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The hill farmers are not complaining about the long continued rains, excepting in sympathy with their neighbors having bottom lands which they have not had opportunity to seed, between the showers.

One farmer tells us that he put out oats in June, several years ago, and had a fair crop, although there was not a rain after sowing. He will again have opportunity for experiments in this line, as will his neighbors.

We are glad to see indications of greater activity in making the upper Willamette river improvement. There is plenty of money in the appropriation for the vigorous prosecution of the work. The government ought to keep it up until ordinary river boats can run to Salem the year through, and small craft as far up as Eugene.

Lane county has a new court house, that has cost about \$75,000, and her net indebtedness is only about \$75,000. All of her people, including those who opposed the proposition, will soon be proud of their new building, and they will congratulate themselves that the structure was erected at a time when all the materials going into it were cheap. Its cost would be increased a good deal, if it were to be erected now.

We have a late spring. A good deal of inconvenience and some damage have been occasioned by the long continued rains. But the farmers of some of the Eastern states are facing worse than ours. A great deal of their grain was frozen out last winter, and now their corn has rotted in the ground, and they must plant a second time. In a few weeks more, we will all agree that Oregon is the best country in the world, notwithstanding the fact that it rains somewhat persistently and inopportunistically some seasons.

John Muir, the well-known California geologist and explorer, who is a member of a party of scientists going to Alaska to see what the country up there is made of, tells an Oregonian reporter that the sheep ought to be kept out of the Cascades timber reserve. He fears they will eat up all the moss and grass. We presume he has also a lurking fear that they will climb the trees and eat off all the leaves and so kill them. He forgets to say all geologists and explorers ought to be kept off the reserve. They tramp down the grass, too.

They are excited in Chicago over tuberculosis in the cows. Every one of twenty-three cows examined at the stock yards was found to be suffering from the disease. Although there was no outward sign, each one was found to have consumption in an advanced stage. From the lungs of one a pint of germs was taken, and another had tuberculosis of the liver. Yet milk from all these cows was sold in the Chicago market a week ago. The Statesman has been hammering away on this subject for some time. Very little is being done in Oregon to keep the disease down, or very little that is made public, as we have said. A few years ago this state was comparatively free from tuberculosis in the cows. Ours had a better record than any other state. But the record cannot be maintained without eternal vigilance. We do not wish to get any one excited. But constant work ought to be done by those charged with the duty of protecting the cows and the people through their milk from the ravages of consumption.

The largest and finest body of standing timber in the world is in the Coast mountains in Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia counties. It has been invaded only from the slopes running towards the Columbia river. There is a company in Tillamook county, recently organized, proposing to construct an electric plant run by water power, and from this plant to run wires into woods, where the lumber will be made from the trees and floated down in flumes. The proposition is to take the sawmill to the trees, instead of bringing the trees, cut up into log lengths, to the sawmill. This scheme had its origin in some of the Eastern forests, where it had been prosecuted with some success. But the Tillamook

people think they have some valuable improvements, invented by one of their number. Their machinery has been ordered. But the bulk of that great body of timber must go to the mouth of the Columbia river, and to Tillamook, Nehalem and Nestucca bays to be sawed and shipped to the markets. The construction of the railroad from Seaside to the Nehalem river and Tillamook bay will be followed by such development in her forests as has not been before witnessed in Oregon. It is pleasing to note that this is a certainty of the near future. Every part of the state must profit from the great activity that will be awakened there.

Senator McBride remained at Washington to attend to various matters before the departments that could not be looked after while congress was in session, owing to the rush of work. He has found many things needing attention and urging him to remain at the national capital. His stay has been prolonged, and the time of his return home has been repeatedly put off on account of new matters coming up and old ones being unfinished. Even now, at the beginning of the hot summer season there, it is indefinite. Senator McBride is especially anxious to do all he can for the comfort and welfare of the Oregon volunteers, and he would like to have the time and manner of their homecoming finally determined before leaving Washington. He has been able to do good service for a considerable number of individual volunteers, especially those who were seriously ill, and for whom furloughs or discharges had to be obtained. There is no doubt that the trip home of the volunteers will be much more comfortable in all material ways than was their journey to Manila last year, owing to the efforts of our congressional delegation, headed by the senior senator, right at headquarters. Since the adjournment of congress, the boat railway right-of-way business (around The Dalles of the Columbia river) has been pushed forward, until now all the individual tracts of land have been secured, and there remains only the negotiations with the O. R. & N. Co., for change of tracks. So also in regard to the quarantine station at Astoria, whether upon the request of Senator McBride, the surveyor general of the marine hospital service of the government has sent an officer, and has established a temporary plan for disinfecting vessels, baggage and passengers, if necessary. This matter is of importance, in view of the fact that hundreds of immigrants are being dumped into our seaports, Astoria and Portland, from Japan and China, from districts that are continually in danger of contagious diseases.

