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"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."—Abraham Lincoln.

## Microbes and Us

The Social Line of Immunity

The habits of a germ are peculiar. For instance, he is particular about the company he keeps. He is a discriminating character.

He will play with members of a Forum. But he is shy about Rotarians. It is a very fine bit of favoritism he shows here.

It is quite understandable, of course, that he should gallivant around with church people. At the same time eschewing the company of film fans. If anything, the germ is a climber.

With deadly innocence he seeks the company of school children in his idle hours. No money could get him near a prize fight.

There are those who remember the flu. Darned if the only place a germ wouldn't go was into a saloon.

How ridiculous humans must appear to a cultured germ.

## Builders of Klamath

Which People Promote Progress?

The lives of pioneers in the great Klamath country indicate that they liked it here and honestly believed it was a good place in which to live. They were builders, rather than exploiters.

Exploiters are the people of questionable value to the life of a community. In no wise are they interested in its future. It is their game to make their money and get out. True, at times they are forced to remain, having grabbed too greedily more than they could readily turn to profit.

The exploiters are not builders. They are never agriculturists. Speculation is the first and last purpose. Buy low and sell high is their creed. They produce nothing. They block genuine progress by utter devotion to the immediate present. Exploiters are an affliction to any community.

A community over-burdened with exploiters does not and cannot achieve its destiny until it throws them off. The advent of a few families from Inyo has meant more to the genuine progress and development of the Klamath country than a legion of exploiters.

In his annual report, Dr. Work, secretary of interior, shows that the reclamation fund of \$200,000,000 intended to revolve or be funded in ten years, has not revolved in twenty years, despite a lump appropriation of \$20,000,000 in 1908. And that repayment to the government was only nine and one-half per cent after twenty years. Under their contracts water users in 1924 were to pay \$3,869,000 on construction charges. Of this \$2,066,000 is uncollected. It cost \$2,107,000 to operate and maintain irrigation works, of which \$959,744 was unpaid June 30.

## Hope Springs Eternal



## Klamath Adventure

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### EPISODE X.

When the Van Brimmer brothers, Dan, Clint came over to Lost River, they made their home with J. Frank Adams. He was famed for his and until the Van Brimmers could get settled made them welcome.

The Van Brimmers had enjoyed some of the irrigation. The talk, most of the day and far night, was irrigation. Adams soon became an expert.

Summers on the Klamath are warm and dry precipitation, averaging 10 to 12 inches, is light. Few crops could be raised for a certainty without water. Grain, alfalfa and the hardier vegetables could be grown to abundance with water.

Adams relates that his sleeping and waking dreams were of a great country full of fruitful small farms replacing the great rough country then covered with sage brush.

The Van Brimmers made good mates for Adams. They had the money, but Adams made up the difference with his untiring initiative and knowledge of the country.

"Old Man" Howard was brought in from Jacksonville to do some surveying by the Van Brimmers. No reclamation engineers had entered the country—there was not so much as a surveyor to be had locally. Howard ran a preliminary survey on the west side of Lost river, with intended head take on the river, but got nowhere with it.

Howard's bill was \$240. The plan to irrigate had been generally discussed and was no secret. Everyone within reach of the ditches was to have profited by water if water was obtainable. The Van Brimmers asked settlers for contributions.

"What for?" was the response. "If we want to hire a surveyor we'll hire him ourselves." Community spirit was at its lowest flight on the Klamath. The Van Brimmers swallowed hard, but they paid the \$240.

They hired no more surveyors, but went to work with a carpenter's spirit level and straight edge held on a tripod. This was made to serve their purpose.

Adams and the Van Brimmers had an idea that the "Little" Klamath, an old-timer called Lower Klamath lake, was higher than Tule lake. There appeared to be no practicable opportunity to get water out of the river, be-

cause of the lack of passable ridges. It is to be the case that Klamath Lake was higher lake, the rest would be lively easy.

It was a momentous to the Van Brimmers proved to be the case was the only one take confidence. The find spirit level were available. A difference of between the elevation Klamath and Tule lake.

Very quietly Adams Van Brimmers set out fillings on every piece could find vacant, such tracts as would be logical for ditch building ways.

And there was plenty public land in those days.

Adams filed on the Lost river and the Van filled on the west side several months before ready to show their hand.

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The Rev. Mr. Smith, vacationing fishing trip, rifled to hear a trap using words that had a blue tinge.

"My boy," he replied, "don't you know that never bite if you that?"

"I know I ain't got it," replied the young man, "but I thought could get some little few words I know, take my pole and see can do."

A scientist has said he made from mercury coal dealer just laughs.—LaSalle Post.

A deposit of iron ore discovered in Ceylon estimated to contain 200,000 tons.

