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"LOOKING BACKWARD."

(With apologies to Richard H. Stoddard.)

I watched J. Morgan at his scheming stand
For he was making money to beat the band—
The "tin" of farmers and such like things—
Trust-drawn from towns, cities and country land.
Nor Xerxes himself more haughty was and sly
Than was this Gold King as his slaves crept by—
Year after year. The Devil's with him now.
"Who else?" we cry, but there comes no reply.

They who steeped in ignorance are like fools—
Rushing to put out the lights of Wisdom's schools,
They gave their master lives and homes;
Poor, blind, complacent, willing fools.

Speak of this great man, then, with bated breath;
All bowed to him in reverence, so history saith;
He bestowed his curses (all he ever gave)
Before starving them into the grave of death.

The great globe of earth still goes on round,
But all Morgan's slaves must be underground.
Morgan & Satan! The whole world's theirs;
Do they live in peace? Hark! A dreadful sound!
—Guy Stealey, in the Gatling Gun.

THE LIBERTY STAR.

(AMERICA.)

In the world's solar system their appeared a light
That shone dimly and faint and low;
Long years it flickered, the while nations watched—
Great destinies hung on the fate of the Liberty Star.

Suddenly
Its dazzling brilliance lit up the firmament
And the guiding rays led people to peace and joy.
Still brighter it grew, and its flashing splendor
Pales all lands erstwhile of strong magnitude.

A century later, oh, God in heaven,
Its beauty begins to fade. The hopeful gleams
Less bright shine, and falls the dark.
See! Flickering again! Dimly, faint and far.
Will it regain its glory, or soon fade out?
—Guy Stealey.

Why Stop With Burton?

All of Kansas is now watching with interest the progress of Senator Burton's appeal trial before the Supreme court at Washington. Colonel W. H. Rossington, counsel for Burton, ate his Christmas dinner in Leavenworth and on starting that evening for Washington stated to the writer when asked his opinion of the result: "I shall be a more surprised man than even Senator Burton if he is not acquitted." Of course Colonel Rossington bases his belief on errors which have been made by the government attorneys and not on the merits of the case.

The Times has always believed Burton an unfit man to represent Kansas in the United States senate and in the Blatto Grain fraud case there is not the slightest doubt of his guilt, but we cannot help but feel that Burton has been singled out among a multitude of other congressional and senatorial boddies, whom the Washington authorities not only refuse to prosecute, but in the case of the notorious Indian land grafts the Secretary of the Interior has actually thrown about these grafters the mantle of his protection by the suppression of incriminating reports.

Burton's crime was no worse than that of the Indian land grafters who are allowed to go unpunished.

It is reported from Washington that Tams Bixby wants to succeed Hitchcock as secretary of the interior. He should not be considered for a minute and the chances are that the President will give him about that much consideration. After the investigation of the Indian affairs in the territory, which led to so much exposure, and which showed that government officials were interested in various land and cattle companies which were fleecing the Indians, the President had an order issued providing that every government employe before he could draw his salary should make affidavit that he was in no way connected with any of the companies. Bixby, it is stated, has drawn no salary since that order went into effect, and that he proposes to draw none until he has served his term and then go into the courts to compel the government to pay him his salary. He is going on the theory that the government has no right to expect its employes to do what it requires of them. He would not make a good secretary of the interior.—Leavenworth Times (Stalwart Rep.)

The American steel industry as developed and maintained in and around Pittsburg is the subject of a valuable article by William L. Scaife in the January Review of Reviews. The industry that has made Pittsburg one of the world's greatest workshops is described with technical accuracy and yet in popular language. Mr. Scaife's article is followed by a running account of Pittsburg's other manufacturing enterprises, from the pen of Mr. J. E. McKirdy, while the aesthetic and intellectual aspects of this new great city's life are outlined by Mr. Burd S. Patterson. The three articles are fully illustrated, and together form a most attractive presentation of Pittsburg's varied activities.

Too Many Terminals.

"Is it true, pa, that storks can fly one hundred miles an hour?"
"Well, not in Utah; they have too many stops to make."—Goodwin's Weekly.

Parentetical Remarks.

A well-known Indiana man
One dark night last week
Went to the cellar with a match
In search of a gas leak.
(He found it.)

John Jones by curiosity
(Dispatches state) was goaded;
He squinted in his old shotgun
To see if it was loaded.
(It was.)

A man in Mason stopped to watch
A patent cigar clipper;
He wondered if his finger was
Not quicker than the nipper.
(It wasn't.)

A Maine man read that human eyes
Of hypnotism were full;
He went to see if it would work
Upon an angry bull.
(It wouldn't.)

Why Johnnie Goes to School.