HOW BRYAN MISSED HIS CHANCE The mustering out of a certain Nebraska regiment a few days ago will serve to recall the fact that Bryan once had a sort of nominal connection with the army. It will suggest also that Bryan might have made that connection actual, and at the same time profitable to the country and to himself, if he had shown a little more public spirit and a little less partisanship. That the connection was only nominal was understood by everybody from the beginning of his short period of service. He was in the army for partisan purposes. He was the one political colonel of the Spanish-American war. Just about the time when his services to the regiment, if they were



When Baby's ill. When the little loved one is sick, when his brow is fevered, his pulse rapid, its features pinched with pain and there are great blue circles under his eyes, the mother hovers about the bedside, and with anxious eyes tries to read the meaning of every expression upon the physician's face. A woman may save herself almost all of this worry about her children if she will but take proper care of her womanly health during the period of gestation. A child born of a mother who is thoroughly healthy in a womanly way will almost unfailingly be healthy and robust. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription acts directly upon the delicate and important organs that bear the burdens of maternity. It makes them well, strong and vigorous. It heals all internal ulceration and inflammation. It stops debilitating drains. It fits for motherhood and insures a healthy child. Thousands of happy mothers have testified to its merits. No honest dealer will urge you to take an inferior substitute for the little added profit it may afford him. A lady told me that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription was good to take when with child, writes Mrs. Annie Simpson, of No. 13 Chestnut Street, Lawrence, Mass.: "I was suffering terrible pains, and was unable to get about the house without being in misery. I began taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and the first bottle greatly relieved me. I took three bottles before my babe was born, at which time I suffered very little. The baby has been healthy since birth, and is now three months old and weighs fifteen pounds. When my older child was born I suffered terribly. I don't know how to thank Dr. Pierce enough." They don't simply give temporary relief, but are a permanent cure. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets for constipation. They never gripe. One little "Pellet" is a gentle laxative and two a mild cathartic.

ever worth anything at all, would have been greatest, he resigned and came home, and ever since then when he has said anything about the war—which means in every speech which he has made—he has condemned the policy of the government and endeavored to give aid and comfort to the country's enemies.

Now let us see how Bryan could have served his country better, and at the same time have helped his own political fortunes. If he had stuck to his regiment until it was mustered out, and consequently have preserved the silence regarding the government's war policy and of all other issues which this condition would have imposed, he would have avoided the wrangles with the other faction of his party which he has got into since, disarmed some of the antagonism which has been felt toward him by conservative men, and strengthened himself with his own element of the democracy. Very early in his service there was a rumor that his regiment was one of those which was to be sent to the Philippines, but his friends—and it was understood at that time that he inspired them—made a protest against his removal to the Philippines. They declared that the shipment of himself and his regiment to that part of the world would be an evidence of political prescription on the part of the government—an indication that the president and the republican party in general feared the military reputation which Bryan was going to make would send him to the White House in 1900.

Here is just where Bryan missed his supreme opportunity to make partisan popularity for himself, and at the same time render distinguished service for his country. If he, at the time that the reports were current that his regiment was to be sent to the Philippines, had declared that he was ready to go there, or to go to any other point to which soldiers would be needed, his regiment would probably have gone to the islands. Any one can see that service in the Philippines during the fighting which has been going on since the opening days of February would have advanced Bryan's political fortunes. He would not have needed to be such a paladin as Stotsenburg, Egbert or Funston either to have gained glory enough to last him through life. Every general and colonel in the Philippines will have a distinction which will be of service to him in any walk of life in which he may figure hereafter. This distinction will be of great benefit to any one of them if he enters politics. Here is where Bryan's deficit of patriotism and his surplus of partisanship and of short-sightedness worked his undoing. He missed the opportunity of a lifetime to make a name which would have put him far in the lead of all the other aspirants on his side. At the same time he would have escaped the odium which will cling to him forever for the vilification of his country and the championship of his country's enemies, which resulted in the rising of Aguinaldo and the war, which has cost the lives of hundreds of American soldiers. The contrast between a possible Bryan fighting his country's foes and the actual Bryan who helped to incite them to war, shows the dimensions of the blunder into which his vanity and his folly precipitated him. Had Bryan acted the part of Funston, while it would not have insured him a place in the White House, it would have made him a very formidable candidate. But a stream cannot rise above its source. There is no Funstonism in Bryanism. It is a different brand of Americanism. There was no more chance of making a Funston out of Bryan than of fashioning a silk purse from a sow's ear.

