

In June, 1916, Jackson county was represented by six boys and girls. Three of those were there as a result of having won prizes in project work at the state fair. So far as we are aware no boy or girl is scheduled to go from our county in 1917. It is hoped however that a good representation may be present. The cost of the trip including fare, board, lodging, tuition and incidentals, will be about \$25.00. It is proposed to outline a tentative plan whereby a large but limited number of boys in our county may earn all or most of the cost of such a trip and course.

The plan is (1) to have each boy grow at least 1 acre of corn; (2) Have some person or bank loan to each boy an amount not to exceed \$23 the same to be used in defraying the cost of the trip and course, leaving the boy to raise at least \$5 in some way other than provided herein; (3) to have other persons act the role of "Big Brother" by guaranteeing the payment of the note; (4) to help each boy to find a market for his corn crop, thus enabling him to take up the note.

MARKET REPORT

(Prices paid the producer.)

Table with market prices for Wheat, Rye, Oats, Barley, Corn, Alfalfa, Grain hay, Butter, Eggs, Steers, Cows, Hogs, Sheep, Hens, Broilers, Old cocks, Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, Potatoes.

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