How many of us ever think why we send the children to school. We pay taxes cheerfully to maintain the common public institutions of learning. And we see that the growing children and youth are in attendance using the strong arm of the law if need be to compel them thither. But what is the purpose of it all? Why does Johnnie go to school?

He is sent that he may get intellectual training of course. He needs to become familiar with certain facts and their relationship each to the other. He must learn to think. The heritage of the past of intellectual achievement is his if he can only find out how to enter in its possession. Great ideas and great mental ideas are his to win. The college is his if he can win that greatness of training. And a college course may be of great value no matter what may be one's chosen life work. A child's mind is his most valuable possession if he can store it with knowledge and train it for independent thinking. For that purpose he goes to school.

But there are other ends of education that are mere intellectual training. The college is beyond the reach of a majority of young people. There is no denying that it would do them little real good to go through its course of study and much that is found in the high school course is of no value to many students. Every young person must enlist in the universal battle for bread. He has a right to such training in the schools as shall help him to prepare for that struggle. Any theory of public education which limits it to merely the training of the brain in the commonly taught branches of learning is false. Latin and Greek are good in their place, but there are minds in which they work no benefit. Why not so arrange it that such pupils get the training they can use to practical advantage. Often the years of schooling are few, of necessity before the strenuous fight of life begins. If the school cannot help its pupils to help themselves, it fails. Business training, training for the various lines of work at which the man earns his bread, is entirely within the province of the public school. Training for the duties of the home would probably do Johnnie's sister more good than the dead language or higher mathematics. A cooking school diploma might be better than a certificate of proficiency in German and French. At any rate these things are worth thinking about.

Johnnie ought to have positive moral training in the public school. It is well that he is taught the evil effects of alcohol on the human system. Why not teach him the ruinous effects of gambling and vice on

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his character and business career? Why not make him see that dishonesty and lying do not pay in the end, but only bring the contempt of one's fellows? It is a pitiful fact that our public schools are sometimes but hotbeds of moral impurity. Would it be so if it were an accepted principle that the education has a claim upon the moral life of the children? Is a man really educated until he knows how to lead a clean, sober life?

Mr. Dooley on "Opportunity."

"Opportunity knocks at ivy man's door and says, 'Mr. Dooley, 'On some men's dures it hammers till it breaks down th' dure and then it goes and wakes him up if he's asleep, an' afterwards it wurks fr' him as night watchman. On other men's dures it knocks an' runs away, and on the dures iv some men it knocks, an' whin they come out it hits them over the head wid an' axe. But ivry wan has an opporchunity. So yis had better kape your eye skinned and nab it before it shlips by an' is lost forever."

A "Horse" on the Political Preacher

The following is from a late issue of the Vernal Express:
"Following is a copy of a letter from an applicant for chaplain in the state legislature and a reply from Senator Bennion:

Farmington, Utah, Nov. 17, 1904.
Harden Bennion, Esq.,
Representative Elect,
Uintah Co., Utah.

Dear Sir:—I take pleasure in congratulating you upon your election to the Sixth legislative assembly of the state of Utah. I am a candidate for chaplain in the legislature, will you kindly favor me with your support and vote? Can you and will you aid me in this direction which favor I will greatly appreciate. We have succeeded after much toil in swinging fair Davis into the Republican columns. A portion of this is due to the personal efforts of your humble servant, and we believe that some

recognition is due Davis county. Thanking you in advance I remain with kind regards,

Very truly yours,
DAVID HESS.

Vernal, Utah, Nov. 23rd, 1904.
Mr. David Hess,
Farmington, Utah.

Dear Sir:—Replying to your favor of the 17th I have to say, that I loved "fair Davis" more, clothed in the humble robes of Democracy than I now do attired in the silks and fine twined linen of Republicanism; that I still stand in the ranks of the untrifled, the defeated, disfigured, dismantled Democrats; and that while I always feel to bow my head in reverence to any man whose prayers ascend in behalf of our state and nation, yet I think I may say that if your name comes up for chaplain at the next session of the Utah legislature, I shall rather vote to consign you to the infernal regions than to make you chaplain.

Very Respectfully,
HARDEN BENNION.

As a printer employed by the Pilot for the past several year is so inconsiderate and unreasonable as to want money for his work he has been let out. A printer or newspaper man who is not willing to work for glory and a pleasant smile is out of his field in Routt county in this year of our Lord. So the "head push" will also be printer, devil and several other things for the winter. The Pilot will be cut down to business principles and what its support will justify. The fact is that both Steamboat papers have been running in advance of their patronage for a year past. After the completion of the tax list the Pilot will use patents until such time as business will warrant the return to all home print. In the language of the immortal Vic Wilson, if you don't like it "cut'er out." Also we are compelled to make a clean up of non-paying subscribers and advertisers. "If you can't pay, don't play."—Steamboat Pilot.