ADMIRAL GEORGE DEWEY. Admiral George Dewey, Coming home, they say, Bring out the anvils, Let's have a holiday, Shoot us colored rackets, Turn the searchlight high, See the name of Dewey, A-blazing in the sky. Didn't need a bath-tub, On his Manila trip, Didn't boast of fighting, Never had the grip, Sank the Spanish navy, In a manner that was new, Honored grand "Old Glory," Did it ship-shape, too. Didn't mention "canned beef," Got no reprimand, Went about his business, "Child-like and bland," Never wrote for magazines, Had no tales to tell, Led the fleet while fighting, The whole world said, "'Tis well." Ate salt pork in Hong Kong, Never asked for pie, Didn't wish "Hot weather," here, Didn't mean or wish, Didn't ask to come home, Stuck tight to his ship, Didn't get a bit scared, Took no foreign lip. Admiral George Dewey, Coming home, they say, Bring out the anvils, Let's have a holiday, Shoot us colored rackets, Turn the searchlight high, See the name of Dewey, A-blazing in the sky. —Lue Vernon.

FATAL IGNORANCE

PEOPLE WHO "DIDN'T KNOW."

How Lives Are Sacrificed. This household tragedy is so familiar. The husband takes a revolver from the drawer, and is going to clean it. In a mood of playfulness he points the pistol at his wife and pulls the trigger. A flash, a report, a scream of death agony, and another item for the newspaper headed "He didn't know it was loaded." There seems to be no possible excuse for such folly. The only excuse kindness can suggest is that although he didn't know, yet he thought he knew. It is one of the sad facts of life that ignorance can work so much evil; that simple stupidity can ruin homes, destroy characters, break hearts, and even take human life itself. We live at all times exposed to the danger of ignorance which becomes the more dangerous as it occupies positions involving responsibility. When the drug clerk carelessly sells a poison for a harmless powder, he may say he



"didn't know he'd taken up the wrong bottle," but what a fatal confession that "didn't know" is for one who is in charge of life-giving and death dealing drugs.

THE PERIL OF IGNORANCE is one to which all are exposed in a greater or less degree, and those most of all who live in the country remote from the centres whose opportunities and rewards draw to them the knowledge and skill of the times. How many a person dies in the country places from medical ignorance! Scattered up and down the country one may find doctors of brilliant minds and splendid skill. They love their profession, throw heart and soul into it and success is more to them than fee or fame. But they are the rare exceptions. Ordinarily the person living in the country must rely on the care of one who has fallen far behind the knowledge of his times, or some fledgling graduate who must gain his knowledge at his patient's expense.

The truth of these statements is evident at once to one who looks over the daily correspondence of Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y. From all over the country come letters from men and women who have taken advantage of his offer of free consultation by letter, seeking advice and help. In these letters the frequency of the statements "doctors failed to help me," "doctors afforded me no help," "doctors gave me up," are sufficient evidence of the lack of knowledge and skill upon which these patients had to depend for health and even for life. Diseases may be the same invariably, having the same origin and the same results, but people differ. The question is, not only, does the doctor understand the disease, but

DOES HE UNDERSTAND YOU? You are perhaps a little more delicately organized, your temperament is different from the average person, and you need different treatment. It is in the perfect adaptation of the treatment of chronic diseases to the individual idiosyncrasy that Dr. Pierce owes much of his success. For more than thirty years as chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y., he has devoted his time and skill to the treatment and cure of chronic diseases. Around him he has gathered a staff of nearly a score of medical specialists, whose skill can be inferred from the fact that ninety-eight per cent. of all who have received Dr. Pierce's treatment have been perfectly and permanently cured. This is a remarkable record when it is remembered that the patients treated number hundreds of thousands. It is a common experience to find that people have for years been treated for the wrong disease, naturally without the slightest benefit and having nothing to show for hundreds of dollars paid out in fees. Such people are of course astonished when after asking Dr. Pierce's advice they are recommended to try Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which is purely a medicine for the blood, stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition. Why? they may say, "the trouble has been with my heart," or "my lungs are weak" or "my liver and kidneys are what need help, not my stomach." Yet after taking the medicine prescribed these people write invariably, that the heart "troubles" or lung "weakness" or disease of kidneys or liver has entirely disappeared and all are talking of the wonderful cure. These are the bare facts