## Heart & Home Problems

By Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson

### WOMAN WANTS TO LEAVE HER HUSBAND AND CHILD FOR HIM

Dear Mrs. Thompson: How is a man to know the woman of today. I am a man well up in years. I married a real young girl five years ago, and I was happy, for I truly loved her and I thought she loved me, but in a couple of years we parted through troubles and a quarrel I had with her mother. She left me and went back home to live with her mother. I was heart-broken for a time but when I saw her going out with other men and having a good time, then and only then for spite I commenced looking around for other company that would suit me. Now here is the problem. How is a man to know? I met a woman 29 years of age, and we commenced going together, and kept on until we got real friendly. We even planned how soon we would get married after I got my divorce, which I got last month. And then a few days after it was granted I found out that the one I had been so friendly with was a married woman. Now, Mrs. Thompson, please don't call me a cad nor a prude, for I did not know she was married, as she lives in a small town near here, and as she was over two or three times a week I had no occasion to visit her in her home town. She would drive over here to visit her mother or sister, and then she would let me know she was in town and then I would call on her, and we were, as I thought, the best of friends. But when I found out that she had a husband and a dear little girl nearly two years old, then I gave her up. But, oh, how it did hurt. Now, Mrs. Thompson, I want to know if I did right. She has written me two or three letters saying she cannot give me up, but wants to leave her husband and let him get a divorce. But I told her no, to stay with the father of her child and I would get along some

way. But it hurts to love and lose. Please advise me.

EASY GOOD FELLOW.

You are taking the honorable course. Do not pay any attention to her letters, and refuse to see her again. And do not let these two unfortunate experiences make you a woman-hater, for you have been unlucky in your associations with the sex. It is always for a man (or a woman) to see the home and know something about the people of the person with whom he is in love, before he considers marrying her.

MARGIE: Your trouble, it appears, is that you are bashful and rather "quiet." Cultivate some enthusiasms and learn to meet persons without shyness. Go over in your mind the list of your acquaintances, pick out those whose company you enjoy best and figure out why. From this you should be able to measure your own failings in companionship and be able to remedy them.

had been driven too fast; and the owner stoutly insisted that he had been progressing at the rate of only six miles an hour.

"Why, your honor," he said, "my engine was out of order and I was going very slowly because I was afraid it would break down completely. I give you my word, sir, you could have walked as fast as I was running."

"Well," said the magistrate, after due reflection, "you don't appear to have been exceeding the speed limit, but at the same time you must have been guilty of something, or you wouldn't be here. I fine you ten dollars for loitering."

"I see where the Police Gazette is to start an embroidery page."

"Yes, that is because there are so many women in the barber shops now."

## Dinner Stories

The ship doctor of an English liner notified the death watch steward, an Irishman, that a man had died in stateroom 45. The usual instructions to bury the body were given. Some hours later the doctor peeked into the room and found that the body was still there. He called the Irishman's attention to the matter, and the latter replied:

"I thought you said room 46. I went to that room and noticed was of him in a bunk. 'Are ye dead?' says I. 'No,' says he, but I'm pretty near dead."

"So I buried him."

In certain remote sections of West Virginia there is no liking for automobilists, as was evidenced in the case of a Washingtonian who was motoring in a sparsely settled region of the state.

This gentleman was hailed before a local magistrate upon the complaint of a constable. The magistrate, a good natured man, was not, however, absolutely certain that the Washingtonian's car

## Some Pages from American History

By VICTOR MORGAN

### EFFECT OF IMPORTANT INVENTIONS

We owe the discovery and colonization of America mainly to the inspiration and persistence of Columbus. But other developments in Europe also were important factors. These were:

- 1.—Invention of the mariner's compass.
- 2.—Invention of gunpowder.
- 3.—Invention of the printing press.
- 4.—The desire of a new all-water route to India.

The compass gave greater certainty to navigation. Gunpowder provided an effective means of subduing unfriendly natives. The printing press was spreading knowledge and information and had aroused an enormous curiosity on the part of the people as to countries and lands other than those in which they lived.

Europe enjoyed an extensive and highly profitable trade, not only with India, but with China and Japan. Precious stones, spices, silks and many other articles of commerce were brought by ships and caravans from Asia to Southern Europe.

Venice and Genoa had been enriched by this trade. Then in 1453 the Turks took Constantinople, and immediately began raids on the

commerce of Europe with Asia. Traffic between Europe and Asia was made so perilous and uncertain that the profits began to slip away.

That is why Europe began to turn its eyes in some other direction. It had no thought of giving up the Asiatic trade. But it wanted to carry it on by some other and safer route.

Of course, notwithstanding the fact that trade was carried on between Europe and Asia, the people of the two regions had only meager knowledge of each other.

European monarchs were constantly hearing stories of the fabulous wealth of China and the Indies. Particularly were there stories of a ruler called Prester John, who was believed to have a kingdom of most immense wealth somewhere in Asia.

Marco Polo, one of the most fascinating characters in history, had returned to Europe after spending much time in China and India, and his stories of the wealth of the East further whetted the desire for more knowledge and freer intercourse with these fabulous lands.

This was the condition of the European mind when Columbus appeared upon the stage of history with his proposal to reach the East by sailing West.

The next installment tells of Columbus before Queen Isabella.