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THE CHEERFUL BELLBOY

Before the Titanic disaster is dismissed and the shroud of time is wrapped around the big ship and her unfortunate passengers, let us for a moment think of the bell boys who have had little mention, but who are always heroic, manly and capable.

Pay what tribute you wish to Astor, Strauss and the rest of the passengers, but please don't forget to shed one tear at least for these American boys.

Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis of Brooklyn had the following to say regarding the boys who went down with the ship: "Great is the power of the modern press, and wonderful the pages they have spread out before the American people. Often in crossing the ocean I have made friends with some little bellboy, and knowing there must have been many on the Titanic I have searched every paper with lighted candles, but searching I have found only one little scant sentence saying there were sixty bellboys between 12 and 14 years of age, who were ordered by the steward to take their seats in the dining room to keep out of the way of the passengers on deck. Think of it! Old men had had their chance at life, but no one seems to have thought of these little boys. Their parents must have been poor, and the little boys must have found it necessary to help the mother at home. They had climbed the steps only, on the front porch of the threshold of life. With their ten-

der years they were still on life's portico, never having crossed the palace threshold. The great halls and galleries in the halls of life, where maturity and occupation and travel bring their treasures—ah, they were never to know marriage, love, office or honors. But what if there is much hard work to do beyond? What if death is but a little river separating the rich fields of God? What if their young hands pick up tools there and write books and songs and paint pictures, and pursue their ambitions just as here, only under friendlier skies? This morning in my dreams waking, I saw these boys going up the happy hills of God. With laughter and with shouts they ran from one flowering bush to another. And in my dream, too, I saw one little boy's face cloud with the thought of his sorrowing mother, and gathering an armful of roses made red by heaven's beauty, he hurried to the battlements and looked down, and saw the little mother, that with such tenderness had stitched the white braid upon his little blue uniform, saw her with her face lying in England's grass, and with dry sobs moaning only one word—"God—God—God." And flinging down his flowers I saw them fall upon his mother's wounds, and heal her hurt. And rising up she whispered, "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." So, Rachel, weeping for her children, was comforted. God of our fathers, bless all smitten families this day. Comfort the comfortless! Grant solemn joy and pride to those who henceforth bear a name made lustrous by their dead! For one moment let the door to heaven be opened, that we may see that these who have entered into Thy presence are, chiefly thankful for that which has broken our heart. And beholding them as they go up to Thy throne to have their hard question answered, grant us happiness through their knowledge that the golden chain that bound them to the feet of God never once was broken."

Princeton's new president was born fifty-one years ago in Peoria, Illinois, and was graduated in 1882 from the institution of which he has now become the head. He went into the ministry, but in 1891 entered the faculty of Princeton as instructor in logic. The versatility of his scholarship was early demonstrated on his return to his alma mater, for in addition to his work in logic and psychology he conducted classes in mathematics, Biblical literature and ethics. He was advanced to an assistant professorship of logic in 1894, and in 1897 to the Stuart professorship of logic, which he held until his election to the presidency. He is widely known as an author, having published numerous volumes on logic, philosophy and heliotes letters.

STUDENTS EXAMINED.

Ladd Canyon Teacher Gives Examinations—Other Persons.

Ladd Canyon, May 10.—(Special)—Miss Dora Geiger and Miss Golda Bainbridge have been busily engaged since yesterday morning answering eighth grade questions. Miss Mary Banton is conducting the examination.

Mrs. James McClure has been quite ill the past two weeks and is still confined to her bed. She is under the care of Dr. Hall of La Grande.

David Furry of Mendon, Illinois, is here visiting at the home of his niece, Mrs. Albert Krouse, and family. He has been visiting at Portland for some time with a sister.

Miss Maude Banton is visiting in La Grande with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Winburn.

Miss Lulu Counsell, who is teaching school southeast of La Grande spent Saturday and Sunday at home. Her sister, Miss Kate, returned with her, staying over night and visiting the school.

Mrs. E. T. Peabier spent a couple of days this week in La Grande with her daughter, Helen, who is there taking daily treatment by Dr. Freenor for

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La Grande, Oregon, May 9th, 1912. C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. D—May 9-6t

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon, on the 17th day of April, 1912, creating Improvement District No. 47 and designating Eighth Street, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the 17th day of April, 1912, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Eighth Street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon cement walk on east side, the Council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows: All that portion of Eighth Street from the south curb line of "N" Ave-

ue, to the north curb line of "M" Avenue.

(A) And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows:

All of lots 2 and 3 of block 17 of Coggan's Addition to the City of La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the Council will levy a special assess-

ment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$254.55. That the Council will, on the 15th day of May, 1912, meet at the Council chamber at the hour of 3 P. M., to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when

a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, April 25th, 1912. CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.

By C. M. HUMPHREYS, Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

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