of the case; the plain unvarnished tale, supported by thousands and thousands of witnesses. Take the case of Mrs. N. Bernier (by way of example), who lives at 461 Elm St., Oshkosh, Wis. She had been treated without success by "seven of our prominent doctors," before she came to Dr. Pierce. Read the result: "I have received more benefit from your medicine than anything I have taken. I had liver complaint for the past fifteen years, complicated with dyspepsia and gall stones. I have doctored with seven of our prominent doctors and not one of them have done me the good, nor began to do what your medicines have. I have used three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, one vial of his Pleasant Pellets, and one bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and have gained about eighteen pounds since I first began to take these remedies. Can say truthfully that your medicine is the best I ever found for liver complaint and dyspepsia. You are at liberty to publish this for the benefit of suffering people, and I hope and pray God to bless you in your noble work." But why is it that "Golden Medical Discovery" will do what doctors failed in doing? That is a natural question and should receive a plain and practical



answer. Nineteen times out of twenty in Dr. Pierce's wide and long experience of disease, he found that diseases whose symptoms involved organs remote from the stomach, were at the same time solely and wholly due to the condition of the stomach. Severe headaches, dizziness, palpitation of the heart, intermittent pulse, backache, side ache, trembling limbs, cold hands and feet, "liver trouble," are only some of the necessary results of a diseased stomach involving the other organs of digestion and nutrition. The proof of this statement is that these ailments disappear entirely and altogether when the stomach has been restored to health by the use of "Golden Medical Discovery." It is no use to treat the heart or the head, the lungs or the liver, for a disease which originated in the stomach is being fed from the stomach through the blood, with every pulse beat. It's easy to understand this. Suppose a pure stream flowing through a fair farm land and providing the drinking supply of the farmer and his family. Some day the water is found to be foul. Going up the stream one of the boys finds a hog dead in the brook. Is it any use to attempt to purify that water, to heal it or cleanse it, while that corruption remains in the stream? Not a bit of it. But take that corrupt stream and the water does not need any healing or cleansing. It heals itself. The cause of the foulness is removed, and the effect disappears. When it is diseased

THE STOMACH IS A SEPULCHRE full of uncleanness. What makes the head dizzy? The foul gases generated from the decaying and putrescent matter in that sepulchre of the stomach where food is merely buried. What hurts the heart, the lungs, the liver? The poisons which are being developed from the foul food which the organs of digestion and nutrition cannot convert into nourishment. These poisons are mixed with the blood which is made in the stomach and their influence is felt first and most in the weaker organs. Put the stomach and allied organs into proper condition, the food which is eaten is properly prepared in the stomach, perfectly distributed to the several organs and the result is natural health. Mrs. A. Flackus, of Dairy, Klamath Co., Oregon, writes: "With pleasure I write to you to let you know the great benefit I have received from your medicines and self-treatment at home. When you kindly advised me to take your 'Golden Medical Discovery,' for my trouble, I followed your advice as closely as I could and received great benefit. For over a year I suffered with pains in stomach, headache, irregular menstruation, constipation and indigestion. I had no appetite at all, and could not sleep. So it went on for months, till one day all at once I got dizzy, my heart seemed to beat as fast as it could, and I felt like fainting all the time. My heart beat 120 or 125 times in one minute. We went to the doctor; he gave me medicine, but it did not make my trouble any better. I thought I had to die; every night when I went to bed I feared I would not be alive in the morning. So I wrote to Dr. Pierce and he gave me his advice. I bought six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and four vials of 'Pleasant Pellets.' At first I thought the medicine did me no good, but I kept on taking the medicines as you advised, and when I had taken five bottles of the medicine I was so well

that it seemed I did not need any more but still I took the six bottles. I can say I was then perfectly well. The headaches, pains in stomach, heart trouble and all left me. I have had a good appetite ever since and can sleep well and do all my work."

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